

# COMMERICALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN

## **BARBARA LOZA-MURIETA**

Barbara Loza-Muriera currently resides in Oakland and is employed by Alameda County Interagency Children's Policy Council (ICPC). ICPC is a county sponsored collaborative of agencies serving Alameda County's low income and vulnerable children and families. Since 1994, ICPC has used cross-agency collaboration as a strategy for improving the outcomes for children and families, while promoting institutional change.

In her role as ICPC Program Specialist, Barbara focuses on a variety of local and countywide efforts supporting Alameda County's school-age youth and their families. Her current assignments include facilitating the Sexually Exploited Minors (SEM) Network and Gender Responsive Services Committee situated in the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center.

For the past seven years, Barbara's work related to commercially sexually exploited minors has included on-going research, program development and implementation support, local and regional policy planning, presentations and trainings and resource development activities.

Barbara has provided trainings and presentations about sexually exploited minors to policy makers, social workers, youth workers, teachers, law enforcement, mental health providers, school based health center staff, and the community throughout in Alameda, San Francisco and Contra Costa counties.

Previous positions include SFUSD Healthy Start Liaison, School Health Programs Department, Healthy Start Coordinator at Luther Burbank Middle School (Excelsior), Peer Resource Coordinator at Everett Middle School (Mission District), Co-Director of TheFresh Kids theatre project out of St. John's Educational Threshold's Center, a non-profit agency located in the Mission District of San Francisco. Other experiences include: diversity trainer for Pacific Resources Educational Programs (PREP), program development and implementation for the Samoan Community Development Center (SCDC), conflict mediation trainer for: the Japanese Community Youth Council (JCYC), Urban Service Project/Americorps, Occidental College, University of the Pacific and AACE Upward Bound programs.

Barbara holds a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre and a Master's Degree in Education from San Francisco State University. Her background as actor, youth advocate, educator, coordinator and civil servant has contributed to her unique perspective and interdisciplinary approach to serving children, youth, families and the community.

## **AMY ALLEY**

Amy Alley majored in Political Science and Journalism at CSU Sacramento, ultimately obtaining her law degree from King Hall School of Law at UC Davis in 2001. She worked for several years as Deputy Legislative Counsel for the Office of Legislative Counsel, writing legal opinions on a variety of constitutional and other issues affecting state law, analyzing and drafting legislation for code inclusion, and providing consultation and advice to Members and their staff on education and public resources

issues. Alley is currently the Communications Director and Deputy Legislative Director for Assemblymember Sandré R. Swanson and works on a broad range of issues, including all of the Member's human-trafficking legislation.

### **NOLA BRANTLEY**

There is a saying that there are many folks that “talk the talk” and few that “walk the walk.” Ms. Brantley belongs to the latter. She walks, she runs, she dances, she leaps— and, on occasion she kicks hard-- as Nola is truly advocacy in motion. Nola currently directs an organization providing services for commercially sexually exploited and trafficked children and young women in Alameda County. Nola's hard work and perpetual vigilance has brought both focus and concrete resources to this chronically underserved and largely unrecognized population of victimized children and youth. Some of her other accomplishments in this area include the development and pioneering of the first intensive case management treatment service model and program for commercially sexually exploited children in Alameda County, the development and implementation of a protocol for commercially sexually exploited children to receive specialized advocacy and assessment in Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center, the development and implementation of a transition and healing center for commercially sexually exploited children in Oakland and last but not least Nola is one of the co-founders of MISSEY, Inc. Many of the services that Ms. Brantley has developed and implemented for this population are amongst a few of their kind in the nation. She dedicates countless hours to comforting worried parents, providing trainings and presentations throughout the community and advocating for these children to have a real future. Nola possesses both passion and unfailing commitment to her community, her world and to the young people she serves.

### **DAPHNE PHUNG**

Daphne Phung is the Executive Director and Founder of California Against Slavery. Founded in 2009, California Against Slavery's goal is put an initiative on the California ballot to strengthen current human trafficking laws and increase victims' rights.

After watching MSNBC Dateline's Sex Slaves in America, Daphne was devastated to learn that trafficked victims suffer further injustice through our legal system. After grappling with why this was allowed to happen, she concluded that we as a nation have not grasp how slavery can still exist today when we outlawed it 150 years ago. She believes that our laws must reflect the atrocity of human trafficking and that it's time for the American public to recognize that slavery still exists in our great nation. Thus the idea of an initiative came about.

To pay her bills, Daphne works in finance & accounting. She has a BA from Reed College and an MBA from Mills College.