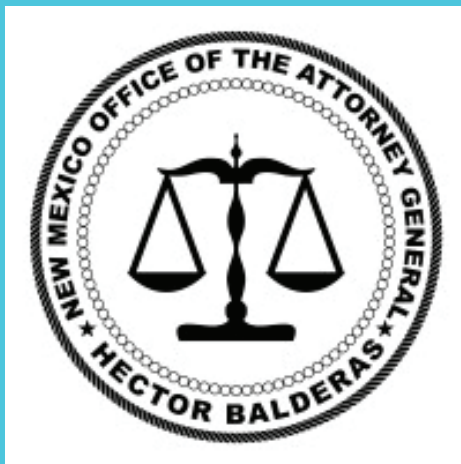


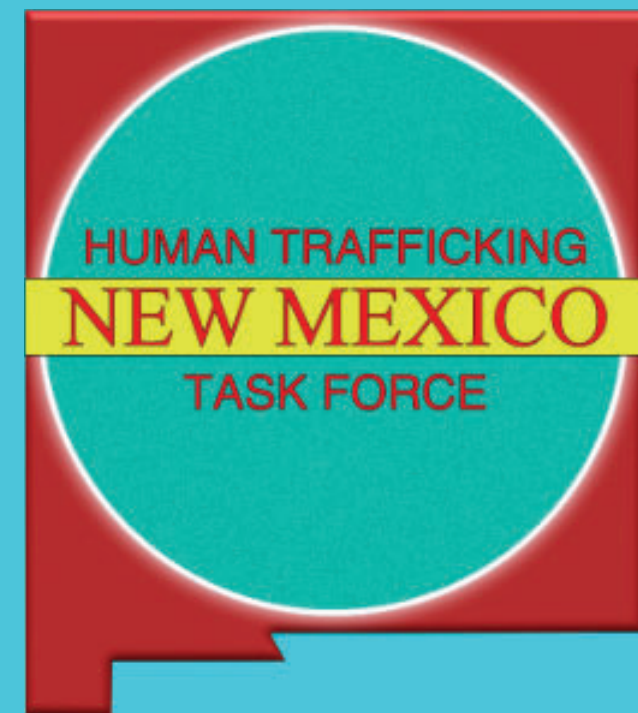
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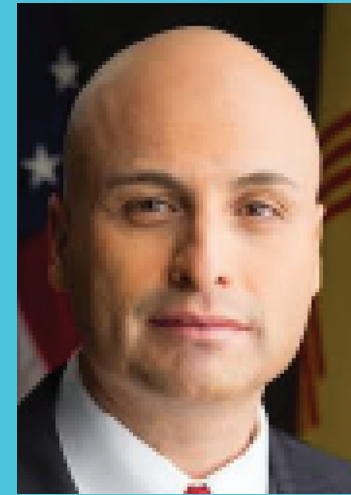
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Hector Balderas was raised by a single mother in the rural village of Wagon Mound, New Mexico. Growing up on food stamps and in public housing, he learned the importance of compassion and respect. He developed a deep conviction that everyone deserves the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of background. Overcoming all challenges, Hector earned degrees from New Mexico Highlands University and the University of New Mexico School of Law, becoming the first person from his hometown to become an attorney. After law school, Hector refused opportunities to work in the private sector to pursue his passion for public service, and as an Assistant

On Tuesday, November 4th, 2014, Hector was elected the 31st Attorney General for the State of New Mexico, receiving more votes than any other candidate in any race in the state. He was subsequently re-elected to a second term on November 6th, 2018, again receiving more votes than any other candidate in any race on the ballot.

Hector has been honored for his work to increase safety and prosperity for New Mexico families with a variety of awards, including the prestigious New Frontier Award jointly awarded by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and the Harvard Institute of Politics.





Jay Ratliff has 22 years of law enforcement experience and currently serves as Special Agent in Charge and Commander for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the New Mexico Human Trafficking Task Force, for the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General. He has worked for the Office of the Attorney General for over 10 years serving in Special Investigations, Internet Crimes Against Children and CyberCrimes. He has been recognized and an expert witness in computer forensics and child exploitation investigations across the State of New Mexico. Prior to his work with the Office of the Attorney General, he served at the Eighth Judicial District Attorney's Office where he assisted in the investigation and prosecution of all felony cases in Colfax County. He began his law enforcement career serving for the Village of Cimarron Police



Ms. Sanchez has nearly fifteen years of experience in providing outreach, intensive case management, and advocacy services to homeless women and families with severe mental health, substance abuse and trauma histories. She provides advocacy, case management and housing coordination, and has supervised all comprehensive services for the victims of human trafficking since 2009.



Dr. David M. Reardon, PhD, PsyD, MS, is a clinical psychologist and Chief Executive Officer at The Life Center. He received degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and New Mexico State University and has worked in a variety of inpatient mental health and substance abuse settings over the past 30 years. Dr. Reardon serves on the Board of Advisors for the National Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapists, and has co-authored numerous articles and a book on the subject. His research interests include the role of the family in mental health, and the role of the community in mental health. The Life Center is a major provider of mental health, substance abuse, human trafficking, and employment, and a multitude of other services for homeless and indigent clients, and has been recognized nationally for innovative and evidence-based clinical practices.



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# Session 3 Speakers



## Kyle Woods- Bernalillo County Sheriffs Office- Overcoming Human Trafficking Hurdles: A Case Review



Kyle Woods has worked for the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Department since 2009. He began his investigative career in 2012 with the Special Victims Unit investigating sex crimes and crimes against children. He was a negotiator with the Special weapons and tactical team for 5 years. He was a founding member of the Ghost unit in 2014, focusing on internet crimes against children, Missing persons, high risk runaway youth, and sex trafficking. He has helped create and provide training for law enforcement, child protective services, health care services and youth shelters in identifying and responding to child sex trafficking. Kyle has presented at local and national conferences on internet crimes against children and domestic minor sex trafficking. Kyle was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2019 and now supervises the crisis negotiation team and task force officers participating in state and federal task forces investigating internet crimes against children, human trafficking, violent crimes, and white collar crimes. Kyle has been qualified in Federal court as an expert in the culture, language, and methods of sex trafficking.



## Paul Chang- Keynote Speaker



Paul Chang serves as the Regional Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator at the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division. In his 28+ years with the agency, Paul worked on some of the most celebrated cases as an investigator and Assistant District Director, including the landmark El Monte Thai-Slavery case in 1995. He developed numerous training materials and programs, including the Enterprise Model that focuses on strategic approaches to prosecution, protection, and prevention of forced labor as well as a certification program to help the garment industry avoid sweatshops in their supply chains. Paul has been on a special assignment to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) since 2013 where he currently serves as the National Co-Chair of the Regional Network. Paul is also an adjunct professor at California State University Los Angeles and Vanguard University.

## Dr. Troy Rodgers Psy. D- Trauma Informed Interviewing

Dr. Rodgers is a police and public safety psychologist who has been practicing in the Southwest for the last 20 years. He has been the Agency Director for Public Safety Psychology Group LLC (PSPG) since 2004. At the present time, he works as a consultant/psychologist for over 400 local, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, and corrections agencies. He is an active member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriff’s Association (Board Member), the Society for Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association (Board Member), and the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology. Dr. Rodgers is a former adjunct faculty member at the University of Phoenix and he has also taught at the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College. Dr. Rodgers has a master’s degree and a doctorate in clinical forensic psychology from the University of Denver. He is currently licensed in New Mexico as a Psychologist. In the past he was licensed as a Professional Clinical Counselor, School Psychologist, and School Counselor. In 2016, Dr. Rodgers was awarded a Diplomate in Police Psychology from the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology. He was appointed in 2014 by Governor Susana Martinez to the NM Sexual Offender Management Board. In 2019 he became an ethics committee member for the International Association of Chiefs of Police- Police Psychology Section. Dr. Rodgers has particular areas of expertise that include substance abuse prevention, law enforcement training, school psychology, police psychology, law enforcement assessment, offender treatment and evaluation, violence risk assessment, school and workplace violence, crisis intervention, behavioral profiling, peak performance training, corrections psychology, and stalking. He is trained in hostage negotiation. He is also certified as a Master Professional Lecturer by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Training Academy. Dr. Rodgers has extensive experience in the development of training curriculum for prevention programs and law enforcement and in the actual training of law enforcement personnel, civilian employees, adolescents, and teenagers. Dr. Rodgers is currently completing his Certified Prevention Specialist application. He has been working with children and adolescents for over 30 years. He is one of the founding members of PSPG.

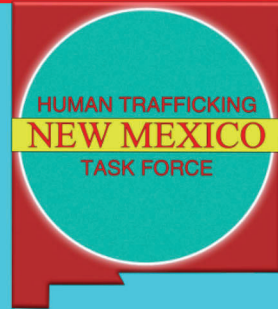


## Secretary Barbara J. Vigil- CPS Child Protective Services CYFD

Secretary Vigil has worked as a judge and lawyer in New Mexico for more than three decades, in that time ascending to the state’s highest court and earning the respect of colleagues in the legal community and in public service more broadly for her diligence, dedication and breadth of experience. Elected to the New Mexico Supreme Court in 2012, she served with distinction for almost 9 full years, including a stint as Chief Justice, before her retirement in June. Prior to serving on the high court, she was a judge in the First Judicial District Court beginning in 2000, presiding over more than 16,000 cases over 12 years and playing an instrumental role in the establishment of juvenile justice boards -- which serve as a vehicle for the receipt of state and federal resources to create and sustain many critical social programs for at-risk youth. She also presided over Children’s Court for a decade, advocating for improved systems to meet the critical needs of New Mexico children and families. Before her time as a judge, Vigil worked in private practice. She earned a degree in accounting from New Mexico State University and her law degree from the University of New Mexico.



## Session 1 Speakers



### Lorraine Acuna- Barrier Free Housing and Survivor Aftercare- The Life Link



Lorraine Acuna, CPSW is the manager of Sojourner's Advocacy Cafe and a human trafficking victim advocate/specialist. She has over 10 years of experience assisting victims of human trafficking and trauma, connecting them to wrap-around services: housing, therapy, psychiatry, groups, service coordination, PSR and community integration. She is committed to working with survivors of trauma, empowering them towards safety and independence. She enjoys working in her yard and riding her four wheeler in her spare time.

### Dallas Grassbaugh- Barrier Free Housing and Survivor Aftercare- The Life Link

Dallas Grassbaugh is not only a survivor of human trafficking, but she is also a certified peer support worker in the state of New Mexico. Dallas is currently a student at Grand Canyon University, where she is studying for her bachelor's degree in behavioral health science, emphasizing in trauma. Dallas is passionate about eradicating human trafficking and advocating for those whose voice was stolen.



### Erin Corcoran- HSI Cont Presence

Erin Corcoran is the Section Chief for Victim Protection at the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT), with oversight of the Continued Presence program and coordinates the CCHT's victim-centered approach in all law enforcement and private sector engagements in coordination with the HSI Victim Assistance Program. Prior to joining the CCHT, Ms. Corcoran held additional positions within Homeland Security Investigations Domestic Operations, ICE Office of Congressional Relations, and the Office of the HSI Executive Associate Director. Ms. Corcoran began her federal law enforcement career in 2008 as a Special Agent in HSI New York where she was assigned to the Violent Gang Unit, Narcotics Unit, and the El Dorado Financial Task Force. She also served as Program Manager for the El Dorado Task Force, Seaport BEST and Contraband division, and Cyber Investigations division.

### Christine Barber- Human Trafficking Outreach- Street Safe

Christine Barber is a Co-founder of Street Safe since 2009. Street Safe New Mexico is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit that follows a harm-reduction philosophy by striving to reduce the harmful consequences associated with life on the street. Most of the women we serve have been victims of sex trafficking, while others have struggled with homelessness and addiction.



### Danica Dupuy- HSI Cont Presence

Special Agent Danica Dupuy currently serves as the National Program Manager for the Continued Presence Program at the DHS Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT). She oversees all aspects of the program to include training and outreach, coordinating with multiple federal and state agencies, and approval of applications. SA Dupuy began her federal law enforcement career in 2009, as a Special Agent in HSI New York. While in HSI New York, SA Dupuy was assigned to the Human Trafficking Unit, Human Smuggling Unit, Counterterrorism Criminal Exploitation Unit, and BEST Financial Unit.

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## Session 3 Speakers



### Chris Kohler- New Mexico Office of the Attorney General- Human Trafficking in Organized Retail Crime



Chris Kohler is a Special Agent in Charge for the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General. He is the commander of the New Mexico Organized Retail Crime Task Force and the co-founder of the national ORC Investigators Coalition. He was raised in Jersey City, New Jersey and began public service at 18 when I joined the United States Marine Corps. Kohler proudly served his community, his state and his country for all of his adult life. Throughout nearly twenty years in Law Enforcement he has investigated and supervised the investigation of every type and degree of crime. Managing, guiding and educating men and women of Law Enforcement across the state and the nation. He believes in a proactive, forward thinking, business based approach to law enforcement and public safety in America.

### Ashley Schweizer - New Mexico Office of the Attorney General- Overcoming Human Trafficking Hurdles: A Case Review

Ashley Schweizer is currently an Assistant Attorney General assigned to the ICAC Task Force at the NM Office of the Attorney General. Prior to that, she was the State's Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, where she toured New Mexico providing training, case support, and review for traffic-related offenses like vehicular homicides, DWIs, and commercial motor vehicle incidents for various law enforcement and prosecuting agencies. She spent time as an Assistant City Attorney supporting the Albuquerque Police Department, and before law school, she worked for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department in the Internal Affairs Unit, handling administrative investigations.

Ashley has observed the evolution of policing and criminal justice response for the last 15 years, and is determined to seek ways to streamline the process of getting offenders held accountable for the harm they inflict on the community - particularly children. She is currently working on understanding the rapidly changing technology that now facilitates crimes against children and learning how we need to tailor investigations and prosecutions in this evolving landscape.



### Justin Roybal- Bernalillo County Sheriffs Office- Overcoming Human Trafficking Hurdles: A Case Review

Detective Justin Roybal has worked for the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office since 2014. He began his investigative career in 2017 with the Ghost Unit investigating Missing Persons, Human Trafficking and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The Ghost unit focused on runaway, high risk youth and their continued stabilization and success. They are affiliates of the NM ICAC and Human Trafficking task forces headed by the Attorney General's office of NM. Prior to Law Enforcement, Detective Roybal was a social worker, providing resources and case management for child victims of trauma in Treatment Foster Care. Detective Roybal has also been recognized by both BCSO and CYFD for his continued effort and success working with local youth.

Detective Roybal is now also a Task Force Officer with the Albuquerque FBI. The Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force (CEHTTF) aims to prosecute human traffickers and child predators at the Federal level, ensuring more stringent, longer sentences for offenders. The members of this Task Force remain victim-centered, and provide a rapid, proactive, and intelligence-driven investigative response to the sexual victimization of children.



## Session 2 Speakers



**Melody Delmar, MSW- Laguna Federation- Human Trafficking on Indigenous Lands, MMIW Intersections/Legislation**



Melody Delmar is a member of the Navajo Nation and is a Special Projects Coordinator primarily leading the MMIWR Task Force and handling constituent services. Originally from Arizona, she holds a BS in Psychology from Northern Arizona University. With over 14 years of experience working with children, families, and organizations in various leadership capacities, she is passionate about strategically working with Native American populations. Early in her career she became involved with MMIWR work as a domestic violence shelter advocate, motivating her to attain her master's in social work from the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. She concentrated in American Indian & Alaskan Native studies specializing Policy & Research.

## Session 3 Speakers

**Bernadette Zajac-CYFD Overview**

Bernadette Zajac has a bachelors degree in Social Work. She has been with CYFD for 8 years. She started as an investigator, was promoted to senior investigator then investigations supervisor and currently the acting County Office Manager for Bernalillo County Office 5



**Jan Trujillo- CYFD Overview**

Jan Trujillo has been with CYFD for 6 years and has a master's degree in criminal justice. Started as an investigator, promoted to senior investigator and is currently an investigation supervisor.



**Toya Kaplan- For the One- Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness- Vulnerable No More**

Toya Kaplan is the founder of "For the One" an organization motivated by one question- "What if we could get to the kids and young adults BEFORE the predators do?" From 2015-2020 we worked exclusively with victims and survivors who will have years of recovery and healing ahead of them, always frustrated by the fact that we could never get out ahead of trafficking with awareness alone. We needed more. In 2020, For The One launched the Vulnerable No More campaign. The campaign's primary focus is education, equipping and empowering our kids and the community. We do this by exposing the strategies that groomers, recruiters and traffickers utilize and what they can do to avoid becoming a victim, so they can become Vulnerable No More!



## Session 1 Speakers



**Michele Curtis- Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women- MMIW**



Michele Curtis is from the Navajo Nation. She was born in Shiprock, NM and was raised in Nenahnezad, NM. She is a mother and a wife. She is passionate about helping children and elders in Tribal Communities and strongly advocates for them. She has more than two years of program managing and case managing human trafficked victims for First Nations Community Healthsource. Michele is now the Sex Trafficking Project Coordinator at the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. Michele provides training and education on what sex trafficking can look like in tribal communities. Michele provides a voice for people in Indigenous communities and especially for urban unsheltered relatives. Michele has an Associate's degree in Human Services from San Juan College and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and in Native American Studies from the University of New Mexico. She also volunteered as a CASA advocate in Farmington NM. Michele has two years of experience assisting youth ages 0-17 who were abused or were at-risk of being abused, neglected, or abandoned at Childhaven in Farmington NM.

**Trase Peperas- New Mexico Office of the Attorney General- Human Trafficking 101**

Trase Peperas has over 5 years of law enforcement experience and currently serves as a Special Agent for the New Mexico Human Trafficking Task Force, for the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General. He is currently a Cellebrite Certified Operator (CCO) and Cellebrite Certified Physical Analyzer (CCPA). Among many of his certifications that he has obtained over the years, he is a Certified Field Training Officer, who's trained new recruits in the Field Services Division since 2020.

Prior to his work with the Office of the Attorney General, he served the community as a Sheriff's Deputy for the Valencia County Sheriff's Office where he assisted in the apprehension of individuals and the investigation of multiple felony cases. He also worked in the Civil Division, gaining additional experience, by carrying out court orders on behalf of the 13 th Judicial Courthouse.

He began his law enforcement career serving for the City of Belen Police Department as a patrol officer, where he quickly gained expertise in all aspects of law enforcement. While serving for the City of Belen Police Department he was recognized by his fellow officers and was presented with the Officer of the Year award at the end of his rookie year.

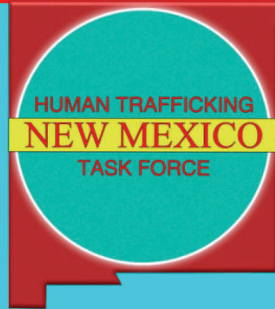


**Adam Arellano- New Mexico Office of the Attorney General- Human Trafficking 101**



Adam M Arellano is employed with the New Mexico Attorney General's Office as a Special Agent. He has approximately nineteen (19) years of law enforcement experience, and is currently assigned to the Human Trafficking investigation unit. He has received specialized training in Internet Crimes against Children cases and has investigated multiple criminal cases including child sexual exploitation cases; Child solicitation cases, manufacturing, possession, receipt, distribution, and production of child sexual abuse material. In his current position, his primary duties include follow-up investigations on all felony crimes to include but not limited to: Criminal Sexual Contact of Minors and Adults, Sexual Penetration of Minors and Adults, False Imprisonment, Kidnapping, and the exploitation of Adults and Minors. He has developed an understanding in the investigation, detection, and apprehension of sexual abuse, labor trafficking and sex trafficking offenders.

## Session 2 Speakers



### **Shelley Repp- New Mexico Dream Center- REACH: A statewide plan to improve outcomes for children and youth human trafficking.**



Shelley Repp is the Executive Director of New Mexico Dream Center. She first became aware of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) in 2010 when a struggling high school senior from Highland Highschool was referred to her for “guidance”. That encounter changed the trajectory of Shelley’s life. She began researching the sex trafficking of American born children, then started formal training around the subject with the goal of providing services for trafficking survivors. She founded the non-profit, Spoken For in 2011 and began to provide resources for human trafficking victims. In January 2018 she stepped into the role of Executive Director for the nonprofit New Mexico Dream Center (NMDC) and migrated Spoken For into Dream Center as the human trafficking program. . Additionally, Shelley opened The Harbour that same year. The Harbour was Albuquerque’s first homeless youth drop-in center providing low barrier services to the vulnerable and sexually exploitable homeless teen population. Shelley speaks and trains across the state on the topics of human trafficking and youth homelessness and is committed to addressing the trafficking of children both upstream for prevention and downstream for care and support.

### **Sonora Holland - New Mexico Dream Center- REACH: A statewide plan to improve outcomes for children and youth human trafficking.**

Sonora Holland is the Statewide Liaison at the New Mexico Dream Center. Sonora first became interested in working with this population while in college and that is when she came across the New Mexico Dream Center, She quickly became very passionate about the work that NMDC is doing in the community and across the state. After interning with the New Mexico Dream Center she was offered a job and now leads the REACH project, where she is responsible for resource mapping the state of New Mexico for resources that serve children and youth victims of human trafficking. On top of resource mapping Sonora also will provide training for those that are a part of the REACH project. This project is currently in our third year and we are looking forward to continuing our work and diving deeper into helping our partners build capacity in order to better serve this population. This work is a passion for Sonora as she thrives when being able to help this at risk population.



### **Deshawnda Chaparro- Human Trafficking Cases- T-Visa Process**



Deshawnda Chaparro is a Senior Staff Attorney at New Mexico Immigrant Law Center. She focuses on providing immigration legal services to survivors of human trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault. Deshawnda first joined NMILC in 2018 as an Equal Justice Works Crime Victim Justice Corps Fellow during which she focused on providing immigration legal services to survivors of human trafficking. Deshawnda studied political science and Latin American studies at Florida Gulf Coast University (2014). During this time, she was a community organizer in southwest Florida where she helped campaign for tuition equity and driver’s licenses for Florida’s undocumented immigrant community while also organizing citizenship and DACA clinics. Deshawnda moved to New Mexico to attend the University of New Mexico School of Law (2017) and received the Ann C. Scales Jurisprudence Award for commitment to moving the law forward in the service of humanity as well as Clinical Honors. Deshawnda enjoys gardening and playing with her dog in her spare time.

## Session 2 Presenters



### **Angelo Rivera- New Mexico Office of The Attorney General- Mobile Device-Data Preservation**



Angelo Rivera is a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner with the New Mexico Attorney General’s Internet Crimes Against Children’s Unit. He possesses over six years of specialized training dedicated to the collection, acquisition and examination of mobile devices and digital evidence. Forensic Examiner Rivera’s in-depth understanding of mobile devices and years of supporting various military units, state, federal, local, and tribal agencies, has allowed for him to develop numerous training programs and curriculum to educate law enforcement, prosecutors, victim’s advocates and the public on emerging trends, challenges faced and techniques required to effectively strengthen digital investigations. Specialties: Smartphone/mobile device forensics, application analysis, SQL queries, advanced acquisition techniques, manual decoding of smartphone data, application analysis, covert surveillance operations, e-discovery, forensic acquisitions, examinations, Windows and Mac forensics, advanced exploitations, tool testing, tool validation and forensic instruction. Prior to becoming a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner, Angelo Rivera, served 11-years in the military as a Military Intelligence All-Source Analyst, where he provided analytical support to Military units, State, Federal and Tribal agencies throughout the State of New Mexico.

### **Frank Zubia-CVRC- Utilizing Comp and Emergency Funds for Human Trafficking Survivors**

Frank Zubia, a native New Mexican, has served in various capacities in the criminal justice system for the last 25 years in New Mexico and Texas. He began as a Victim Advocate for the 3rd Judicial District Attorney’s Office in Las Cruces, New Mexico and subsequently moved to El Paso, Texas where he worked as Probation Officer for adult offenders for El Paso County. While in El Paso, he furthered his experience by becoming the Director for the 34th Judicial District Attorney’s Office. He later returned to his native New Mexico as the Director of Special Programs for the 3rd Judicial District Attorney’s Office then as the Deputy Superintendent of Facilities for J. Paul Taylor Center in Las Cruces. He currently serves as the Director of the New Mexico Crime Victim Reparation Commission in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is a graduate from New Mexico State University and has extensive training on victim issues and juvenile and adult offenders.



### **Jacqueline Sanchez-CVRC- Utilizing Comp and Emergency Funds for Human Trafficking Survivors**



Jacqueline Sanchez is on a mission to help crime victims as leader for the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC). With her nearly twenty years of experience in providing financial assistance to crime victims, she has a unique approach in finding ways to address victims needs. She was instrumental in project development of new initiatives such as priority processing and restitution recovery for CVRC. She continues to facilitate enhancements of the agencies computer system and strategic planning to ensure CVRC is trauma informed when working with all the victimizations. She is the lead investigator in developing protocols and advancing agency objectives and implementing best practices in addressing the pervasiveness of human trafficking in New Mexico.