



**SAFVIC**  
Sexual Assault Family Violence Investigator Course

# SAFVIC ON THE SCENE

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## Broken Lives, Stolen Futures

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*“If slavery is not wrong, than nothing is wrong.” - Abraham Lincoln, 1864*

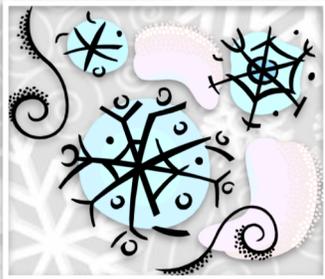
There was a time in this Nation when a war was fought to end slavery. Incredibly and in spite of the awful cost in human life and blood spilled, that war continues today. Human Trafficking is present day slavery and the war being waged is a war to eradicate this global scourge. The social cancer of human trafficking is not, however, a new or fresh issue. A recent viewing of a movie about Rome & the Gladiators reminded me that there has been trade in persons throughout the history of the world. This is what makes the statement of President Lincoln as relevant today as ever it was.

In current mental health intervention we are required to be both “trauma informed” and “culturally relevant,” with good reason. Everyone will at some point encounter a traumatic event and will experience that event physically and emotionally. Both mind and body will

carry the imprint of the trauma. Often, the analogy of the shift of tectonic plates during an earthquake and the new topography of the earths’ crust after the fact, can help illustrate the schisms and rifts in the psyche following such trauma.

Our ability to integrate the trauma into our body of experience will determine our capacity for healing. In most cases, trauma experienced by victims of sex trafficking is not a one-time event but an on-going cycle of violence, sexual assault and emotional abuse. Complicated by histories of parental neglect and abuse, poverty, lack of education and opportunity, the victims share a common thread of vulnerability. *(It is important to note that not every victim will share these indicators).* Pimps are experts at recognizing these vulnerabilities.

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Happy Holidays  
From  
Our Family  
To Yours



**STALKING: KNOW IT. NAME IT. STOP IT.**  
JANUARY 2014 [StalkingAwarenessMonth.org](http://StalkingAwarenessMonth.org)

**January is National Stalking Awareness Month**  
**“Know It. Name It. Stop It.”**

January 2014 is the 10th anniversary of National Stalking Awareness Month. Stalking is a crime in all 50 states, and it affects 6.6 million people annually in the U.S.

For more information, visit the Stalking Resource Center at:  
[www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center](http://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/stalking-resource-center)

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**Thank you  
for all of  
your hard  
work!**

## Welcome New SAFVIC - Human Trafficking Instructors!



### Front Row - Left to Right:

Bill Grayson, *San Antonio Police Department*  
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**STATEWIDE CONFERENCE ON  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**  
PRESENTED BY SAFVIC

SAFVIC is proud to announce the  
2014 Statewide Conference on  
Violence Against Women!

### Date:

July 28th—30th, 2014

### Location:

Omni San Antonio Hotel at the Colonnade  
9821 Colonnade Blvd.  
San Antonio, Texas 78230

For more information, please visit  
[www.vawtconference.org](http://www.vawtconference.org)



### FREE 8-HOUR SAFVIC HUMAN TRAFFICKING COURSE

The SAFVIC – Human Trafficking (3268) course satisfies TCOLE mandated training courses Human Trafficking (3270) and Advanced Human Trafficking (3271).

### Course Topics:

- Statistics & History of HT
- Dynamics of Foreign & Domestic HT
  - Federal & State Laws
- Understanding Victims & Safety Planning
- Human Trafficking Investigative Techniques
  - Prosecution of HT Cases
  - Resources for Victims of HT

To register, please visit [www.safvic.org](http://www.safvic.org).

***You may choose to look the other way but you can never again say that you did not know.” - William Wiburforce***

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The degree to which a victim will recover is in high correlation to their level of resilience, a human trait we are as of yet unable to measure. No two people will have exactly the same response to their personal trauma. Victims lose their sense of self, feel they have no identity and are undeserving of help. They are ashamed, sick & beaten down, fearing everyone, unable to trust and suspicious in all circumstances, as if waiting for the inevitable other shoe to drop. Some, overwhelmed by the fact of a new reality, may be inclined to go back to an environment they've grown used to and feel they can better manage. Those who have become drug and alcohol addicted will struggle with their addictions, perhaps for the rest of their lives.

Having been denied choice in anything, victims find it difficult to make decisions for themselves, fearing harsh punishment if they make mistakes.

While this may give the impression trafficking is restricted to a particular “group” in society, we are becoming ever more aware that human slavery is no respecter of persons, position or power. Vigilance and effective penalties will, of course, be key to helping overcome this enemy - keeping the issue in the public eye will amplify effectiveness. Meanwhile, healing can come. Treating survivors is a process requiring patience, commitment, compassion and – dare I say it – funding.

For resources on Human Trafficking, visit:

[www.safvic.org/safvic-resources-human-trafficking.aspx](http://www.safvic.org/safvic-resources-human-trafficking.aspx)

## Featured Agency

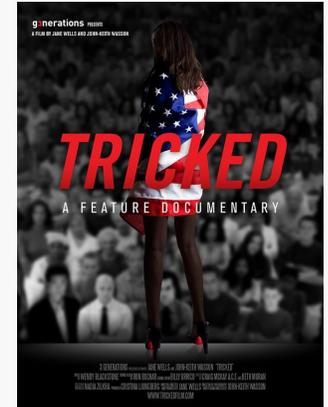
### River City Advocacy

River City Advocacy, Inc. (RCA) is a 501 C 3 nonprofit organization in New Braunfels, Texas that specializes in serving people with developmental disabilities, substance misuse issues, and mental illness. The mission of River City Advocacy is to “provide peer based mental health recovery support systems needed in the community” and the vision is “to advocate, educate, and facilitate acceptance of mental health issues,” (River City Advocacy website, 2013). Services offered at RCA include but are not limited to support groups, individual counseling, family counseling, life-skills workshops, advocacy, and art therapy. The staff includes an Executive Director, Director of Consumer Affairs, and three Licensed Professional Counseling-Interns.

RCA offers a variety of support groups including but not limited to: anxiety, depression, singles, substance abuse, men’s group, women’s group. Our support groups and art therapy are offered at no cost to the clients we serve. The individual and family counseling sessions are offered on a sliding scale fee based on income. No one is turned away based on their ability to pay for services. We also offer unique socialization opportunities, and a sense of community and acceptance. At River City Advocacy we meet our consumers where they are and help them realize they are MORE than a diagnosis. Referrals come from many sources in the community, and we are happy to collaborate with other agencies and organizations.

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## Featured Documentary



### Tricked: A Feature Documentary

“Modern-day slavery is alive and well in the United States as thousands of victims are trafficked throughout the country to satisfy America’s \$3 billion a year sex trafficking industry.” (Tricked: A Feature Documentary website, 2013).

Tricked is a comprehensive documentary that delves into the lives of the pimps, the johns, the police, and the victims of domestic human trafficking. The film was produced by 3 Generations, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization.

For more information about this documentary, visit:

[www.trickedfilm.com](http://www.trickedfilm.com)



*"Piecing together the tools needed to effectively investigate and prevent sexual assault, family violence, stalking, & human trafficking."*

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The heart of RCA is peer support.

**What is Peer Support?** By definition, peer support is getting help from someone who has been through similar situations, illnesses, etc. People that have similar experiences may be able to listen, give hope, and guidance toward recovery in a way that is different, and may be just as valuable as professional services. In addition to the direct services one may receive, many peer-run organizations advocate to improve opportunities for people recovering from mental illnesses. Peer support programs like River City Advocacy, Inc. strengthen primary care practice and community health by reaching the vulnerable populations and reducing health disparities.

RCA has worked with numerous survivors of assault, domestic violence, and other abuses through peer support and individual counseling as well as our Boundaries workshop. It is important for the survivors to

come from thinking of themselves as being a victim to being a survivor to help them begin their healing and recovery journey. There are many times that we are called upon to work with families in crisis centers, shelters, and the court system. Our goals are to help them learn more about themselves and healthy relationships, including setting and maintaining proper boundaries.

#### Contact RCA:

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## Save the Date



Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

32nd Annual Conference

Break the Box

### Collective Action Against Sexual Violence

#### Dates:

March 9th—13th, 2014

#### Conference Schedule:

<http://taasaconference.org/schedule-2/>

#### Location:

Sheraton Grand Hotel  
4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway  
Irving, Texas 75063  
(972) 929-7632

#### Room Rates:

Group Contracted Room Rates  
\$95 Single, \$109 Double  
Cut-Off Date  
5 p.m. (Central Time)  
February 23rd, 2014