

# Agenda



April 29, 2021  
Live Webinar

## **Juvenile & Children's Law Winter Forum**

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**Total Credits:** 4.5 Dual

This 4-hour Ethics Forum will deal with navigating uncharted territory during the pandemic for schools and students and families as they work to uphold educational standards in spite of social distancing. Trainers will discuss how to address racial inequality and injustice in our legal system. Lastly, attendees will learn laws, policies, and obtain community mobilization information regarding those who are bound in targeted modern day sex slavery with an emphasis on investigating runaways and connecting runaway children with services.

**9:00 – 10:00 am**

**IMPACT: The Effects COVID-19 had on Education, America's Youth, and the Courts that Protect Them**  
*Jennifer Wade, Juvenile Court-Davidson County*

This session will discuss the shockwaves that COVID-19 sent through the educational system and America's student population. As COVID increased and impacted more people business closed; employers sent employees home to work; and schools closed, leaving education administrators with the very difficult task of protecting their employees and the children they serve. How did this impact education? What impact did this have on children's legal issues, such as the educational needs of children in foster care or in juvenile detention? How will we recover? Please join us for this presentation to discuss how we can continue to work within the Juvenile Justice system to recover from these setbacks and protect children.

**10:00 – 11:00 am**

**Fixing Injustice, Not Kids: Our Collective Equity Journey**  
*Ashford Hughes, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools*

- (1) Defining Educational Equity
- (2) The Framing of Equity
- (3) Importance of an Equity Lens - Culture/Practice/Leadership
- (4) Operationalizing Equity - Personal, Institutional, Professional
- (5) Focused Efforts taking place now
- (6) Narrative and the collective impact - Teachers, Families, Community
- (7) What's next for Equity in MNPS

**11:00 – 11:15 am**

**Break**

**11:15 am – 12:45 pm**

**Human Trafficking Overview: Trends and Myths of Human Trafficking by the Numbers**

*Jeremy Lofquest, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation*  
*Jason Wilkerson, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation*  
*Pierce Beckham, Department of Children Services*

Representatives from the TBI and the Department of Children's Services will provide you an overview of what constitutes human trafficking, how it is identified and combatted, show you trends in our State by the numbers, and bust myths and misconceptions about human trafficking.

**12:45 – 1:45 pm**

**Community Partnership in the Fight Against Human Trafficking**

*Sarah McKinnis, WillowBend Farms*  
*Kelli Germain, WillowBend Farms*  
*Marjorie Quinn, End Slavery*  
*Stacia Freeman, Epic Girl*

Community partners from agencies across our State will share resources and best practices for how to help children and families impacted by human trafficking. Attendees will have the be informed on runaway classification and connecting runaway youth with services/single point of contact issues, etc. Become informed on public awareness, effectiveness and need of training within local LE, DA, public defenders and Law office.