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Juniper Hills, California

Skills

- Strategic planning
- Organizational development and team building
- Project management and coordination
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Media
- Trauma-informed interviewing and investigations

Education

Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership
University of La Verne

Master of Arts in Behavioral Sciences
California State University, Dominguez Hills

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology
San José State University

West Point Leadership Center
United States Military Academy

Stephany Powell

Dr. Stephany Powell is a noted subject matter expert on human trafficking, child abuse, sexual exploitation, and victim-centered direct services. Her unusual background as an executive in social services as well as a former police sergeant give her insight into complex challenges facing the U.S. justice system. She is widely consulted on trauma-informed public policy questions. Since 2013, she has educated over 12,000 people on civil and criminal aspects of sexual exploitation, including international audiences through the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and has assisted approximately 2,000 survivors of human trafficking with employment, court assistance, housing, and even helped deliver a baby. Dr. Powell has been featured in media ranging from Newsweek to the *Los Angeles Times* to Fox News.

Professional Experience

2023-Present

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Consultant Expert of Victims of Online Child Exploitation and Abuse

- Trainer and Consultant international law enforcement on undercover operations, crime identification, victimology (including aftercare) preservation of evidence and court readiness.

2020-2023

National Center on Sexual Exploitation | Washington, D.C.

Vice President

Director of Law Enforcement Training & Survivor Services

Designed and conducted training on recognizing and combating trafficking in persons for law enforcement personnel in federal, state, and local capacities in 30 states.

Agencies trained include: FBI, HSI, DOJ, state police, sheriffs, local police

Provided NCOSE Law Center plaintiffs with trauma-informed advice and counseling Developed and facilitated training for NCOSE staff on cultural competency, implicit bias, and survivor-centered sensitivity in working with crime victims

Briefed Members of Congress, state legislators, and local officials on legislation

2013-2020

Journey Out | Los Angeles, California

Executive Director

Responsible for all programmatic and administrative decisions at a leading agency serving victims of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in the greater Los Angeles area.

Increased operating budget by over \$1.2 million

Increased number of clients served by 200% in 7 years

Signed Memorandum of Understanding with local law enforcement

Consulted by L.A. mayor, board of supervisors, district attorneys, and U.S. Attorney

Interviewed regularly by local print and electronic media

1983-2013

Los Angeles Police Department | Los Angeles, California

Police Sergeant

Supervised undercover vice offices, led investigations, and handled high-pressure situations on a daily basis, including media experience as the Assistant Officer in Charge of LAPD's Media Relations during the OJ Trial and the aftermath of the Rodney King riots.

Served as Assistant Officer In-Charge, Media Relations, and Office of the Chief of Police

Coordinated daily operations of patrol shifts of up to 40 officers

Trained squad members to become proficient with equipment and daily tasks

Led numerous undercover prostitution and human trafficking related sting operations

Answered emergency calls for help from citizens and business owners

Academic Experience

- 2023- Present
University of Southern California
Adjunct Professor, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
- 2015- Present
Los Angeles Trade Technical-College
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Behavioral & Social Sciences Dept
- 2010-2014
University of La Verne
Adjunct Professor, LaFetra College of Education

Publications

Teaching Beautiful Brilliant Black Girls (2021)

Contributing Author, "Girl Trafficking Misunderstood: Understanding The Commercially Sexually Exploited African American Girl"

Sex Trafficking and Vice: A Potential Essential Connection to Police Reform in the African American Community (2020)

Police Chief Magazine

My Choice, My Body, My Rules: A Workbook in Prevention (2018)

Independently Published

Digital Media Publications (partial)

The Undeniable Failure of Permissive Approaches to Prostitution (2023)

Newsweek, Op-Ed

New California Safer Streets Law Worsens Sex Crimes Victim Advocates (2022)

Epoch Times, Quoted

Confronting Racism in the Pornography Industry (2021)

Newsweek, Op-Ed

Coronavirus Fears Haven't Stopped the Sex Trade on LA Streets (2020)

Los Angeles Times, Quoted

Prostitution Exploitation Worsening in Los Angeles After New Safer Streets Law (2020)

Epoch Times, Op-Ed

Interviews (partial)

How Implicit Bias can Decrease the Odds of Identifying Sex Trafficking Victims (2022)

Ending Sexploitation Podcast

SO1: E05 - Interviewed on the George Floyd incident (2021)

D.L. Hughley Uncut Podcast

Sex Workers in LA Being Forced to Work During Pandemic (2021)

Spectrum News 1

Organization Hits the Streets to Prevent Sex Trafficking (2019)

Spectrum News 1

L.A. City Leaders Focus on Helping Human Trafficking Victims Through Awareness Campaign (2019)

ABC 7 Eyewitness News

S01: E04 - Anyone's Daughter (2017)

Inside with Chris Cuomo

Awards & Honors (partial)

Los Angeles County Commission for
Women

**My Life My Choice - Beacon of Light
Honoree, 2023**

Angel Award, 2022

San Diego, California

Professional Appointments (partial)

California Massage Therapy Council

Board of Directors

City of Los Angeles Certified Mediator Panel

Former Member

Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

Former Mayoral Appointee

OIC Police Sergeant Internal Affairs Group

Former Training Coordinator

Law Enforcement Affiliations (partial)

Boston, Massachusetts

Real Unsung Hero, 2022

Los Angeles, California

**Shaniya Davis Human Rights,
2019**

Houston, Texas

Women of the Year, 2016

Women of the Year, 1993

California 38th Congressional District

Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation

Former Vice President

**Los Angeles Women Police Officers &
Associates**

Former Vice President

Social Affiliations (partial)

The Links, Inc.

Former Chapter President

Human Trafficking Initiative

Former Western Area Committee Chair

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Former Chapter Vice President

Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Former Chapter President

**San Fernando Valley (CA) Chapter of
The Links, Inc.**

Former Chapter President