



# NCSL FALL FORUM

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## “Not for Sale: End the Trafficking of Children”

Friday, December 10, 2010

10:00-11:30am

### Participant Biographies

#### **Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles** **Washington State Senate**

Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, who received Seattle Against Slavery’s 2010 Lincoln Freedom Award for her legislative efforts in combating human trafficking, was the prime sponsor of **SB 5718** in 2007 that created the new crime of commercial sexual abuse of a minor, replacing the crime of patronizing a juvenile prostitute, and that increased penalties. In addition, her **SB 6330**, that allowed human trafficking posters to be posted at highway rest stops, was enacted earlier this year.

Sen. Kohl-Welles has represented the 36<sup>th</sup> Legislative District in the Washington State Senate since 1994 where she currently serves as Chair of the Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection Committee and is a member of the Senate Ways & Means, Judiciary, and Rules committees. She served previously for three years in the state House of Representatives.

Sen. Kohl-Welles holds a Ph.D. in Sociology of Education from UCLA and has been an adjunct faculty member in the Women Studies and Sociology Departments and College of Education at the University of Washington since 1985. She was Asst. Dean of Women’s Programs at UC Irvine and a Sex Desegregation Assistance Specialist with the U.S. Department of Education. She also served on NCSL’s Executive Committee and as the Women’s Legislative Network’s President.

She’s an international speaker on trafficking of persons and women in politics and public policy and has traveled to Cuba, Japan, Brazil, Chile, Niger, Sweden and the Baltics on official trips. She spoke on trafficking and domestic violence at the 2007 Vital Voices Global Partnership Women’s Leadership Summit in Kiev, Ukraine. Her 2002 legislation, **SB 6412**, regulating international matchmaking organizations (mail-order bride protections) was the first enacted in the United States and served as a model for the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act, enacted in 2005 and sponsored by U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and U.S. Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA).

Sen. Kohl-Welles’ other trafficking bills enacted into law include **SB 5127**, that required creation of written protocols for delivery of services to trafficking victims (2005); **SB 6339** that added trafficking victims to the state’s address confidentiality program (2008); **SB 5850** that required international labor recruiters and domestic employers of foreign workers to disclose federal and state labor laws to workers and information on identifying trafficking victims to health care providers (2009); **SB 6332** that added civil penalties to for failure of international labor recruiters and domestic employers of foreign workers to disclose labor laws to nonimmigrant workers (2010).

**Glenn Mucci**  
**Detective**  
**Vice Enforcement Unit**  
**Phoenix Police Department**

Glenn Mucci is a 20-year veteran of the Phoenix Police Department. Prior to his career in law enforcement he served four years in the United States Air Force as a Security Specialist. While with the Phoenix Police Department he has worked in Patrol, Neighborhood Enforcement, School Resource, Field Training and Investigations. The last eight years have been spent as a detective in the Drug Enforcement Bureau's Vice Enforcement Unit. During that time he has served as the lead investigator in numerous cases involving Child Prostitution, many of which were high profile. He has also assisted other detectives in the unit with their investigations, as well as assisted other detectives from a variety of other jurisdictions.

He has conducted numerous training sessions on various aspects of prostitution within the police department. He also participated in educating administrators and school staff from the Phoenix Union High School District on issues concerning Child Prostitution.

**Erin Otis**  
**Deputy County Attorney**  
**Child Exploitation Bureau**  
**Maricopa County Attorney's Office**

Erin is an Assistant Bureau Chief in the Sex Crimes Bureau of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and has been with the office for 7 years. She is responsible for the prosecution of Child Prostitution, Child Molestation, and Sexual Assault cases within her office. In 2006, Erin received special recognition from her office for Outstanding Achievement in the field of Victim Services. In 2008, Erin received a commendation from the Phoenix Police Department for her work in the area of Child Prostitution; Erin received a similar award from the Vice Enforcement Unit of the Phoenix Police Department in 2009 as well. In 2009, Erin received Attorney of the Year for the Southeast Division of the Maricopa County Attorney's Office and was also named the 2009 Attorney of the Year for the entire Maricopa County Attorney's Office. Erin has instructed both locally and nationally in the areas of Child Prostitution investigations and prosecutions.

Erin has a B.S. in Justice Studies, an M.S.W., and a J.D., all from Arizona State University. Before becoming a prosecutor, Erin spent time working in juvenile corrections and doing casework at the Arizona State Hospital.

**Linda Smith**  
**President and Founder**  
**Shared Hope International**

Linda Smith's political career began in 1983 as a Washington State Legislator. She won a write-in campaign for Congress in 1994. Critical to Linda's success is her ability to galvanize the grassroots community to action. Her compassionate and uncompromising belief that every individual has dignity has carried her from advocating for permanent safe homes for children as the State Senate chair of the Committee on Children and Family Services, to the halls of Congress, and ultimately to searching out victims in red light districts around the world. Linda and her husband, Vern, reside in Vancouver, Washington and are the proud parents of two and grandparents of six.

In the fall of 1998, while still a member of the U.S. Congress, Linda Smith traveled to Falkland Road in Mumbai (formerly Bombay), India -- one of the worst brothel districts in the world. The hopeless faces of desperate women and children forced into prostitution compelled Linda to found Shared Hope International (SHI).

To build momentum in the international anti-trafficking movement, Linda founded the War Against Trafficking Alliance (WATA) in January of 2001. WATA coordinates both regional and international efforts necessary to combat sex trafficking.

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Linda and team developed the DEMAND. report focused on buyers in Jamaica, the Netherlands, Japan, and the United States in order to reveal the sophisticated business model behind sex trafficking, exposing the Buyers who increase Demand and the traffickers who Supply the victims. The *DEMAND.* report revealed that startling numbers of American children are being trafficked for sex within U.S. borders. In response, from 2006-2008 Linda and Shared Hope International have been working in partnership with Anti-Trafficking Task Forces in ten U.S. cities with funding from the U.S Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

In the summer of 2009, Linda released a book titled [Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children](#). As a foremost expert on international and domestic trafficking, Linda has spoken out against the trafficking of women and children in international forums such as the World Conference on Trafficking in Vienna and has also been featured on televised programs such as Dr. Phil and The O'Reilly Factor, in addition to countless other media coverage of these issues.