

## 2022 Uintah Basin Domestic Violence Conference - Presenter Biographies

### **Wally Hendricks, Travis Henrie, Dominique Kiahtipes, Denna Fausett**

Wally Hendricks has been in law enforcement for over 30 years and currently serves as a detective with Carbon County Sheriff's Office. Wally has developed the techniques used in "The Program" throughout his career. Over the last 5 years he, and his partner Travis Henrie, have developed a strategy to both increase prosecution rates and victim/witness cooperation without retraumatizing them. "The Program" is truly victim centered.

Detective Travis Henrie has been a certified Law Enforcement Officer with the Carbon County Sheriff's Office in Carbon County Utah for the past 20 years. He was hired in 2003 and spent his first 2 years working in the jail. When the opportunity arose, he took a new position and worked for the next 12 years as a patrol deputy and Drug Task Force Agent. Detective Henrie is a certified P.O.S.T Instructor and Field Training Officer. Travis has spent his last 6 years in the detective division investigating crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, fraud, burglary, etc. During this time Travis has played an active role in investigating many key cases.

Travis has gained a passion for victim centered investigations and education. His goal is to provide training and resources to survivors, to families of survivors, and to leading industry personnel of domestic violence and sexual assault.

During his career Travis has been recognized due to his calm nature, attention to detail and poise in de-escalating situations. Detective Henrie's focus is in interpersonal crimes with an emphasis on victim centered investigation and prosecution.

Detective Henrie along with Detective Wally Hendricks have co-founded the charitable foundation [donthit.org](http://donthit.org). A foundation designed to provide truly victim centered resources to those suffering through domestic violence or sexual assault.

Dominique Kiahtipes is the Chief Deputy Carbon County Attorney and has served as the special prosecutor for VAWA related offenses since 2018. She received her Juris Doctor and Masters of Science in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution from Creighton University in May of 2017.

Denna Fausett has been the Carbon County Victims Advocate for 14 years, serving Helper, East Carbon, Wellington and Carbon County. She presently serves on the Utah Counsel on Victims of Crime, 7th District Rights Committee Chair, has been a past Chair of the Carbon County Domestic Violence Coalition and the former Emery County Victims Advocate. Denna is passionate about working with victims of crime. She enjoys helping to support crime victims as they struggle to regain a sense of control and heal from the trauma experienced. Her understanding of the impact of trauma, experience with systems-based advocacy, and extensive collaborative history with other advocates and professionals has benefited countless victims throughout Carbon and Emery County.

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### **Mark Wynn**

[Wynn Consulting](#) offers a wide range of training and technical assistance services on child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and intervention to first responders, advocates, clinicians and other professionals. We provide training services to police executives, patrol officers, training officers, prosecutors, judges, legislators, social service providers, healthcare professionals and victim advocates.

- Mark Wynn has lectured internationally for the United States Department of State's Fulbright Specialist program, the American Bar Association and the National Association of District Attorneys in Germany, England, Northern Ireland, Russia, Canada, Australia, the Republic of Mauritius, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Georgia, China, the Republic of Moldova, Aruba, the Republic of Namibia, Russia, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Islands of the Bahamas, Brazil, Turkey, Cyprus, Singapore, the Republic of Ghana and the Republic of Moldova.
- Mark Wynn has served as an advisor to state, national and international leaders to help guide and shape law and policy on this important issue.
- Mark Wynn helped form the largest police domestic violence investigative unit in the United States.
- Mark Wynn is a survivor, enabling him to teach both effectively and passionately. In short, Mark is devoted to ending family violence as a police officer, detective, educator, program supervisor Twenty-one year member of the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department – Served as Lieutenant to the Domestic Violence Division – member of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team for fifteen years

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He is the recipient of 121 commendations and 51 awards and certificates including the 1995 National Improvement of Justice Award and the 1998 Nashvillian of the Year Award.

He recently received the 2012 Family Justice Center Alliance Lifetime Achievement Award

In 2011 he was awarded the "Visionary Award" by End Violence Against Women International and the Distinguished Faculty Award by the National District Attorney's Association

In 2013 he was selected to the Executive Committee of the Nashville Davidson County Domestic Violence Safety and Accountability Assessment – Office of the Mayor

Selected in 1995 as one of the top ten police officers in the United States by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Parade Magazine

Member of International Association of Chiefs of Police National Strategic Partnership on Violence Against Women – Faculty member to the National Leadership Institute

Consultant to the National Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime.

Consultant to the Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime – Training and Technical Assistance Center

Adjunct Instructor/Faculty to the National College of District Attorney's conferences on Family Violence for twenty years.

Trainer/Consultant to the American Bar Association International Rule of Law Initiative

1994 Graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy – Session 178

Qualified as "expert" on the issue of family violence in state and federal court

In October of 1995 Lt. Wynn was invited to the White House by President Clinton to deliver a speech on strategies to prevent domestic violence in the United States.

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In April 1993 Lt. Wynn was called to testify before Congress for the Energy and Commerce Committee – Subcommittee on Health and Environment. He spoke on the public health issue of violence in the family.

In June of 1994 he testified a second time before Congress going before the House of Representatives' Committee on the Judiciary on the positive effects on mandatory arrest in incidents of family violence.

Consultant to the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence – Austin, Texas

Past board member to the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence.

In October of 1998 he was selected to represent U.S. Law Enforcement before the first United States/Russian conference on Violence Against Women in

Moscow.

Adjunct instructor to the University of Nevada's National Council of Juvenile and family Court Judges on the issue of family violence.

Co-wrote the Police Officer Standards and Training certified curriculum on Law Enforcement Intervention and Investigation to Domestic and Sexual Violence

Adjunct instructor to the Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy in Nashville

Member of the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Member of the National Center for Victims of Crime

Past member of the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council for development of policy and training curriculum for law enforcement and the courts for the State of Tennessee

Past instructor to the Nashville Metropolitan Police Academy – Recruit and In-Service Courses of Intervention and Investigation of Domestic and Sexual Violence

Advisor-Trainer to the Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Past advisory board member to the Commissioner of Human Services to the State of Tennessee on Family Violence and Child Abuse

Former member of the National Advisory Board to the Department of Justice -Office of Victim's of Crime on Law Enforcement Response to Family Violence

Featured in the U.S. Justice Department training film "**Albuquerque Journal**". This training film, on family violence for field officers, is used in police department's family violence shelters across the country.

Featured in the California Police Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) training film on Interviewing Techniques and Domestic Violence Victims

Subject of Dateline NBC's segment titled "**Cries for Help**". This news segment covered the subject of children victims of family violence.

Lt. Wynn has appeared on numerous other national television programs such as;

Lifetime Television series – Real Fear Real Crime – Bill Moyers – PBS, The Oprah Winfrey Show, Nickelodeon, Yorkshire (England) Television's 3-D, NBC World News Tonight and ABC Evening.

### **Justin Boardman**

Justin Boardman is a 15-year veteran of the West Valley City Police Department in West Valley City, Utah. During his diverse career he served as a patrol officer and in the Property Crimes Unit before finding his true calling as a detective in the Special Victims Unit. His extensive background in police work, his dedication to victims' rights and giving them a voice, has allowed him to rapidly become a recognized leader in both private and public-sector organizations. Justin multiple areas of expertise, specifically sexual assault and domestic violence investigations.

During his 7 years in the Special Victims Unit, Justin was introduced to the Salt Lake County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) where he was exposed to a multi-disciplinary team that needed involvement from law enforcement. Justin worked tirelessly to improve the investigative process for victims, ultimately identifying weaknesses and gaps in the process. It is through these efforts that SART is now uniquely positioned to influence statute and policy change on a statewide level, which includes passing mandatory processing laws that have helped eliminate Sexual Assault Kit backlogs and increased prosecution of perpetrators.

In his capacity as officer and detective, Justin was awarded the Police Star, multiple Life Saving, Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service Awards, and Investigator of the Year for his work in SVU. He also received the Utah Visionary Voice Award presented by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and the 2017 Public Policy Award by the Utah Council on Victims of Crime. Justin has conducted nearly 300 forensic child victim interviews, and 140 adult sexual assault victim interviews. Justin spent additional time with each victim, working through their trauma to build trust, ultimately building solid cases that increased prosecution and helped provide more procedural justice.

In (2013) Justin co-authored a Trauma Informed Victim Interview protocol for adult victims of sexual assault with Donna Kelly Esq. This new protocol uses the Neurobiology of Trauma to gain additional information to be used in the investigation. This process has been studied and has shown to increase prosecutions along with procedure changes and is now the standard for the victim interview process in Utah and neighboring states.

After retiring in 2017, Justin trains and consults globally on a variety of subjects, most notably the trauma informed victim interview and trauma informed investigations that he relentlessly researches and re-designs in order to create better processes that protect victims. His focus is to strengthen investigations that are victim centered, suspect focused, and trauma informed. He consistently pushes for culture change within the justice system and law enforcement, with a focus on "policing with compassion". Justin strongly believes that compassion and empathy is not a form of weakness, instead, it improves communication, and builds bridges and establishes a system of consistency, belief, and most importantly prosecution of those who harm.

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Justin also currently volunteers' countless hours to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence by providing case reviews, identifying gaps in the investigation, and suggesting additional ways to obtain justice and closure for victims. He recently was a part of the groundbreaking and controversial film "[Chewed Gum](#)".

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### **Joslin Batty, LCSW**

Joslin Batty, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor (RPT-S), graduated from Utah State University with a master's degree in Social Work. She received her bachelor's degree from Utah Valley University in Behavioral Sciences with an emphasis on Psychology. Joslin owns and operates The Journey Counseling Center and is an Assistant Professor at Utah State University in the Social Work Department. Joslin is certified in multiple evidenced-based treatments including, Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Play Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), Child and Family Trauma Stress Intervention (CFTSI) and is currently working on certification for Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT). She is licensed to work clinically with domestic violence issues. She specializes in working with young children, children, adolescents, and adults healing from trauma, domestic violence, and general mental health concerns.

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### **Nicole Black**

Nicole Black is a licensed Social worker currently working for San Juan School District on the Navajo Reservation. After finishing her BA at the University of Arizona this mother of seven, obtained her Masters in Social Work from Utah State University, and her LCSW. She specializes in helping people heal from trauma and is certified in MBB (Mind Body Bridging) and trained in EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) as well as ART (Accelerated Resolution Therapy). She is certified in CAMS and CRP to help people who are struggling with suicidal issues. Nicole trains incoming teachers and staff on how to work with students affected by trauma. She has presented to second year medical students from the University of Utah on trauma related issues specific to indigenous populations. Nicole has experience with native and non-native populations. She works as a therapist on call for the county Mobile Crisis Team and has her own private practice in San Juan County Utah.

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### **Kathy Franchek**

I am an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Utah School of Medicine. As a physician academician, I have teaching, administrative, and investigative responsibilities, as well as providing medical care to pediatric patients. I see pediatric patients with residents and medical students at a county health clinic in Salt Lake City which cares for an underserved, resource poor population. This clinic provides me the opportunity to work with families who are experiencing multiple psychosocial stressors, include intimate partner violence.

Early in my career, I began to see how intimate partner violence was a significant healthcare issue not only for the victims of abuse and violence, but also for their children. As a result of these early experiences, I developed a special interest in how adverse childhood experiences impact children's mental and physical health across the lifespan. I developed a curriculum to teach residents and other healthcare providers about the role they play in identifying and assisting victims of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. I serve as the Chair of the University of Utah Health Domestic Violence Committee. This Committee has developed guidelines for assisting physicians and staff in the identification of and interventions for patients who are victims of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation, including victims of intimate partner violence and human trafficking. Through my leadership on this Committee, the University of Utah healthcare system is transforming into a trauma-informed care system.

My investigative pursuits have aided my ability to turn my scholarly activities into scholarship. Much of my investigative work has been interprofessional as demonstrated by my collaboration with nurses, sociologists, social workers, and students, including undergraduate, graduate, medical, physician assistant, and law students. Applying the knowledge from this research into clinical practice improves the therapeutic response by understanding how common mutual intimate partner violence is in young adult relationships; how culture plays a role in victim-perpetrator relationships; how individual, as well as country, and social determinants of health play a role in perpetrating violence; and the gaps in the education of medical students and residents around the issues of partner violence. Using research on how to educate future physicians in identifying and intervening with patients who have been victimized has helped to improve the curriculum in teaching about these issues.

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### **Alisha Gowen, LCSW**

Alisha Gowen has dedicated her career to working with vulnerable populations impacted by trauma and abuse who often do not have a voice, or the resources needed to overcome the challenges they face. She is an expert in the field of domestic violence and victimology. She has a range of experience working with individuals and families in various systems such as Child & Family services, the criminal justice system as an advocate, schools as a school counselor and social worker and now, as a mental health therapist. Over the last 18 years, Alisha has served on multiple Multidisciplinary teams on the state and local level including UDVC Impact of DV on Children work group, Uintah/Daggett Children Justice Center Child abuse task force, Uintah County Sexual Assault Response Team, Uintah County DVHRT, which is the pilot for DVHRT response for the state of Utah. She understands and has been able to be an eyewitness to the impact of systems on helping or hindering successful healing. Alisha believes that each person, whether in their personal or professional lives, has the power to rise to their full potential. We can each use our power for good and when we do that, our community is stronger for it.