Dorothy Allison grew up in Greenville, South Carolina, the first child of a fifteen-year-old unwed mother who worked as a waitress. Now living in Northern California with her partner Alix and her teenage son, Wolf Michael, she describes herself as a feminist, a working-class story teller, a Southern expatriate, a sometime poet and a happily born-again Californian. Allison has had a long and accomplished career as a writer and speaker. Her work explores themes of class struggle, sexual abuse, child abuse, feminism, gender expression, and sexual orientation.


Allison says that the early feminist movement changed her life. “It was like opening your eyes under water. It hurt, but suddenly everything that had been dark and mysterious became visible and open to change.” Allison received mainstream recognition with her novel *Bastard Out of Carolina* (1992), a finalist for the 1992 National Book Award. The novel won the Ferro Grumley prize, an ALA Award for Lesbian and Gay Writing, became a best seller, and an award-winning movie. It has been translated into more than a dozen languages. *Cavedweller* (1998) became a national bestseller, NY Times Notable Book of the Year, finalist for the Lillian Smith Prize, and an ALA prize winner. Adapted for the stage by Kate Moira Ryan, the play was directed by Michael Greif, and featured music by Hedwig composer, Stephen Trask. In 2003, Lisa Cholodenko directed a movie version featuring Kyra Sedgwick. The expanded edition of *Trash* (2002) included the prize-winning short story, *Compassion*, selected for both Best American Short Stories 2003 and Best New Stories from the South 2003.

In 2006, Allison was Writer in Residence at Columbia College in Chicago. In Summer, 2007, she was Famosa in Residence at Macondo in San Antonio, Texas. In Spring, 2007, Allison was Emory University Center for Humanistic Inquiry’s Distinguished Visiting Professor. And in Fall 2009, Allison was The McGee Professor and Writer in Residence at Davidson College in North Carolina. Awarded the 2007 Robert Penn Warren Award for Fiction, Allison is a member of the board of the Fellowship of Southern Writers. A novel, *She Who*, is forthcoming.
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**Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams**  
*Prevention Specialist, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence*

Cierra Olivia Thomas-Williams, MA, is a Prevention Specialist at Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) whose work focuses on priority populations, which includes people who have a variety of disabilities and youth. Ms. Thomas-Williams works collaboratively with the ICADV prevention team to develop, implement, evaluate and report on strategies supporting Indiana’s sexual violence prevention plan and intimate partner violence prevention plan.

**Skye Ashton Kantola**  
*Program Coordinator, Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA)*

Skye Ashton Kantola is the Program Coordinator at the Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA), a queer and trans community organizer, and an engaged artist. Skye’s passion for violence prevention is rooted in their identities as a gender fabulous unicorn, a disabled trans person, a survivor, and borne in part from their experience with crisis intervention and community organizing work in Texas. After moving to Indiana in 2012, they became the lead facilitator and Director of Trans Lafayette, a local trans support and anti-oppression organization based out of Lafayette, IN until 2016. Since 2015, Skye has also served as the Communication Director of Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed, Inc., a U.S.-based internationally reaching organization committed to utilizing critical pedagogy and non-traditional theatre for social change and anti-oppression work. Skye now facilitates interactive and experienced based workshops towards ending sexual violence, writes and performs spoken word poetry, and creates visual art focused on trauma, survivorship, and resiliency through their art business, Faerie Bear Art.
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Connie Adams, MSW, LCSW
Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN
CLA Training & Consulting

Connie Adams is a compassionate advocate and dynamic educator. Her passion and purpose is to engage others in the prevention and response of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking. For 10+ years, Connie has provided advocacy and counseling services to survivors, engaged groups of 5-500 in presentations and trainings, and utilized innovative program development and evaluation practice. Since 2010, Connie has served as the inaugural director of the Belles Against Violence Office at Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana. She also provides training and consulting to institutions and organizations as they strengthen initiatives to generate awareness, education, and prevention. Connie earned her Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) from Washington University in St. Louis and Bachelor of Social Work from Saint Mary’s College. Her graduate studies focused on Outreach and Prevention in Intimate Partner Violence with a specialization in Management. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Indiana and serves on the founding leadership council for Campus Advocates and Prevention Professionals Association (CAPPA). Prior to higher education, Connie began her work with small non-profits specializing in intimate partner violence. You can follow her on twitter @_ConnieAdams. Connie is a lover of polka dots and puns and enjoys painting, organizing and running, in no particular order.

Amee Liptak
Crisis Intervention Coordinator, Fair Haven Center for Women

Amee was born and raised in Lake County, IN and has lived there her entire life. Northwest Indiana has Amee’s heart and it is a privilege to do the work she does in the place of her greatest highs and greatest lows. During the fall of Amee’s fifteenth year, Amee was date raped. As a result of this event, Amee learned how to “live life” on the outside by excelling in the drama department at school, laughing, singing solos, and being a leader in her church’s youth group, but on the inside, she was filling her life with anything that would take the pain and shame away. At the age of nineteen, living life become too much and through a strange parade of circumstances, Amee began attending a single’s group at Grace Fellowship Church. Through the love of a counselor Amee told her story for the first time, and in doing so, the chains that held her were slowly being released that had held her prisoner for so many years. The road of healing has not been an easy one, but it is one she is committed to. In preparation for her position at Fair Haven Center for Women, Amee has obtained certification in Biblical Lay Counseling through American Association of Christian Counselors, Sexual Assault Advocate Training through Office of Victims of Crime, and additional certifications in Suicide Assessment, Stress and Trauma Care, and Critical Incident Stress Management through ICISF. Amee knows many more men and women will find healing from their sexual assault through the work that ICESA and area partners are doing and is excited to be a part of this journey.
**Emily Imrich, M.S.**  
*Victim Advocate, Fair Haven Center for Women*

Emily is a Victim Advocate at Fair Haven Center for Women. Although born and raised in Northwest Indiana, Emily has lived in many different locations all over the state of Indiana which has allowed her to meet great people and explore many opportunities. In 2013, she graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor's degree in Sociology. While in Bloomington, she was a supervisor at Michael's Arts & Crafts, an Assistant Instructor in IU’s psychology department, and also held an internship at the Lawrence County Public Defender's Agency. Her internship soon turned into an employment opportunity and Emily was hired as a legal assistant in Lawrence County where she worked within the county jails, courts, and alongside successful attorneys. After leaving the law office to take on adventures in Jasper, Indiana, Emily soon realized small town living was not for her and that home is where she needed to be. In 2014, Emily moved back to “the region” to start a new chapter in life. Obtaining her Master's degree had always been a goal of hers and she was fortunate enough to have been accepted into a competitive program at the University of Cincinnati to pursue her Masters of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Her concentration was in the Analysis of Criminal Behavior and Biosocial Criminology. She explored how the brain, along with the environment, influences everyday behaviors and more specifically, how they interact with one another to predispose an individual to risky and criminalistics behaviors. Emily graduated from the University of Cincinnati in the winter of 2015 and started looking for employment opportunities in which she could work within her field, help people, and come home from work feeling like she made a difference. She finally found that opportunity at the Fair Haven Center for Women!

**Megan Jessup-Smyth, MSW, LCSW, CSAYC**  
*Ascent 121*

Megan is the Chief Operating Officer and co-founder of Ascent 121. She is a licensed mental health therapist with more than 15 years of clinical and administrative experience in outpatient and residential treatment settings. She specializes in sexual trauma and has been working with human trafficking survivors since 2009. Megan provides training on human trafficking to numerous organizations including: local colleges and human service agencies, law enforcement, juvenile probation departments, the public defender’s office, child advocates, area judges, and the Department of Child Services. She has also been called to provide expert witness testimony in criminal cases.

Megan is actively involved with the Indiana Protection for Abused and Trafficked Humans (IPATH) Task Force and has served in the brothels in Mumbai, India with Rahab’s Rope. She serves on the Victim Advocate Standards & Certifications Board of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Megan earned her MSW from Indiana University and is certified in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy.
Dr. Mahri Irvine is a nationally-recognized educator and researcher whose interests include the cultural causes of gender-based violence; physical and psychological harms caused by violence; motivations and attitudes of perpetrators; and best practices for violence prevention and culture change. Dr. Irvine earned her doctorate in Anthropology from American University in 2014. She is formally trained in anthropology and qualitative research methods, and she values a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach to research and teaching. Dr. Irvine’s research focuses on rape culture and sexual violence in the United States. Her first major research study examined the impact of sexual victimization on women’s pathways to crime and prison, and she has conducted numerous trainings about this topic for professionals in counseling, nursing, law enforcement, and advocacy. She is currently designing a new research study focusing on students’ and employees’ attitudes toward new university policies and federal mandates about campus responses to sexual violence. Dr. Irvine is the Director of Campus Initiatives for ICESA. In her role with ICESA, Dr. Irvine is responsible for envisioning, developing, and managing the consortium, and ensuring its success. She enjoys working with her colleagues at ICESA’s ten Consortium schools throughout Indiana, and is constantly inspired by her campus colleagues’ enthusiasm and commitment to social justice. Dr. Irvine holds an additional position as an adjunct faculty member for the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at American University; she regularly teaches upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses focusing on gender and violence. Dr. Irvine has worked in the anti-sexual violence movement for over fifteen years.

In addition to academically studying gender-based violence for over a decade, she also has over four years of experience working directly with survivors of sexual violence, intimate partner violence, and stalking. She facilitated a support group for female survivors of violence at a prison reentry organization in Washington, DC, served for three years as a rape crisis counselor and supervisor at the DC Rape Crisis Center in Washington, DC, and served for one year as a rape crisis counselor with Rape Victim Advocates in Chicago. She also served for six years as a volunteer at the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Dr. Irvine’s experiences working with rape survivors in Chicago profoundly affected her personal and professional outlook on the world, and launched her career as an anthropologist. Dr. Irvine lives in Indianapolis with her partner, and three feline children. For inquiries about the ICESA Campus Consortium and trainings or consultations about campus sexual violence, contact Dr. Irvine at mahri@indianacesa.org. For inquiries about Dr. Irvine’s research about incarcerated women and pathways to prison, contact her at mirvine@american.edu.
Joe Glass, JD  
*Indiana Legal Services*  
*Indiana University—Methodist Hospital Medical Legal Partnership*

Joe Glass is an attorney with the IU Health Methodist Medical Legal Partnership, a project funded by the Methodist Health Foundation. Since 2015, Joe has worked with the care team at IU Health Methodist to help address issues involving housing, family stability, public benefits and health insurance among the hospital’s patient population. Prior to working joining the MLP, Joe worked as a Policy Advisor at the MESH Coalition, a partnership that coordinates and promotes emergency preparedness among the six hospital systems of Marion County. Joe is a 2014 graduate of the IU McKinney School of Law and has a degree in political science from Marquette University.

Marcus Bickle, JD  
*Indiana Legal Services*  
*Eskenazi Hospital—Center of Hope Medical Legal Partnership*

Marcus is a graduate of the Indiana University McKinney School of Law in 2001. After an early career in finance and real estate, Marcus changed his career path and went back to school and earned a Masters of Public Affairs with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at IUPUI in 2012. Marcus is currently a staff attorney with Indiana Legal Services (ILS) and has been with the organization since 2015. He has worked a variety of legal issues during his time at ILS, including housing, family law, and consumer credit. Marcus was recently selected to help establish a Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) between the Lois & Sidney Eskenazi Hospital, and specifically the Eskenazi Hospital Center of Hope, and ILS. The MLP focuses on providing civil legal services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. This MLP has been funded by a STOP Grant with the goal of helping victims improve their lives, and subsequently their health, using the civil legal system.
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Barbra Bachmeier, JD, MSN, NP-C
Forensic Nurse Examiner
IU Health Center of Hope—Methodist

Barbra received her Master’s in Nursing in Adult Nurse Practitioner in 1994 and is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner through the AANP. She maintains a clinical practice as a provider in emergency medicine, with a subspecialty in forensic nursing, at IU Health Methodist in the emergency department. She received her Doctorate in Jurisprudence in 2007 from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and has focused her practice in the areas of guardianships and guardian ad litem work. Barb completed a 9-month clinical ethics fellowship through the Charles W. Fairbanks Clinical Ethics Center through IU Health-Methodist in May 2013 and is an affiliate member of IU Health clinical ethics committee. Barb is a retired US Army Veteran with 29 years in service.

Jessica Mannen Kimmet, M.Div.
Campus Minister, Saint Mary’s College

Jessica Mannen Kimmet is a lay ecclesial minister in the Catholic Church who takes particular joy in helping the Church better respond to the needs of women, who have always been its life-blood. As a musician, writer, and composer, Jess is engaged in a lifelong project of unearthing the neglected histories of faithful women and empowering living women to tell their own stories of faith. She currently works as a campus minister at Saint Mary’s College, where she directs liturgical music, forms students as worship leaders, and coordinates a summer theology institute for high school girls. Originally from Portland, Oregon, she has spent most of her adult life in the South Bend area, with the exception of two years of music and youth ministry in Wexford, Ireland. Jess holds a BA in theology and music theory and a Master of Divinity, both from the University of Notre Dame. In December 2014 she embarked on the journey of marriage to Mark, and she is gradually figuring out how to mother an incredible eight-month-old named Marty. In addition to all things ministry and music, Jess loves reading, crafting, cooking, travel, being outside, and meeting new friends in unexpected places.

Sandra Miles, PhD
Dean of Students, IUPUC

Dr. Sandra Miles is the Director of Student Affairs and University Ombudsman at Indiana University–Purdue University Columbus. In this capacity she provides administrative oversight for the Office of Career Services, the Office of Student Involvement, the Academic Resource Center, Adaptive Educational Services, the First Year Experience and the Office of Leadership and Community Service. Additionally, Dr. Miles is the Co-Director of the Leadership Minor, serves as the Chief Diversity Officer for the campus, and helps students navigate through disputes with faculty, staff and/or other students. In addition to her work related responsibilities, Dr. Miles serves on the NASPA Center for Women National Advisory Board, on a host of community boards and committees in Bartholomew County, and is the Immediate Past National Director of the Black Female Development Circle, Inc.
Kimber J. Nicoletti-Martinez, MSW, LCSW  
*Director, Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA)*

Kimber J. Nicoletti-Martinez, MSW, LCSW, is a nationally recognized speaker and trainer, and the Founder and Director of Multicultural Efforts to end Sexual Assault (MESA) at Purdue University. Ms. Nicoletti-Martinez has been an advocate for Latino immigrant and farm worker communities for over 20 years. Ms. Nicoletti-Martinez was awarded the 2013 Woman of Distinction Award by the YWCA of Greater Lafayette for leadership and work with immigrant and farm worker communities. Kimber is the founder and creator Mujeres del Movimiento, a national resource and support network for Latina women who work in violence prevention. Her experiences as a survivor of domestic and sexual violence and a bilingual therapist provide her with insight into barriers and challenges in creating culturally relevant healing and services for individuals, organizations and communities. Kimber’s work has been instrumental in developing child sexual abuse prevention efforts in Low wage immigrant and farm worker communities. Kimber received a BA in Sociology at Purdue University and completed her Masters in Social Work at Indiana University.

Anna Gordon, RN, PHN  
*Marion County Public Health Department*

Anna Gordon is a registered nurse and works as a public health nurse with the Marion County Public Health Department in their Community Based Care department. Before coming to work at the Health Department, Anna was a staff nurse at Riley Hospital for Children in their Emergency Department. In 2012 Anna received SANE A and SANE P training and worked for the Riley Hospital Center of Hope as a SANE, providing services to sexually abused children and adolescents and their families until 2015.
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Kate Kimmer, MPA
Region 4 Coalition Coordinator
Indiana Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, Indiana Youth Services Association

Kate has been an anti-trafficking activist and survivor advocate both within the context of academia and direct field work since 2009. Her passion and dedication to this field originated in her Rotary Youth Exchange experiences in Thailand and Brazil. Following her exchange in Brazil, she returned to Indiana to attend Indiana University where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude with a triple major and B.A. in Political Science, East Asian Languages and Cultures, and International Human Rights and Social Movements; and a minor in Swahili. Her third and final senior thesis was a human rights-based critique of the shortcomings of public policy addressing human trafficking in the Greater Mekong Subregion. Following her graduation from IU, Kate moved to Portland, OR and worked for three years as an anti-trafficking activist and survivor advocate with a myriad of local organizations and community partners. She was awarded the Rotary International Peace Fellowship for her social justice activism in Portland and moved to Tokyo in 2014 to study for her Master's Degree in International Politics and Public Administration. As part of the Fellowship, she applied that degree mid-program in the field in Australia where she was a policy advocacy research and writing support, and state-based anti-trafficking coalition coordinator with The Freedom Partnership. She then returned to Tokyo, wrote her MA thesis: "Transforming intractable conflict through dialogue: Failed anti-sex trafficking initiatives, sex industry legislative advocacy, and the 'great feminist debate,'" and graduated in June of 2016, returning home to Indiana in July. She has presented her papers on public policy and human trafficking at academic conferences in Japan and spoken as a keynote speaker and panelist at anti-trafficking events in Australia, Oregon, and Indiana. Since returning to Indiana in July, Kate has worked at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General coordinating human trafficking prevention and victim services; and in October, she joined Indiana Youth Services Association as the Region 4 Coalition Coordinator for the Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP).
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Karen Maher, JD
Region 5 Coalition Coordinator
Indiana Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, Indiana Youth Services Association

Karen Maher has 20 years of public service experience advocating for disadvantaged populations and children. She has represented numerous minors in abuse and neglect proceedings over the years as both an attorney and GAL through the Cook County Public Guardian’s Office in Chicago, IL, as well as a court-appointed special advocate in East St. Louis, IL and Indianapolis, IN. She’s also managed estates and recovered assets through citation litigation on behalf of exploited disabled adults while at the Public Guardian’s Office, in addition to giving immediate legal advice to low income individuals in crisis on a variety of legal issues while a hotline attorney with the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation in East St. Louis. More recently, she acted as the Education Coordinator for Indianapolis-based anti-trafficking nonprofit, Purchased. This experience, along with her passion for social justice and extensive background working with vulnerable individuals led to her current position as a Regional Coalition Coordinator for the Indiana Trafficking Victim Assistance Program (ITVAP) through Indiana Youth Services Association. Ms. Maher provides human trafficking training to a wide variety of audiences, including: DCS, CASA, service providers, schools and law enforcement. She also works to build provider capacity in the central region of the state to meet victims’ needs. Ms. Maher is currently the Co-Chair of the Youth Working Group for IPATH, Indiana’s state human trafficking task force. She obtained a B.A. with a major in Political Science and minor in Psychology from Queens College where she graduated cum laude, (Charlotte, NC, 1993) and a J.D. from DePaul University College of Law (Chicago, IL 1996). She is a licensed attorney in both Illinois and Indiana.

Caryn Burton
Training Coordinator, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Caryn graduated with her BA in psychology & communications in 1999 and MS in School Counseling in May of 2007, both from Butler University. Caryn completed a one-year term of service with AmeriCorps, working with Legal Services of Indiana and from there supervised the IndyCorps program for three years, directing 90 service members. She worked in direct survivor services for eight years as an outreach and court advocate and as the director of a transitional housing program. Currently, Caryn is on staff at The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence as their training coordinator, holding that position since January of 2007.
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Jennifer Becker, J.D.
Staff Attorney, Legal Momentum

Jennifer joined Legal Momentum as a staff attorney after serving as the Title IX Coordinator for the New York City public school system. In that capacity, Jennifer ensured agency-wide compliance with gender equity laws. Upon graduation from law school, Jennifer served as a prosecutor in Bronx County, NY for nearly seven years. During that time, Jennifer specialized in the prosecution of child and adult sexual assault, handling hundreds of such cases throughout all stages of prosecution. Jennifer attended the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law and has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Quinnipiac University. During her undergraduate studies, Jennifer conducted psychological research on gender-based violence and trauma and published two independent research articles. Jennifer is an active member of the New York City Bar Association Domestic Violence committee and co-chair of the New York County Lawyer's Association (NYCLA) Women in Law committee.

Lynn Hecht Schafran, J.D.
Senior Vice President and Director of National Judicial Education Program, Legal Momentum

Lynn Hecht Schafran, Esq., is Senior Vice President at Legal Momentum and has been Director of Legal Momentum’s National Judicial Education Program to Promote Equality for Women and Men in the Courts (NJEP) since 1981. Lynn also serves as a senior staff attorney, litigating and writing in the areas of rape, domestic violence, the intersection of sexual assault and domestic violence, and gender bias in the courts. Established in 1980 and co-sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges, NJEP initiated judicial education about gender bias in the courts nationwide. Lynn has designed and presented courses for numerous national, state and federal judicial colleges in the United States and Canada and was an advisor to the state supreme court and federal circuit task forces on gender bias in the courts for which NJEP was the catalyst. Lynn was an original member of the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, for which she is now the liaison from Legal Momentum and a member of the editorial board of Perspectives, the Commission’s magazine. She is a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Armed Forces Law, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, and a member of the American Law Institute. She served for six years on the ABA Standing Committee on Amicus Briefs, was a presidential appointee to the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS), and chaired the Committee on Sex and Law of the New York City Bar Association, where she has been a member of the planning committee for the annual Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Distinguished Lecture on Women and the Law since its inception in 1999. She also served as Vice Chair and Special Counsel of the New York City Commission on the Status of Women and as a member of the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation Advisory Committee on Justice. In recognition of her work to end violence against women, Lynn was awarded the End Violence Against Women Visionary Award and the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Sharon L. Corbitt Award.
James Pittenger
System Change Consultant – Sexual Violence Justice Institute

James Pittenger was a Division Commander at the Rochester, Minnesota Police Department and a 32-year member of that Department. He spent a significant amount of his time in law enforcement in Investigations, Patrol, and Planning and Development. Among other duties, he was responsible for developing policy and training in many topics, including sexual assault and domestic violence response and investigation. James also was a founding member of the Olmsted County Sexual Assault Interagency Council (SAIC). He served as an SAIC member for ten years, including eight years as co-chair. James attended the Administrative Officer’s Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. He is a graduate of Concordia University – St. Paul, with a bachelor’s degree in Organizational Management and Leadership. He also received professional certification from the Human Systems Dynamic Institute. James has been a contract trainer and consultant with the Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) at the Minnesota Coalition against Sexual Assault since 2001. He was a trainer for a majority of the SVJI-supported SMART teams in Minnesota and the national sites receiving training and technical assistance form SVJI in Guam, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oregon, and Utah. James has presented workshops on protocol development and case file review at national conferences in Minnesota and Washington, DC, and state conferences in Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, and New Mexico.

Leslie Cook, RN, MDI, SANE-A, SANE-P
Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center

Leslie Cook has been a regional forensic nurse examiner with the Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center since 1996, providing comprehensive care to hundreds of patients in and around Allen County. When not providing patient care, Ms. Cook is highly visible within the communities of northeast Indiana providing in-services, presentations, and lectures to students, professionals and the lay population on a variety of topics regarding sexual assault. In addition, Ms. Cook is also responsible for coordination and implementation of the Adult/Adolescent and Pediatric SART/SANE classroom training offered to nurses, physicians, members of law enforcement, advocates and attorneys throughout the United States. Ms. Cook also serves as a clinical preceptor/mentor to newly trained nurses and provides forensic nursing expertise and consultation to a variety of committees at a local, state and regional level. Ms. Cook is a member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN), and served on the committee to draft educational guidelines for the Forensic Nurse Death Investigator (FNDI). She is also a Board Member of the Indiana Coroners’ Association, and was appointed to the Indiana Coroners Training Board by Governor Mike Pence in 2014.