

Instructor Bio's:

Lindsay Blair, Survivor Services Director, Switch

Lindsay is the Survivor Services Director for Switch. She has worked with women in the commercial sex industry for 4 years through implementing local outreach programs. Lindsay has also worked with other Switch team members to build a strong network of victim service providers and partners to assist women out of the life of the commercial sex industry. Lindsay received training by Shared Hope International in 2013, 2014, and 2015, and was invited to be a presenter at the Shared Hope International (JuST) Conference in Washington, DC in 2015 to present on Switch's Community Outreach and Case Management Tactics. Lindsay frequently represents Switch on both the local and state level task forces fighting against human trafficking in South Carolina.

Tayla Fortenberry, LPC-I, Victim Services Specialist, Switch

Tayla graduated from Converse College, Spartanburg, SC with a Bachelor in Psychology and Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC, with a Masters/ Education Specialist in Mental Health Counseling. Tayla is currently the Victim Services Specialist for Switch. She has worked with women in the commercial sex industry, through Switch, for 4 years. Tayla received training by Shared Hope International in 2013, 2014, and 2015, and was invited to be a presenter at the Shared Hope International (JuST) Conference in Washington, DC in 2015 to present on Switch's Community Outreach and Case Management Tactics. Tayla frequently represents Switch on both the local and state level task forces fighting against human trafficking in South Carolina. She also works alongside local and state law enforcement to intervene and provide victims services to men, women, and children exiting the industry.

Zaina Greene, Community Engagement Director, Switch

Zaina has over 12 years of experience working in youth ministry, including, and leading an outreach team. She also served as a women's ministry leader and was on staff at her church, for several years before having children. Zaina has also worked as a volunteer at a local crisis pregnancy center, counseling women. Zaina joined Switch in 2014, and serves as the Community Engagement Director where she spreads awareness in the community on what human trafficking looks like on a local level and empowers youth and parents to help prevent trafficking from taking place.

Shannon Piller, Human Trafficking Investigator/Dept. of Homeland Security

Shannon is the only full-time Human Trafficking Investigator in the State of South Carolina. Shannon frequently organizes and conducts sting operations targeting traffickers and seeks to uncover and provide services for victims of human trafficking. Shannon also provides extensive training to law enforcement agencies, businesses, schools, and other community members. Shannon is a mandated member of the State Task Force fighting human trafficking and also heads the local Upstate Human Trafficking Task Force.

Diana Tapp, Greenville County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate

Diana is a Bilingual Victim Advocate with Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Her duties include assisting and guiding victims of domestic violence, attempted murder, kidnapping, human trafficking, assault & battery, stalking, sexual assault, etc. In addition, Diana is responsible for all Spanish-speaking victims in Greenville County, regardless of crime. She has assisted agencies such as Homeland Security, SLED, AG's Office, SCVAN, SOVA, bond court, family court, DSS, JVC and others in SC with Spanish speaking victims and suspects. In past three years, Diana has had hundreds of hours of training, including mental health, child fatalities, victimization and trauma, sex trafficking, death notifications, etc. Diana is a member of National Organization For Victim Assistance, Human Trafficking task Force, and Law Enforcement Victim Advocate association.

Dena Garzone, Director of Women's Program at Turning Point of SC

Dena Garzone is a person in long-term recovery. For her, that means she has not had a drink or a mind or mood-altering drug in 4 years and considers her life to have been changed immeasurably for the better. As a result of these changes, Dena is now the Director of Women's Program for Turning Point of SC. She has held this position for 2 years and is currently leading Turning Point of SC in the construction/remodel of a 26 bed facility at 800 Pendleton St. that will house women recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. Dena is also a Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS) certified through DAODAS and works with another nonprofit organization; Fostering Great Ideas, as a support group facilitator for the moms who are dealing with the foster care system. Because of Dena's own personal experience, her desire is to show every woman that they too can change their lives with help and support. To quote Dena, "There is a solution, and none of us have to do it alone."

Madison Crook, Counseling Intern at Greenville Mental Health Center

Madison is a recent graduate of Clemson University with a Masters Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She currently works as a counseling intern at Greenville Mental Health, and manages a caseload including 10 of her own clients. She conducts therapy using CBT, Motivational Interviewing, and Solution Focused Therapy with a Rogerian frame of mind. Madison works with clients to deal with depression, anxiety, relational problems, drug abuse, trauma, personality disorders, and other clinically significant issues.

Kelli Clune, Forensic Nursing Coordinator at Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

Kelli is a S.A.N.E certified Registered Nurse at Spartanburg Regional. She is a member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses. In her position as coordinator of forensic nursing, she trains healthcare professionals on working with sexual assault victims. Kelli is instrumental in helping healthcare professionals identify potential victims of human trafficking.

Greg Smith, Greenville County VICE Investigations

Lt. Greg Smith directs the Field Operations Division of Greenville County VICE and Narcotics Investigations.

The Julie Valentine Center

The Julie Valentine Center is a nonprofit organization that provides free, confidential services to sexual assault and child abuse survivors and their families. They will provide an experienced case manager to teach a session on mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse.

LeAnn Williams, Greenville County Department of Social Services

LeAnn graduated from Clemson with a Bachelors of Art in History in 2013. LeAnn has been serving with Switch on the outreach prayer team since the early stages of Switch in 2013, and currently serves as Secretary of the Switch Board of Directors. She currently works as a Case Manager for the Greenville County Department of Social Services, where she works with children in foster care, foster parents, and oversees treatment plans of biological parents looking to obtain reunification with their children.

Haley Hewitt

Hayley is a recent seminary graduate, having just completed her Master of Divinity studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC. She and her husband, Andrew, are Spartanburg, SC natives. Hayley is passionate about all things Kingdom, study of the Scriptures, and seeing women released into their God-given callings. You will find her enjoying the outdoors, writing, having long conversations, and laughing loudly in her spare time.

Kim Penland, Outreach Team Leader at Switch

Kim Penland is a kindergarten teacher and a Volunteer Leader for Switch. She graduated from North Greenville University in 2006 with a BA in Early Childhood Education and Walden University in 2010 with a MS in Elementary Reading and Literacy. Kim is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Education focusing on curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Kim was first introduced to the injustice of human trafficking while serving at an orphanage in Africa working with a vulnerable refugee population. After returning to states, she began researching human trafficking and looking for ways to fight this injustice in a local setting. During the summer of 2014, she started volunteering with Switch and began building relationships with the women Switch serves. Kim's experience with Switch has given her a deep passion for raising awareness about human trafficking and reaching a population of victims that are often overlooked. Kim has had the honor of speaking at various churches, groups, schools, and organizations about Switch and human trafficking.

Terri Holland, Outreach/Prayer Team Member and Survivor Advocate at Switch

In her own words, Terri identifies as a "Stay-At-Home Grammie". Terri is a Christian and has been involved in various ministry opportunities for 38 yrs. She was not looking for any more Volunteer Opportunities, but The Lord definitely laid Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation on her heart and has since equipped her and given her a passion in ways she never imagined. Having no background in abuse nor having much prior knowledge about the women and men in the commercial sex industry prior to being trained by Switch, Terri says it has been an awesome view of God's Heart toward these precious people in equipping her to serve them. Terri has been volunteering with Switch since February 2015, and she serves on Outreach/Prayer Team, as a Survivor Advocate, on the Awareness Team, and also volunteers in the office.