

K.D. Roche is a field expert on the subject of human trafficking and has been providing recommendations and input to inform research, policies, and programs that work to combat trafficking and provide services to survivors since 2014. They have worked and consulted with law enforcement, health care professionals, social and government organizations such as the Office of Trafficking in Persons, Salvation Army, the Office of Women's Health, Shared Hope International and the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC).

Roche has lived experience as an LGBTQ-identified sex and labor trafficking survivor and professional work experience working with LGBTQ+ population. They focus much of their work on training service providers to recognize signs of family-controlled trafficking and rural commercial sexual exploitation and in training service providers to understand specific vulnerabilities of LGBTQ+ populations. These victim populations have unique needs and different responses to certain traumas and require cultural competency that may differ from other groups. K.D. has dedicated their work in helping service providers better serve these demographics through the creation of trainings, online courses, and publications. K.D. authored their story in the anthology, *Made in the U.S.A.* (available on [www.kdroche.com](http://www.kdroche.com)), and their newest publication, *Fragments: A Post-Traumatic Paradigm* is expected to be released in January of 2019.

K.D. exited their trafficking situation in 2005, and candidly shares the highs and lows of the recovery process to help service providers understand the complexity and commitment required in working with complex trauma survivors. Roche builds on their strengths and resilience to maintain personal capacity and sustainability and offers insight for advocates, providers, and survivors to learn from their journey.