

# The HUMAN TRAFFICKING INSTITUTE

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## DIRECTOR OF VICTIM SERVICES

**M**arie Martinez Israelite is the Director of Victim Services for the Human Trafficking Institute. She has over 15 years of experience in advocating for victims of crime, training criminal justice professionals, and implementing national and international scope victim assistance programs. Most recently, she served as a Senior Project Manager at ICF, where she led the U.S. Department of State



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contract that facilitates the work of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking and develops training related to trauma for U.S. government agencies engaged in anti-trafficking work. She also previously served as an expert consultant for the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center and the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center.

In her career with the U.S. federal government, she was instrumental in developing the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victim's of Crime's first victim service grant program for human trafficking survivors and oversaw the implementation of victim service initiatives throughout the United States. She also served as the Human Trafficking Victim Specialist for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Immigration and Customs Enforcement and later as the Section Chief of the Victim Assistance

Program, where she directed victim assistance operations for the largest investigative agency within DHS and supervised programmatic areas including child exploitation, human trafficking, white collar crime, and human rights abuse.

Recognized as an international expert in human trafficking and sexual assault issues and the use of victim sensitive, trauma-informed principles in criminal investigations, she has trained thousands of criminal justice professionals and victim service providers around the world. She brings significant expertise on immigration relief, systems-based advocacy, and survivor partnerships. She is the recipient of several awards and honors, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary's Award for Excellence and the Executive Office of United States Attorneys Director's Award for Superior Performance in a Litigative Team.

Ms. Martinez Israelite received a Bachelor of Arts from Bucknell University and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband and two daughters.