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**2nd Annual Looking Beneath the Surface Human Trafficking Conference**

Take part in “Looking Beneath the Surface” – Human Trafficking Conference on Friday, January 25th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Kankakee Community College (KCC-100 College Dr. Kankakee, IL 60901) sponsored by KCC, KC-CASA, the 21st Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council, and the Zonta Club of Kankakee. During this day-long conference, participants will learn how to help our communities shed light on this issue and positively impact the lives of survivors. The cost to attend is $15 and includes contact hours and lunch. This event is open for anyone to attend. To register please go to [www.kcc.edu](http://www.kcc.edu) or call 815-802-8207.

Conference participants will hear from the **founder of Lacey’s Hope Project and trafficking survivor Emmy Myers**. Emmy is a business leader, community advocate, speaker, educator and source of knowledge and inspiration for others. She founded Lacey’s Hope Project to help end the social justice issues of sex trafficking and drug abuse and represent the promise of change, restoration, and healing.

**Award-winning documentary filmmaker and survivor Vanessa McNeal** will share her message of overcoming adversity, sexual violence, leadership, and social change. Vanessa is a tenacious and thought-provoking national speaker, two time TEDx speaker, and business owner. As a survivor of child abuse and sexual violence, she transforms audiences with her vulnerability and strength.

For any questions on KC-CASA’s Human Trafficking Program, or to schedule training, please contact Sheri Schweizer at 815-932-7273 ext. 215. For more information please go to [www.kc-casa.org](http://www.kc-casa.org).

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Pictured is “Looking Beneath the Surface” conference speaker Vanessa McNeal.