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FINANCIAL COERCIVE CONTROL ·
INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE ·
THE ABILITY TO LEAVE & REBUILD

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EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Master of Arts in Social Research & Analysis
Master of Arts in Child Advocacy & Policy with a Child Public Welfare Concentration
Graduate Certificate in Data Collection & Management
Paralegal Certificate

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Forthcoming White Paper:

When Coercive Control Turns Financial: the Institution of the Family Court's Response and How It Has a Direct Impact on a Target's Ability to Leave and Rebuild

- Research synthesis examining post-separation financial abuse and the institution of the family court's response, including how failures to interrupt financial abuse can reinforce power and control and contribute to cascading forms of post-separation abuse, including litigation abuse, custody and co-parenting abuse, and long-term financial abuse, despite existing matrimonial-law protections.
- Informed by lived experience, peer-reviewed literature, in-depth conversations with nearly 100 survivors as well as interviews with researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and other experts.
- Findings inform training, speaking, and consulting for institutions and professionals.

THE CRYSTAL FEDELI PODCAST

Long-form conversations bringing together lived experience and professional expertise from researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and other experts to examine coercive control, institutional response, professional practice, and policy.

Selected guests include Lundy Bancroft; Dr. James Ptacek; Margaret B. Drew, J.D., LL.M.; Dr. Hsiu-Fen Lin, MSW; Dr. Brandy D. Johnson, MSW; Erika A. Sussman, J.D., LL.M.; Cynthia Amezcua Zamudio, J.D.; and other leading experts in the field.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Social Researcher & Policy Analyst | Speaker | Trainer | Consultant

Crystal Fedeli Collective LLC

- Provide research, speaking, training, and consulting focused on financial coercive control, institutional response, and how those responses directly impact a target's ability to leave and rebuild.
- Work directly with women navigating coercive control and family court, with a scope of practice focused on documentation and case organization, communication and coercive dynamics, systems navigation, and rebuilding.
- Complement and enhance clients' work with licensed attorneys, therapists, financial advisors, and other professionals involved in their legal, financial, and rebuilding process.

Founder & Executive Director, You Made a Way

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

- Lead research synthesis through the organization's Research Institute focused on financial coercive control, institutional response, and how those responses impact a target's ability to leave and rebuild.
- Lead Community Conversations, the organization's signature public-education initiative and fundraiser, translating research into accessible community education and dialogue.
- Develop resources informed by research and community education to support targets and strengthen institutional response.

State of New Jersey, Office of the Public Defender, Drug Court Unit

Paralegal

- Handled Drug Court expungements statewide, working directly with clients, attorneys, courts, and other stakeholders throughout the expungement process.
- Conducted legal research and writing related to Drug Court expungement matters.
- Contributed to policy and process improvements affecting Drug Court expungement recipients.

State of New Jersey, Department of Children & Families, Division of Child Protection & Permanency

Paralegal | Litigation Unit

- Conducted legal research and writing in support of child protection litigation.
- Prepared legal documents and supported attorneys in matters involving the Division of Child Protection & Permanency.
- Worked with attorneys, caseworkers, courts, and other professionals involved in child welfare proceedings.

Anchor House

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization | Case Manager

- Provided case management and support to youth experiencing homelessness.
- Assisted youth in navigating services, resources, and other needs related to housing stability and well-being.

SAFE in Hunterdon

501(c)(3) Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Organization | Advocate

- Provided direct advocacy and support to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Managed the organization's 24/7 crisis hotline.

The MENTOR Network

Youth Support Specialist

- Provided day-to-day support to youth affected by early and chronic childhood trauma and resulting mental health disorders.
- Supported youth within a structured care environment focused on safety, stability, and daily functioning.

ENABLE, INC.

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization | In-Home Support Specialist & Administrative Assistant

- Provided in-home support to individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Supported day-to-day client needs and organizational administrative functions.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **3rd Annual Congressional Reception**, Washington, D.C.
- **3rd Annual TSM Conference**
- **2026 Mayor Aneka Miller's Mayoral Ball**

SIGNATURE SPEAKING & TRAINING TOPIC

When Coercive Control Turns Financial: the Institutional Response and How It Directly Impacts a Survivor's Ability to Leave and Rebuild

Examines post-separation financial coercive control, institutional response, and how those responses can interrupt or reinforce coercive-control dynamics and shape a survivor's ability to leave and rebuild.

AWARDS & MEDIA

- **2026 Nonprofit of the Year** | Mayoral Award Recipient
- **NJ Spotlight News** | Statewide News Coverage