



## Courtney Furlong, MS, MEd, LPC, CRC Director of Research

Courtney serves as the Director of Research for Street Grace. A native of Atlanta, GA, Courtney is a graduate of Auburn University with a Master of Science in Human Development and Family Science. Courtney also holds a Master of Education in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Furlong left her role with Out of Darkness to pursue a doctorate in Human Development and Family Science at Auburn University in 2019.

Courtney focuses her research on sex trafficking, sexual assault, and gender violence. Furlong has previously worked at the International Labour Organization - a department of the United Nations, before working with NightLight International for over 11 years.

Courtney has assisted victims of sex trafficking from ten countries covering Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America. In 2012, she received Auburn University's Young Alumni of the Year Award and was featured in the "Young Influencer's List" in Brad Lomenick's book, *The Catalyst Leader*.

Courtney is currently on the North America leadership team for the International Alliance on Prostitution (ICAP) and serves on the board of Atlanta Redemption Ink (ARI), a nonprofit providing tattoo cover-ups for victims of commercial sexual exploitation who have brands/trafficking-related tattoos, track marks, self-harm scars, and other scarring.

She likes dogs and singing.

## **About Street Grace:**

Street Grace is a faith-based organization that utilizes evidence-based demand reduction strategies to eradicate the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) through **prevention**, **protection**, **policy**, and **pursuit**.

CSEC is sexual activity with a child in exchange for something of value given to the child or a third person.