



AMES IN ACTION

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INCREASING AWARENESS ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



WHAT DID AMES DO?

LMSW Katherine Moore recently served as a panelist in a broadcast titled "Trafficked: The Psychological Effect of Human Trafficking" hosted by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. She contributed her expertise developed through 10 years of experience working as a social worker in child welfare.

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO THE MILITARY, VETERANS, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND/OR THE COMMUNITY?

It is important that communities develop a comprehensive strategy to prevent, recognize the signs of, and respond to possible cases of human trafficking. Emergency services employees, such as law enforcement officers, play an important role in a community's response to human trafficking. Human trafficking can have negative psychological impacts for both survivors and responders.

HOW CAN YOU APPLY THIS INFORMATION?



LOOK OUT FOR THE SIGNS

Some possible indicators of human trafficking include:

- school attendance issues
- sudden changes in behavior
- bruises in stages of healing
- being fearful or submissive
- basic needs not being met
- lack of possessions
- unstable living situation



REPORT SUSPECTED CASES

Report suspected human trafficking by calling:

- 911 if in immediate danger
- 1-866-363-4842 (GA's 24-hour Human Trafficking Hotline)
- 1-888-373-7888 (National Human Trafficking Hotline)



REACH OUT FOR HELP

If you are a survivor or have worked on human trafficking cases and have noticed negative psychological effects, consider working through these effects in therapy. Choose a clinician who has cultural awareness in human trafficking.