

Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.

Things to Know Alert

As a follow up to the March Alert, this is a reminder to stay vigilant. This community is not immune to the horrors of human trafficking.

The very thing that makes Indiana and Hamilton County at the nexus of the Crossroads of America also makes us vulnerable to the business of selling human beings for prostitution, pornography and more.

Ways to help:

BE AWARE!

- Hotel staff should look for young girls being dropped off and leaving 15-60 minutes later with no luggage and usually dressed inappropriately. All the staff needs to do is make note of it and any details they can get: plate number, car make/model, direction they left, etc.

KNOW THE FACTS!

- <u>Heat Map</u> from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center
- Human Trafficking and the Hotel Industry
- The Washington Post Article: Victim Suing Hotel

BECOME ACTIVE!

 Reach out to <u>Sarah Buckner</u> above to receive reproducible information sheets that focus on each area of hospitality services and provide tips on how to spot and report suspected human trafficking cases. We also touch on human trafficking in our Super Service training video, now available, and will upload an information presentation that you can borrow for your staff meetings. Also, if you are contacted by the FBI for undercover operations, please cooperate. They will not disturb your guests - they only want to support these young people who have become victims of this crime and are stealth in their operations.

Thank you for becoming a part of the solution for this terrible crime.

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