

Alia El-Sawi

Victim Assistance Specialist, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)

Alia El-Sawi has worked on human trafficking cases for 18 years. Alia's area of responsibility includes all of Georgia and Alabama (and formerly covered North Carolina and South Carolina). In her capacity as Victim Assistance Specialist, she designs and provides educational trainings and outreach to law enforcement, attorneys, mainstream service providers, and community-based organizations on human trafficking and child exploitation. She works to establish collaborative relationships locally, statewide, and nationally. Additionally, she is involved in conducting victim interviews and completing a portion of the immigration documents and relief available to human trafficking survivors.

Prior to her work with Homeland Security, Ms. El-Sawi worked for a non-profit, Tapestri, and served as the Anti-Human Trafficking Program Coordinator. In her past position, she provided trainings, outreach, and direct services/case management to foreign-born survivors of human trafficking. Alia also worked on cases that involved immigrant and refugee survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape. She has served as the Chair of the Department of Health and Human Services' Rescue & Restore Board for three years and served as the Freedom Network's Social Service Committee Chair for three years.

Alia is experienced in public speaking and has made many presentations for the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Department of State, Department of Labor, and Department of Health and Human Services. She has presented in multiple local, state, national, and international events and conferences. She has traveled overseas to train foreign governments on human trafficking in Chile, Peru, Brazil, Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, and Budapest, Hungary.

Alia has received several awards and recognition on her work within human trafficking: Georgia Trend's Top 40 Under 40; ISB's Top 40 Under 40; Atlanta Young Government Leaders Award; Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director's Award; U.S. Attorney's Award for the Northern District of Georgia; Special Agent in Charge Atlanta's Patrick Wilhelm Award; and Mercer University's Mary Ann Drake Award Combatting Human Trafficking.

Alia has Bachelor's degrees from Mercer University in International Affairs and another in French. Alia has her Master's degree from Boston University in Criminal Justice with a focus in Victimology. She speaks Arabic, French, Spanish, and conversational Portuguese.

Amy Hutsell

Director, Special Projects and Partnerships with Georgia's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

Amy Hutsell and her team have competitively secured over \$28 million in federal and private foundation assistance for the state of Georgia's criminal justice initiatives. She is a sought-after speaker for state and national training events and conferences. She oversees the Georgia Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Project, which provides technical assistance and best practices training to Georgia's 50 judicial circuits and 159 counties.

Ms. Hutsell chairs the State SART Expert Committee, which provides guidance in the development of resources, such as sexual assault guidelines and model protocols. One such resource, The Georgia SART Guide, is used across Georgia by law enforcement, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs), victim advocates, prosecutors, and judges. Ms. Hutsell also oversees the state Sexual Assault Kit project which has successfully addressed the state's sexual assault kit backlog and developed a statewide sexual assault kit (SAK) tracking system. She also established and oversees the Georgia Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Task Force, which has provided answers to victims and families of cold case sexual assaults and sexually motivated homicides. In that capacity, she worked with the FBI, Texas Rangers, and local law enforcement in identifying Georgia cases associated with Samuel Little, identified as the country's most prolific serial killer.

Along with developing and overseeing the Georgia Coalition to Combat Human Trafficking and Agricultural Labor Trafficking Task Force, Ms. Hutsell is also responsible for the management of all state and federal grants providing direct service funding to sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking victim-serving agencies in Georgia. She has over 18 years of experience in sexual assault and child sexual abuse services.

Ms. Hutsell was the Assistant Director of the Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center and Children's Advocacy Center. She is a Board Member of End Violence Against Women International, a member of the Macon Girls' Coordinating Council and was previously a Court Appointed Special Advocate. She holds a certificate in Genetic Genealogy from the University of New Haven's Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science

Skip Myers

Solutions Consultant, LexisNexis Risk Solutions

Skip Myers has experience that spans law enforcement, criminal investigations, fraud prevention, and security leadership.

Skip is a champion for Internet Safety and protecting the most vulnerable from online predators and internet monsters. He is a frequent speaker at schools, conferences, and local community events focusing on providing Internet Safety awareness and education. Skip is also the co-founder of the Internet Safety Brigade, a non-profit organization dedicated to online safety education for children and adults. Skip recently authored a new children's book titled, "Say No To Internet Monsters: A Cyber Jack Adventure" that addresses the urgent need to protect kids online.