

**RED FLAGS OF TRAUMA/ACEs**  
*in Children & Parents Reading Between the Lines*

- **CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE:** Domestic violence, physical punishment
- **LIVING CIRCUMSTANCE:** Hazardous conditions, no utilities, on the streets, in a shed, with friends or relative, in their car
- **STATUS:** Runaway, jail, prison, mental health or substance abuse facility
- **REPORTED HOTLINE HISTORY:** A parent's childhood or sibling's history, adopted? permanent guardianship/relative caregiver?, sibling's locations (jail, dead, mental health issues)
- **INDICATED & UNFOUNDED REPORTS:** Give them weight: unfounded doesn't = untrue
- **TYPES OF CHARGES AND FREQUENCY:** Multi batteries included on LEO or staff, sex offenses (a victim of child sex abuse?)
- **SCHOOL HISTORY:** Graduate from HS?, suspensions & expulsions
- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** Victim or offender
- **MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY:** Age, multi diagnosis: ADHD, PTSD, bi-polar, anxiety, explosive disorder, hospitalizations
- **MULTI-SEXUAL PARTNERS:** Unknown fathers?, children who were product of rape?
- **TATOOS:** Branding by a trafficker?
- **PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND EMOTION:** Aggressive, antsy, no eye contact, hunched, exhausted
- **PHYSICAL HEALTH:** Diabetes, heart disease, cancer, auto-immune diseases, sores
- **DRUGS:** Marijuana use despite substance abuse counseling
- **MEN WITH SIGNIFICANT ATTACHMENT TO DOG:** A recent study shows *male* victims of sex abuse cope through a relationship with their dog