

Professing Therapists letter

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To whom it may concern:

As a volunteer group of therapists, we are extremely limited on what services we are allowed to provide in the context of the current crisis. We are not an organization and are not affiliated with one. We cannot and will not enter into contracts for therapy. We want to emphasize that we do not endorse the use of "professing-only" therapy services and in most cases, a professing therapist is not even available. Clients are referred to trauma informed providers in the city where they live. We cannot, have not, and will not do assessments.

We can provide consultation on trauma-informed care, child welfare laws, child sexual abuse, and sexual abuse laws. We do have a website FOR RESOURCES ONLY. Without our consent, the development website URL of our resources was shared yesterday (dev stands for "in development"). We have taken that link down because it was not meant to be shared. We have removed the "contact us" button because we wanted to clarify our intent. The wording used is standard for mental health sites that offer a "contact us". We understand HIPAA laws, work with them daily in our practice, and value confidentiality to the point we have temporarily removed the website users' ability to send us messages through the platform until we could clarify to the public the purpose of that function before adding it back to the site.

Regarding requests for therapy referrals for sex offenders, our therapist group strictly recommends seeking therapy exclusively from external sources. It is essential that treatment be conducted by certified providers affiliated with the Association for Treatment of Sexual Offenders. Any alternative course of action would be considered a violation of our professional code of ethics. The Association for Treatment of Sexual Offenders is a nationally recognized organization with certified providers available in every state.

We have zero capacity or capability to fundraise for victim's therapy and would also feel that is out of our scope. We have no agenda other than to provide assistance in the current crisis given the limits we are required to work with. Our website serves as a resource hub, providing valuable information and materials, and we do hope it is a help.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to us via email at professingtherapistsgroup@gmail.com.

Additionally, our webpage, located at <https://resourcesforhealing.org> , will continue to be updated with relevant resources as they become available.

Thank you for your understanding,

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(volunteering)