

Speaker & Professional title:

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Speaker Biography:

As a member of Iowa's Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team for 15 years, Kaelee's work has been focused on disaster behavioral health and crisis services. This work has included responding in various capacities to many disasters including flooding, tornadoes, derechos, the pandemic, as well as numerous critical incidents.

Kaelee is also a member of FEMA/SAMHSA DTAC Cadre of Consultants. This allows for the opportunity to train both in Iowa and other States during Presidentially declared disasters to implement the FEMA Crisis Counseling Program and offers assistance with grant review and contributing as a subject matter expert in various capacities. Most recently, Kaelee has also been utilizing experiences gained to train Iowa's workforce to manage feeling overwhelmed and preventing or recovering from burnout and compassion fatigue.