Trauma Informed Hampshire County:

A network responding to adverse childhood experiences by building resilience

Minutes

Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:00-2:30 p.m.

 Item
 Next Steps

 Present: Ruth Ever, TIHC Staff/consultant; Heather Warner, SPIFFY/CES;
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Association for Mental Health; Chase Giroux, Clinical and Support Options;
Ariane Krumholz CSO; Geoff Naunheim, United Way of Hampshire County;
Lexi Polokoff, SPIFFY; Heather Crawford, Early Childhood Mental
Health@CES; Kelly Broadway, CCRT & CSO; Anne Marie Martineau, DMH;
Melinda Calianos, MTCP; Naomi Bledsoe, NWDA's office;Liz Sartell, CSO;
Maya Rege-Colt, Adoption Journeys; Lisa Goldsmith, SPIFFY Coordinator.

Community Discussion and Reflection

Entire meeting was a presentation and discussion with Jen Malcom-Brown and Jessica Griffin from **Umass Medical Child Trauma Training Center**. Their work with a grant from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network has 3 major priorities:

- 1) offer widespread trauma informed and trauma responsive trainings across professional groups
- 2) creation of a neutral centralized referral system, LINK-KID to increase access for children who've been traumatized to trained clinicians in a more timely manner (average wait time has been many months across the state)
- 3) Disseminate training of trauma focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT).

Highlights: their work has reached 14,000 professionals, impacting 170,000 kids statewide. They have significantly lowered the wait time for kids seeing qualified clinicians from 6-9 months to about 45 days, often less through LINK-KID. They don't support widespread screening of ACEs because of limitations of system to be able to address what comes up. 36% of kids referred have parents with SUD (substance use disorder) and these kids have about 2.8 more trauma experiences than others (eg neglect, abuse, etc). When asked which groups they suggest targeting, they actually said they are focusing on supporting parents and caregivers, not the kids. Fostering one positive adult relationship is such a strong protective factor.

Next Network Meeting May 13 from 1-2:30p.m. Joining us this
month will be Alison Cebulla, Community Facilitator,
Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Region, PACEsConnection.com

➤ Full Network meetings are monthly on the second Thursday from 1-2:30 pm