Is Your IDD Organization or System Ready Yet for Trauma-Informed Care?

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Traumatic Stress Institute

Mission: To foster the transformation of organizations and service systems to trauma-informed care through the delivery of whole-system consultation, professional training, coaching, and research.
Core Services

Whole System Change Model to Trauma-Informed Care (TIC)
❖ Internationally-recognized model for changing systems to TIC

Trauma-Informed Care Research
❖ Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care (ARTIC). The most widely used validated measure of TIC currently available

83 TSI Client Agencies in 22 US States, 2 Canadian Provinces, and Jamaica

Polls
“Trauma Is the Elephant in the Room” (Karyn Harvey)

- Rate of victimization from violent crime for people with IDD is 2.5 times higher than those who are not IDD (Harrell, 2017).
- 31% of children with IDD suffered child maltreatment compared to 9% of nondisabled children (Sullivan and Knudsen, 2000).
- Over the course of a year, 14% of direct care staff in IDD organizations admitted to acts of violence against adults with IDD and 35% said they witnessed violence against individuals (Strand, Benzein, & Saveman, 2004).

Video
James Meadours talks with Dr. Karyn Harvey about trauma and shame

What Is Trauma-Informed Care?
An approach where ALL levels of a system:
REALIZE the pervasive impact of ACEs and trauma
RECOGNIZE the signs of trauma in people served
RESPOND by applying the practices of TIC to system
RESIST RE-TRAUMATIZATION - provide service that heals rather than make things worse
(SAMHSA, 2014)
Trauma-Informed Care ≠ Training, Trauma Assessment, or Trauma Treatment Alone (necessary, but not sufficient)

Outcomes Associated with Trauma-Informed Care

In General Human Service Organizations
- Decrease use of physical restraints (Azeem et al., 2011; Bloom & Farragher, 2011)
- Decrease in staff burnout (Hales et al., 2002; Handran, 2015)
- Increase in staff retention (Hales et al., 2002)
- Increase in staff compassion fatigue (Hales et al., 2002)

In IDD Organizations
- Decrease in challenging behavior (Keesler & Isham, 2017)
- Decrease in use of PRN medications (Keesler & Isham, 2017)
- Decrease in staff compassion fatigue (Keesler, 2020)
- Increase in staff compassion satisfaction (Keesler, 2020)
Trauma-Informed Care: A Paradigm Shift

Not Trauma-Informed Model

Trauma-Informed Model

Underlying Assumptions

Not Trauma-Informed Model

Priority placed on compliance.

Trauma-Informed Model

Priority placed on choice, collaboration, and recovery.

Underlying Assumptions

What's wrong with you?

What happened to you?

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Underlying Assumptions

Not Trauma-Informed Model

Agent of change solely is positive and negative reinforcement.

Trauma-Informed Model

Relationships also critical agent of change.

Underlying Assumptions

Not Trauma-Informed Model

Negative behavior must be stopped (extinguished) quickly.

Trauma-Informed Model

Negative behavior viewed as adaptive. Serves a function - which we need to figure out.

Underlying Assumptions

Not Trauma-Informed Model

Direct Support Professional’s (DSPs) role largely about behavior compliance

Trauma-Informed Model

DSPs’ role expanded to that of healers
Underlying Assumptions

Not Trauma-Informed Model
Support person expected to be invulnerable. Strong feelings about the work viewed as unprofessional and weak.

Trauma-Informed Model
Support person expected to be impacted by the work. Strong feelings inevitable.

So, Now What?
Increase knowledge and awareness.

Resources:
- Risking Connection for IDD
- Alive and Well Toolkit
- Road to Recovery Training Curriculum
- The National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) Resources
- Keesler (2014). Call for the Integration of Trauma-Informed Care Among IDD Organizations.

So, Now What?
Do a baseline assessment of TIC

Resource:
- Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care (ARTIC) Scale
- Trauma-Informed Climate Scale (TICS-10)
**So, Now What?**

Implement trauma assessment, referral, and treatment for individuals

**Resources:**
- National Child Traumatic Stress Network Resources
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**So, Now What?**

Implement trauma-informed care as a whole system

**Resources:**
- Manual for Self-Guided Implementation of TIC
- Palay, L. (2021). The Way Through: Trauma Responsive Care for IDD Professionals
- Traumatic Stress Institute’s Whole-System Change Model to Trauma-Informed Care

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**Developmental Framework for Trauma-Informed Approaches**

The Missouri Model: A Developmental Framework for Trauma-Informed Approaches
Risking Connection Trauma Training

- Foundational trauma training for staff
- Tailored for IDD sector specifically
- Provides framework for understanding the impact of trauma on problem behavior
- Promotes RICH relationships – Respect, Information, Connection, and Hope
- Emphasis on compassion fatigue and staff self-care

Risking Connection IDD Basic Training (Virtual)
June 14-15, 2021

For Information and Registration

Pilot TIC Learning Collaborative for IDD Organizations

- First-of-its-kind
- 18-month initiative (May 2021-November 2022)
- 4 IDD organizations from across the US
- All implementing TSI’s Whole-System Change Model
- Led by Faculty expert team
- Use of Learning Collaborative method
- Formal research on the initiative
Participating Organizations

• Ariel Clinical Services (Grand Junction, Colorado)
• Campagna Academy, Inc. (Schereville, Indiana)
• People Inc. (Williamsville, New York)
• Adelbrook Behavioral and Developmental Services (Cromwell, Connecticut)

Pilot - Faculty Expert Team

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IDD Organizational Readiness Tool for Trauma-Informed Care (TIC)©
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