

Trauma-Responsive Advocacy



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Survivors of CSEC,
Model Rules, and
Better Dependency
Outcomes



Who we are
And how we work
together



Poll:

I know what it means to be trauma-
informed.



Poll:

I know the difference between trauma-informed and trauma-responsive.

Governing Principles

To Support
a Trauma-Informed
and Responsive space

6 GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO A TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH

The CDC's [Center for Preparedness and Response \(CPR\)](#), in collaboration with SAMHSA's [National Center for Trauma-Informed Care \(NCTIC\)](#), developed and led a new training for CPR employees about the role of trauma-informed care during public health emergencies. The training aimed to increase responder awareness of the impact that trauma can have in the communities where they work.

Participants learned SAMHSA'S six principles that guide a trauma-informed approach, including:



Adopting a trauma-informed approach is not accomplished through any single particular technique or checklist. It requires constant attention, caring awareness, sensitivity, and possibly a cultural change at an organizational level. On-going internal organizational assessment and quality improvement, as well as engagement with community stakeholders, will help to be augmented with organizational development and practice improvement. The training provided by for CDC to view emergency preparedness and response through a trauma-informed lens.

Child Welfare Legal Representation

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Poll:

I am familiar with the SAMHSA Core
Principles of a Trauma-Informed
Approach.



Poll:

I look to the ABA's Model Rules of Professional Responsibility to inform courtroom procedures.



Poll:

I encourage attorneys to incorporate the
ABA Standards of Practice for Child
Attorneys, Parent Attorneys, and/or
Agency Attorneys.

Informed v. Responsive

Trauma-Informed

Awareness of trauma and its
effects

Trauma-Responsive

Integrate knowledge about trauma
into policies, procedures, and
practices, and seek to resist
retraumatization

SAMHSA'S 6 PRINCIPLES

of a

TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH



SAFETY

Prevents violence across the lifespan and creates safe physical environments.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Fosters positive relationships among residents, City Hall, police, schools and others.

EMPOWERMENT

Ensures opportunities for growth are available for all.

COLLABORATION

Promotes involvement of residents and partnership among agencies.

PEER SUPPORT

Engages residents to work together on issues of common concern.

HISTORY, GENDER, CULTURE

Values and supports history, culture and diversity.

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ABA
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
Center for Professional
Responsibility

- 1.2 Scope of Representation & Allocation of Authority Between Client & Lawyer
- 1.3 Diligence
- 1.4 Communication
- 1.6 Confidentiality
- 1.14 Clients with Diminished Capacity
- 2.1 Advisor

Child Welfare Legal Representation

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- Every child is appointed a lawyer bound by the rules of professional conduct
- Lawyers must have specific child welfare training
- Reasonable caseloads
- Child-centered, research-informed, permanency driven, holistic
- Child has a right to participate



Poll:

I run a trauma-informed & trauma-responsive courtroom.

A Conversation with Colleagues





Safety



Trustworthiness & Transparency

Collaboration & Mutuality



Empowerment, Voice, & Choice





Cultural, Historical, & Gender Issues

Peer Support



Thank you!

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