Creating a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare System:
Becoming a Supercommunity!
Volusia County Supercommunity
Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems
Dissemination and Implementation Project
(CTISP- DI)
A trauma-informed child welfare system is one in which all parties involved recognize and respond to the varying impact of traumatic stress on children, caregivers and those who have contact with the system. Programs and organizations within the system infuse this knowledge, awareness and skills into their organizational cultures, policies, and practices. They act in collaboration, using the best available science, to facilitate and support resiliency and recovery.

- CTISP National Advisory Committee
Essential Elements of a Trauma-Informed Child-Serving System

- Partner with Agencies and Systems that interact with Children and Families
- Maximize Physical and Psychological Safety for Children and Families
- Partner with Youth and Families
- Identify Trauma-Related Needs of Children and Families
- Enhance the Well-Being and Resilience of Those Working in the System
- Enhance Child Well-Being and Resilience
- Enhance Family Well-Being and Resilience
Essential Elements of a Trauma-Informed Child-Serving System

1. Maximize physical and psychological safety for children and families
2. Identify trauma-related needs of children and families
3. Enhance child well-being and resilience
4. Enhance family well-being and resilience
5. Enhance the well-being and resilience of those working in the system
6. Partner with youth and families
7. Partner with agencies and systems that interact with children and families
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Overarching Goal: To move trauma informed systems from a concept and set of resources and training and local test sites into day to day practice in real world settings across an entire jurisdictions that can then serve as exemplars for others.

**Process:**
- Assessment
- Individual Planning- using Implementation Science in support
- Training and Technical Assistance
  - Trauma-Informed systems
  - Screening and assessment
  - Trauma-informed evidence-based treatment
- Change Management Support
- Participation in National Peer-to-Peer Support Network
“A romantic enters the world. Innocence is about to meet the world's harsh realities. I'm sure we've all been caught by surprise in some way along the way”.

- Richard Stine
Volusia County, FL

- Census – 500,800
- 11th most populated county in FL
- Average of 495 Hotline Calls per month
- CPC Total Served through Case Management-1143
- CPC Total Served through Out of Home Care - 731
Volusia County Timeline

May 2013
Community Engagement Process

August 2013
2 DCF Program Administrators Participate in a CWTTT Train-the-Trainers in San Diego, CA

July 2014
1st Supercommunity Face-to-Face Meeting in San Diego, CA

December 2014
Chadwick facilitated a Train-the-Trainers on Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents (Resource Parent Curriculum)

Projected for the next 6 months:
* Implement RPC as pre-service
* Include the CWTTT as pre-service
* Pilot a Trauma Screener for Children
* Administer the Professional Quality of Life Scale (ProQOL)
* Map out trauma-informed services available in the community

August 2013
Community Kick-off Event

Chadwick Administration of Trauma Systems Readiness Tool (TSRT)

August 2014
Supercommunity Trauma-Informed Implementation Plan (STIIP) completed

January 2015
2nd Supercommunity Face-to-Face Meeting in San Diego, CA

January 2015
Both DCF and CPC have created workgroups to address Secondary Traumatic Stress/Compassion Fatigue
Accomplishments

- Secondary Traumatic Stress Workgroups
- Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents (Resource Parent Curriculum)
- Community Mapping of Trauma-Informed Services in Volusia County
- Started Integration of cross-systems partners and consumers
Challenges

• Timing of Florida Safety Decision Making Methodology Role Out

• Staff Turnover both DCF and CPC

• Engagement of Community Partners during the planning phase
• Child Welfare Trauma Training Toolkit (CWTTT)
• SCARED-Short Trauma Screener
• Administration of the Professional Quality of Life Scale (Pro-QOL)
• Trauma Informed Court Programs
• Integration of cross-systems partners and consumers
• Integration of Florida Safety Decision Making Methodology
QUESTIONS?
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