

Central East (HHS Region 3)

# Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

**School Mental Health Virtual Learning Series** 

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Trauma Responsive Schools Implementation Assessment July 29, 2020

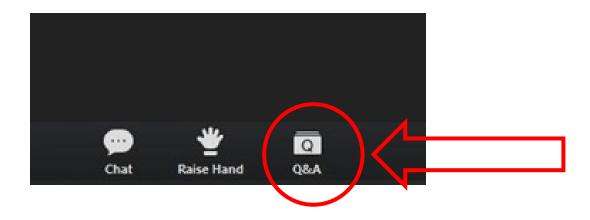




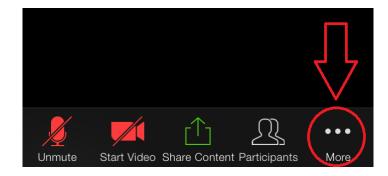
## **Technology Support**

- Slides will be posted on the NCSMH website (<u>www.schoolmentalhealth.org</u>)
  and emailed after the presentation to all registrants
- Please type questions for the panelists into the Q&A box.
- Use chat box for sharing resources, comments, and responding to speaker

Web



**Mobile App** 











## School Mental Health Webinar Series

#### **Description**

The Central East MHTTC in collaboration with the National Center for School Mental Health is hosting a school mental health webinar series with a focus on advancing high quality, sustainable school mental health from a multi-tiered system of support, trauma sensitive, and culturally responsive and equitable lens.

#### **Objectives**

- Gain increased awareness of high quality, sustainable multi-tiered system of school mental health supports and services
- Support trauma-informed systems in schools
- Discover the impacts of social determinants of health on student academic and social-emotional-behavioral success
- Learn to provide more culturally responsive and equitable services and supports
- Hear perspectives on school mental health from school, district and state levels
- Obtain insight into how youth, families, schools and communities can best work together to address student mental health needs







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# **Central East Geographical Area of Focus**

## **HHS REGION 3**

**Delaware** 

**District of Columbia** 

**Maryland** 

**Pennsylvania** 

Virginia

**West Virginia** 







# What Does Central East MHTTC Do?

### **Actions**

- Accelerate the adoption and implementation of evidence-based and promising treatment and recovery-oriented practices and services
- Strengthen the awareness, knowledge, and skills of the behavioral and mental health and prevention workforce, and other stakeholders, that address the needs of people with behavioral health disorders
- Foster regional and national alliances among culturally diverse practitioners, researchers, policy makers, funders, and the recovery community
- Ensure the availability and delivery of publicly available, free of charge, training and technical assistance to the behavioral and mental health field









## **National Center for School Mental Health**

#### MISSION:

Strengthen policies and programs in school mental health to improve learning and promote success for America's youth

- Focus on advancing school mental health policy, research, practice, and training
- Shared family-schools-community mental health agenda

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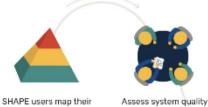


# **School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation (SHAPE) System**

**New site launching Summer 2019** 

Take a tour - <a href="https://tour.theshapesystem.com/">https://tour.theshapesystem.com/</a>

SHAPE helps districts and schools improve their school mental health systems! **HOW?** 



school mental health

services and supports

Assess system quality
using national
performance standards

Assess system quality
and strategic planning
guidance and resources



Utilize additional SHAPE features including the Screening and Assessment Library and Trauma-Responsive Schools Assessment and Resources



Use state and district dashboards to collaborate with schools in your region

(NCSMH, 2019)

# http://traumaawareschools.org



# Treatment and Services Adaptation Center for Resiliency, Hope, and Wellness in Schools



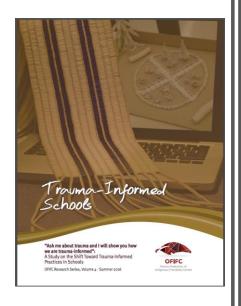


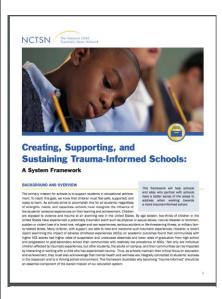


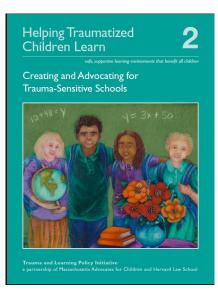


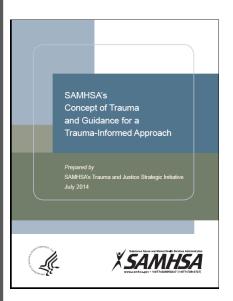








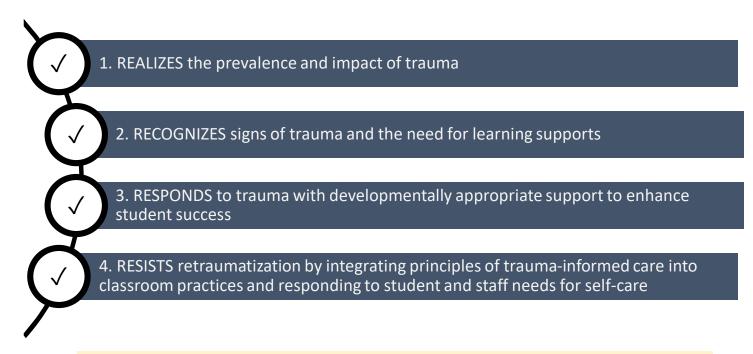




# Frameworks for Trauma-Informed Schools



## What is a trauma-informed school?



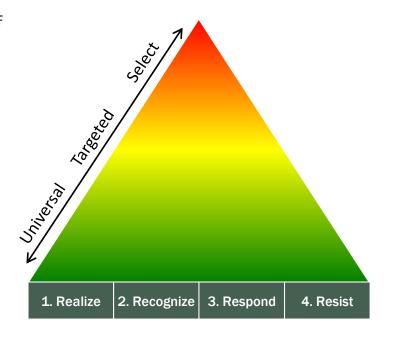
Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2014.

# The trauma-informed school is the structure for a range of interventions for traumatized students

A multitier system of support is a continuum of supports for students that provide a range of service and support intensities

The system is built to facilitate the four R's:

- 1. Realize
- 2. Recognize
- Respond
- 4. Resist





# Multi-tiered approach to trauma-informed schools

#### Tier 1

#### Safe Environments and Universally Healthy Students / Creating and Supporting a Trauma-Informed School Community

Schools transform on a number of levels to create and support safe environments that promote healthy and successful students and staff. This foundational work is Tier I of the MTSS pyramid and necessary to support strategies across the entire pyramid.

#### Tier:

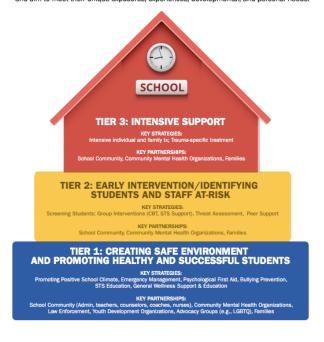
#### Early Intervention/Identifying Students and Staff At-Risk

Schools identify and respond to students and staff who are at-risk or have been exposed to trauma and/or loss in ways that meet their unique exposures, experiences, developmental, and personal needs.

#### Tier 3

#### Intensive Support

Schools provide support to those students whose behaviors and experiences necessitate intensive interventions and aim to meet their unique exposures, experiences, developmental, and personal needs.





Universal approaches

**FEW** 

SOME

**ALL** 

# The Challenges



We've got this Tier 1 thing down!

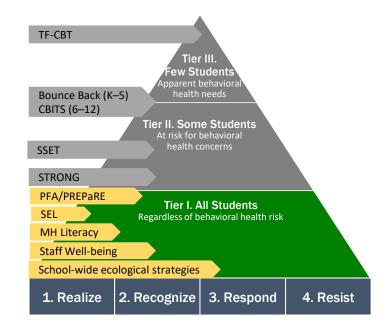


If only all of the students did yoga...



# UNIVERSAL Mental Health/Trauma-informed/ Safe Supportive Strategies

- Trauma-responsive school policies and practices
- Positive school climate
- Staff well-being
- Mental health literacy for school staff and students
- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)
- Crisis preparedness





## Trauma-responsive school policies and practices

#### TIS Environmental Scan

- Organized around SAMHSA's 6 key principles of trauma-informed care.
- Observations take place across multiple settings and by multiple people.

#### **KEY PRINCIPLES AND INDICATORS**

#### **SAFETY**

Classrooms are arranged to minimize crowding and distraction.

Classrooms are actively supervised during instruction.

Activities are structured in predictable ways (e.g., explicit classroom routines, specific directions, etc.).

Changes, including new people and activities, are foreshadowed so students can predict what will happen next.

#### **KEY PRINCIPLES AND INDICATORS**

#### EMPOWERMENT, VOICE, AND CHOICE

Opportunities exist for students to learn and practice regulation of emotions and modulation of behaviors.

Information is presented and learning is assessed using multiple modes.

Opportunities exist for students to develop skills and build positive self-identity.

Opportunities exist for students to make choices during the school day.



# TIS Discipline Policy Checklist

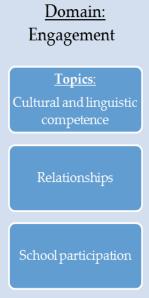
TIC Value	Discipline Practice	Is this practice in place? (Circle One)		Frequency Rating If YES, to what extent? Please circle a number to indicate.  1: I have seen this practice used in my school and/or I have used this practice in my classroom, but very rarely or inconsistently.  3: This practice is used in my school and/or I use this practice in my classroom about half of the time.  5: This is a practice embedded in my school's policies and is used very consistently in the school and/or in my classroom.					
	Disciplinary infractions are handled in a timely manner that is consistent with the standards outlined by the school.	Yes	No	Extent: Notes:	1	2	3	4	5
	Discipline is hands off, including no restraint.	Yes	No	Extent: Notes:	1	2	3	4	5
	Positive behavior is reinforced in a manner consistent with the standards outlined by the school.	Yes	No	Extent: Notes:	1	2	3	4	5
Safety	Restorative solutions (e.g., restorative circles) are employed to foster a positive and communicative school environment.	Yes	No	Extent: Notes:	1	2	3	4	5
	Ally (teens) OR Check and Connect mentor (elementary) is used so all students have an adult at school with whom they feel safe.	Yes	No	Extent: Notes:	1	2	3	4	5

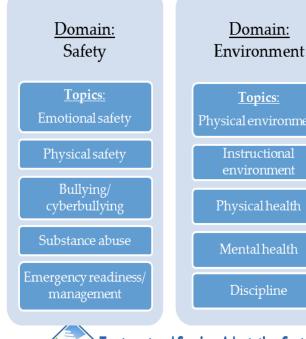
#### **National Center for Safe and Supportive Learning Environments**

# https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/



#### **EDSCLS School Climate Assessment**



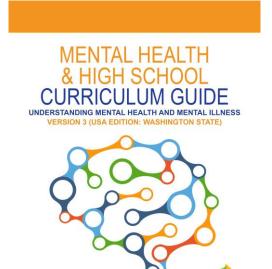




# Mental Health Literacy

- Understand how to obtain and maintain good mental health
- Understand and identify mental disorders and their treatments
- Decrease stigma
- Enhance help-seeking efficacy: know where to go; know when to go; know what to expect when you get there; know how to increase likelihood of "best available care" (skills and tools)

Kutcher and Wei; 2014; Kutcher, Bagnell and Wei; 2015; Kutcher, Wei and Coniglio, 2016.



# Relationships

- Positive, supportive social relationships can serve as an "antidote" to trauma.
- Communicate to students that they are safe and that they belong in the academic community.
- Help re-sculpt brain architecture by helping students turn down their survival brain.
- Model safe, trusting relationships.





# Neurological Impact of Relationships



#### **Prefrontal Cortex**

thinking

logic

what to do

evaluation



Regulates memory and emotions



## **Amygdala**

Turns on fight or flight, and stores memories of the event



**FEW** 

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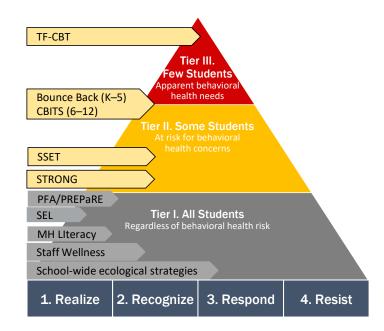
Early intervention and treatment

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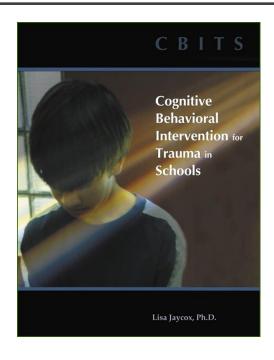


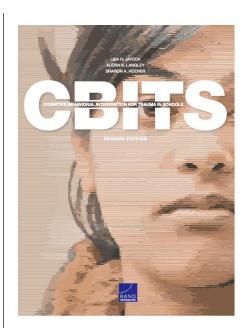
# Early Intervention and Treatment for Trauma

- Screening/Identification for trauma exposure and distress/functioning
- Evidence-based interventions – e.g., CBITS/Bounce Back, TF-CB SSET, STRONG
- Special education accommodations
- Refer for evaluation and appropriate treatment to school and/or community services



# CBITS was developed to help children in schools cope with trauma







- Statewide Learning Collaborative
  - 2-day training
  - Bi-weekly consultation
  - Audio fidelity monitoring/feedback
  - Data tracker
- 350 students
  - 70 groups
    - 23 clinicians
- 90.3% completion rate

Hoover et al., 2018. Statewide Implementation of an Evidence-based Trauma Intervention in Schools, School Psychology Quarterly, 33(1), 44-53...

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#### SPECIAL ISSUE ARTICLE

#### Statewide Implementation of an Evidence-Based Trauma Intervention in Schools

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The goal of the current article is to describe the implementation and outcomes of an innovative statewish dissemination approach of the evidence-based trauma intervention Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CRITS). In the context of a 2-year statewish learning collaborative effort, 73 CRITS groups led by 20 clinicians from 5 different school-based mental health provider organizations served a total of 350 racially and ethnically diverse (66.9% Hispanic, 26.2% Black/African American, 43.7% White, and 30.1% Other), majority femule (64%) children, averaging 12.2 years (37) = 2.4, range 8.–19). Of the 350 children who began CRITS, 316 (90.3%) successfully completed treatment. Children demonstrated significant reductions in child posteriamatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms (42% reduction, d = 3879) and problem severity (25% reduction, d = 396), and increases in child functioning, (287) = -3.75, P. o. 001 (5% increase, d = 223). Findings point to the need, feasibility, and positive impact of implementing and scaling up-schod-based interventions for students suffering from posttraumatic stress.

#### Impact and Implicatio

In addition to demonstrating the positive impact of a school-based trauma intervention on students psychosocial and academic functioning, the current study tested the implementation of an adapted learning collaborative model to support statewide implementation of trauma interventions in schools. This successful scaling up of a school-based trauma intervention offers a framework for other states on beveraging implementation drivers that promote adoption of evidence-based practices in schools. Implementation strategies included organizational and state leadership engagement, expert clinical consultation, measurement feedback data systems, and cross-site sharing and accountability.

Keywords: school-based trauma intervention, statewide school trauma implementation, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS), Connecticut trauma learning collaborative

Schools are increasingly recognized as critical venues to support students exposed to psychological trauma, including physical or sexual abuse, community or domestic violence, natural disasters,

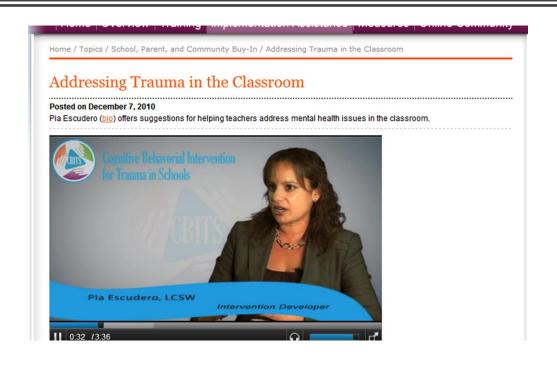
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accidents, and other potentially traumatic events (Chafouleas, Johnson, Overstreet, & Santos, 2016; Overstreet & Chafouleas, 2016). Schools may offer the safe and supportive environments necessary to buffer against the negative impacts of trauma, and can return students to the routines and rituals important to resuming everyday functioning after trauma exposure (Brymer et al., 2012; Dorado, Martinez, McArthur, & Leibovitz, 2016; Powell & Bui, 2016). In addition, school staff are well-positioned to identify and offer intervention support to students experiencing challenges after trauma exposure (Rolfisnes & Idsoe, 2011). Finally, students exposed to trauma are more likely than their nonexposed peers to suffer a variety of negative academic erformance and graduation rates (Garbarino & Kosteliny, 1992; Hurt, Malmud, Brodsky, & Gian-

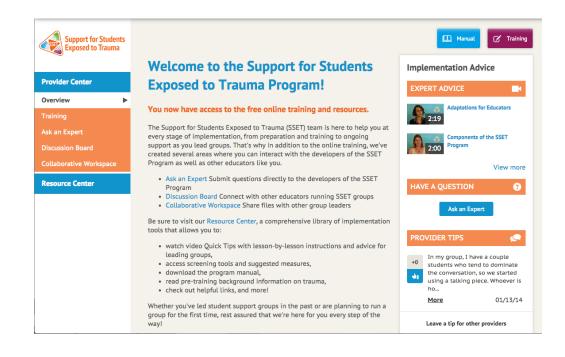
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# Making training more accessible www.cbitsprogram.org



## Support for Students Exposed to Trauma (SSET) Program

www.ssetprogram.org



# An Intervention for Elementary School Children Exposed to Traumatic Events: The Bounce Back Program

www.bouncebackprogram.org

- 10 Group Sessions— CBT Skills
- Parent Educational Session(s)
- 2-3 Individual Trauma Narrative Sessions (parent invited to 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Weekly letters to parents
- Weekly emails to teachers

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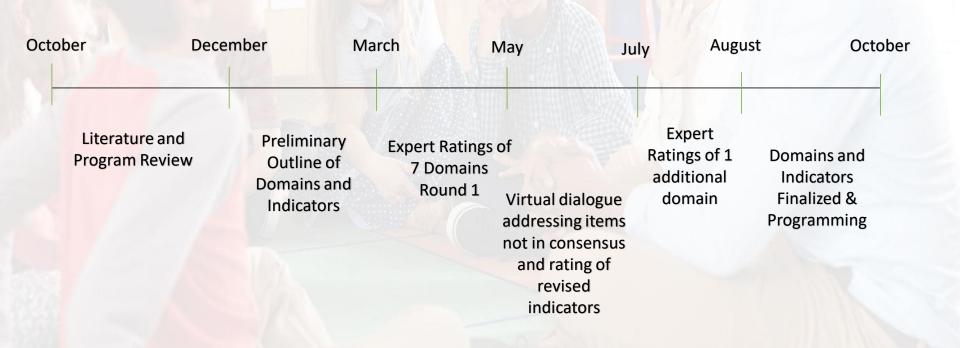


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# Trauma Responsive School-Implementation Assessment

- Calls schools to become trauma-informed
- Administrators/decision makers have little if any guidance for putting this into action
- Designed to be a user-friendly online instrument for school administrators and other decision-makers to enhance trauma programming

# **TRS-IA Development Timeline**



# Guiding Principles of Trauma-informed Care

Safety

**Trust & Transparency** 

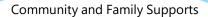
Peer Support

Collaboration & Mutuality

Empowerment, Voice & Choice

**Cultural Humility** 





Trauma Responsive School Implementation Assessment

www.theSHAPEsystem.com

Whole School Safety and Prevention Planning & Staff Support

> Whole School Trauma Programming

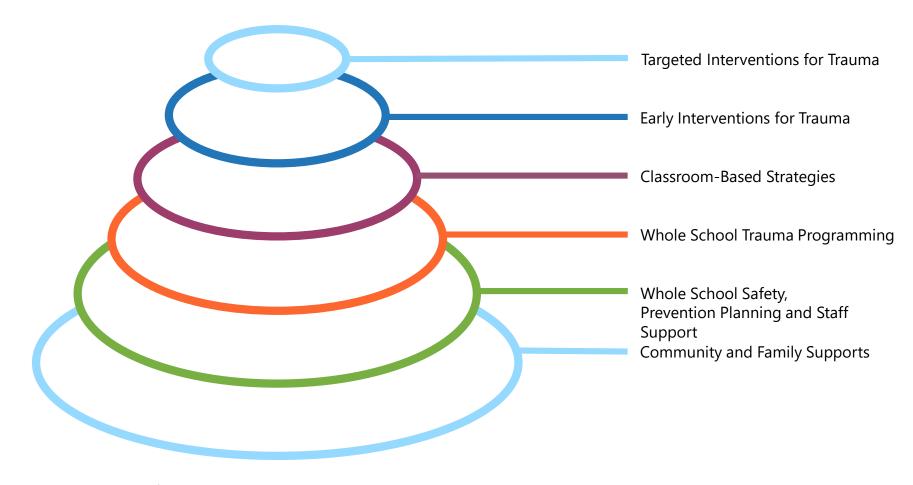
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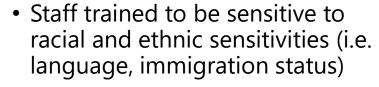




Key Components of a Trauma-Responsive School



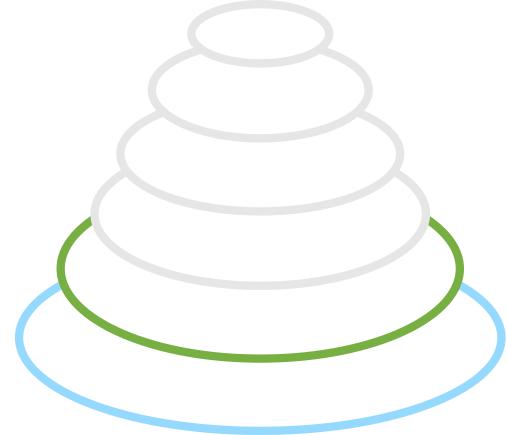
## **Community and Family Supports**



- School maintains partnerships with community organizations serving racial and ethnically diverse groups (i.e. churches, health centers) to further support the families in need
- School routinely provides opportunities to engage families and the broader community about trauma and its impact.



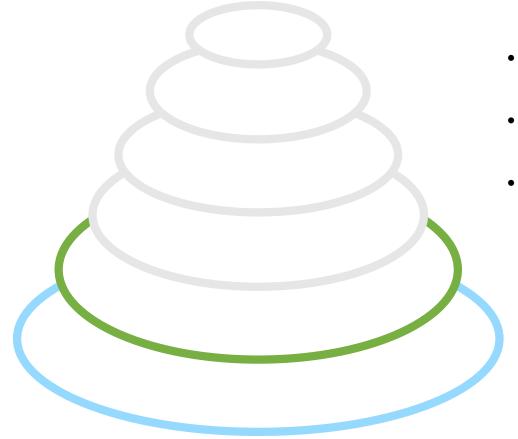
# **Whole School Safety and Prevention Planning**



- School climate assessment
- Trauma-informed emergency drills
- Clearly defined school wide behavioral expectations (e.g. PBIS)
- Adequate supervision
- Threat assessment strategy
- Bullying prevention



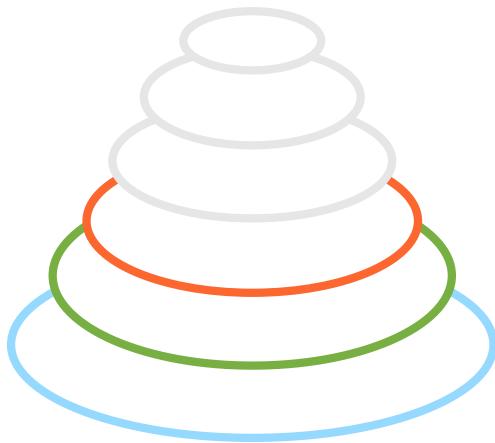
## Whole School Staff Support



- Building staff awareness of compassion fatigue and STS
- Staff peer support for working with trauma exposed students
- Availability of on-campus resources for staff working with trauma exposed students



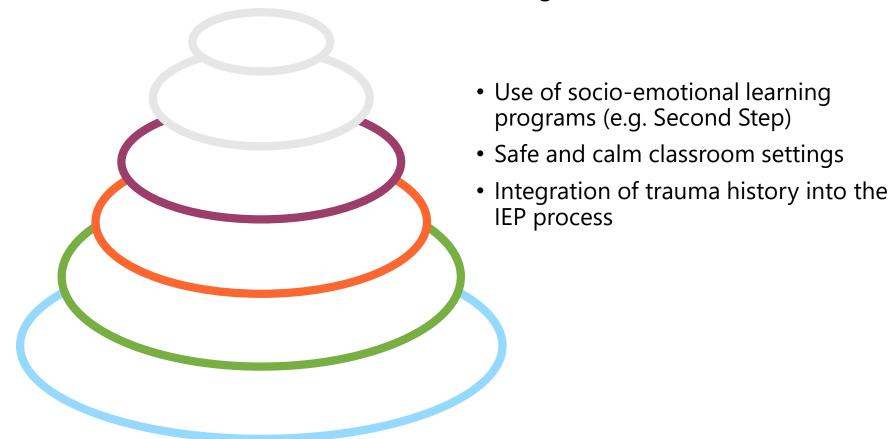
## Whole School Trauma Programming



- Staff trained to provide emotional support to students following traumatic event (i.e. PFA for Schools, MH First Aid)
- Discipline policies that are sensitive to trauma exposed students
- School security and police trained to respond using tactics to deescalate situations and avoid retraumatization
- Restorative practices



# **Classroom-based Strategies**





## **Early Intervention for Trauma**



- Inclusion of trauma items in mental health assessments
- Consistent implementation of trauma-informed evidence-based practices
  - Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)
  - Support for Students Exposed to Trauma (SSET)
  - Bounce Back



# **Targeted Interventions for Trauma**



- Multidisciplinary team meetings include trauma exposure in conversations about student performance
- Partnerships with community-based traumainformed community mental health providers





# What is the TRS-IA?



#### What is the TRS-IA?

The Trauma Responsive Schools Implementation Assessment (TRS-IA) is a quality improvement tool developed by the NCTSN Treatment and Services Adaptation Center for Resilience, Hope, and Wellness in Schools and the National Center for School Mental Health.

The TRS-IA is an evidence-informed self-assessment that comprises eight key domains of trauma-responsive schools and districts:

Whole school safety planning	Prevention/early intervention trauma programming
Whole school prevention planning	Targeted trauma-informed programming
Whole school trauma programming	Staff self-care
Classroom strategies	Family and community engagement





Administration time is less than 20 minutes. Automatically generated feedback reports support schools and districts working to enhance their trauma responsiveness.

### How do I complete the TRS-IA?

To access and complete the TRS-IA, you must first create an account with the SHAPE System. Registration is **simple and free!** You may register as an individual or join a school or district team.

Once you create an account, you will have access to several useful tools:

Trauma
Responsive Schools
Implementation
Assessment
(TRS-IA)

School Mental Health Profile School Mental Health Quality Assessment Screening and Assessment Library >

resource center
to support school
mental health
quality improvement







# Trauma Responsive Schools Implementation Assessment

#### **SHAPE Features**

School & District
Profiles

Quality Assessment & Resources

State and District
Dashboard

Screening & Assessment Library

Trauma Responsive Schools Assessment



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Learn more >







Summary Report









My Progress





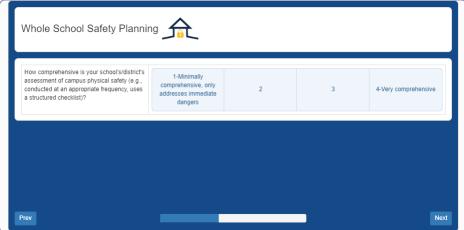
















# Reports and Strategic Planning



	Strategic Planning Guide
The following pages can be used a complete this with your team.	is tool to plan your next steps for this domain. We encourage you to
	in this domain. (For example, if you selected the Family and Community of the to create school partnerships with diverse community
GOAL:	
Family and Community Engagement community organizations, one way	ieved success within this goal? (For example, if you selected the nt domain and your goal is to create school partnerships with diverse of measuring success might be that by the next academic school year, develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with one community
INDICATOR OF SUCCESS:	
What opportunities exist related	to this goal?
What have been our past suc-	:cesses?
What current work is taking p	lace related to this goal?
What are our available resour	rces (leadership, infrastructure, staffing, partnerships)?
What barriers exist related to this	s goal?
What would prevent us from r	moving forward with this goal?
What would we need to over	come this/these barrier(s)?
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# We Need Your Input: Please Complete Evaluation

**Evaluation Link** 









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