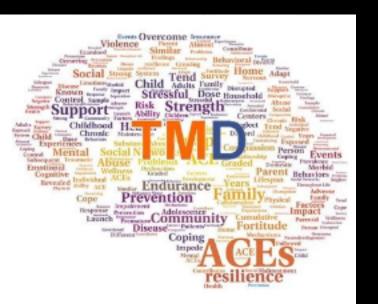
Trauma Informed – Why Does it Matter?



by Trauma Matters Delaware (TMD)

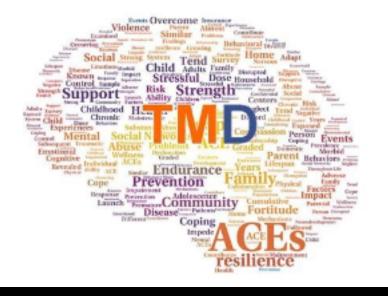
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Trauma Matters Delaware (TMD)

TMD is a community of people interested in learning more about promoting trauma informed approaches throughout Delaware.

Our Roadmap for Today...

- Cross-Brain Exercise and Overview of Trauma
- Delaware Data on Trauma
- Why Trauma Informed Care (TIC)?
- Building Resiliency
- Breaking down the Barriers to Trauma Informed Approaches
- Taking a Step Towards Trauma Informed Approaches in Your Setting

What is Brain Gym?

- Brain Gym® International is committed to the principle that moving with intention leads to optimal learning. The organization was founded in 1987 under the name of the Educational Kinesiology Foundation and in 2000 began doing business as Brain Gym® International.
- Developed by Paul E. Dennison and his wife and colleague, Gail E. Dennison, **Brain Gym® movements**, exercises, or activities refer to the original 26 Brain Gym movements. These activities recall the movements naturally done during the first years of life when learning to coordinate the eyes, ears, hands, and whole body.
- Clients, teachers, and students have been reporting for over 20 years on the
 effectiveness of these simple activities. Even though it is not clear yet "why" these
 movements work so well, they often bring about dramatic improvements in areas
 such as:
 - Concentration and Focus
 - Memory
 - Academics: reading, writing, math, test taking
 - Physical coordination
 - Relationships
 - Self-responsibility
 - Organization skills
 - Attitude

Cross Brain Exercise

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Trauma Overview

Delaware Data on Trauma

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RANSFORMING DATA INTO ACTION



CDHS YOUTH SURVEYS

THE DSAMH SPF-PFS SEOW

DATA COLLECTION

Since 1995, CDHS has collected data on the health and wellbeing of Delaware students. These surveys are funded by the State's Division of Public Health, Nemours, and others. Findings support many CDHS projects, including the Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success (SPF-PFS) initiative.

SCHOOL-BASED SURVEYS

DATA SOURCES	SUBJECTS	SAMPLE	DATA COLLE- CTION	GEOGRA- PHIC LEVEL
Delaware School Survey (DSS)	Substance use; health behaviors; risk and protective factors.	5th, 8th & 11th graders	Annuelly (Spring)	State, County, District, Zip code, School
Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)	Tabacca, alcohol, substance ase, health/fitness; mental health; secural ballying; and protective factors.	Public middle school & high school students	Every 2 Years, Odd Years (Spring)	State, County
Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)	Tobacco use and affiliates	Public middle 8. high school students	Every 2 Years, Even years (Spring)	State, County
College Risk Behavior Survey (CR8S)	Substance use, gambling, personal victimization, relationships	College students	Annually (Spring)	University of Delowere & Wedey College
School Health Profiles	School health policy and professional development addressing a vertety of risk and protective factors	Public School Principals & Lead Health Educators	Every 2 Years, Even years (Spring)	State

COLLABORATION

The Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnerships for Success (SPF PFS) engages a robust State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) to share Delaware data on substance use and related issues. The SEOW is comprised of representatives from a broad spectrum of agencies, organizations, and community groups. It was created through previous State Incentive Grants and continues with support from Delaware Division. of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.



- >> To build monitoring and surveillance systems to identify, analyze, and profile data from state and local sources;
- » To identify, share, and analyze data:
- » To create data-guided products that inform prevention planning and policies:
- >> To train agencies and communities in understanding, using, and presenting data effectively.

DATA COMMUNICATION

Once it is collected and analyzed, the data is shared widely to implement strategies to promote healthy life choices. Data is posted on the CDHS website and shared through presentations, reports, maps, and infographics. CDHS staff also provide technical support and information upon request.

WHERE TO FIND THE DATA

Visit www.cdhs.udel.edu/seow



- » Promote collaboration.
- Assess needs and strengthen funding applications
- » Support policy development » Highlight "success stories" and measure impact



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Delaware Department of Education

Delaware Criminal Justice Information System

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services: Delaware Department of Homeland Security Delaware Department of Sendres for Children. Youth and their Families Delaware Office of Controlled Substance Mental Health Association of Delaware Delaware Prevention Coalition

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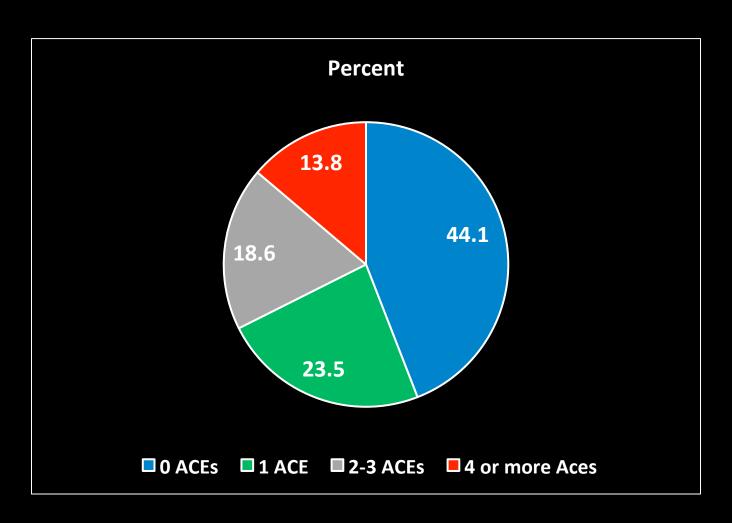
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University of Delaware

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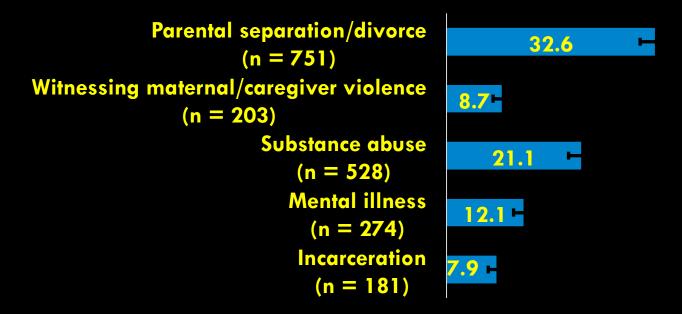
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2015 Delaware Household Health Survey



ACEs in Delaware (Adults)

Percent of Delaware Adults 18 and older who indicated having a dysfunctional household, 2015 (DE Household Health Survey)



56% of adults had experienced one or more ACES, with nearly 14% experiencing 4 or more

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ACEs in Delaware (Youth)

Adverse Childhood Experiences among children 0-17 years of age in the U.S. and in Delaware, National Survey of Children's Health, 2016

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ACEs among Children 0-17 in US and Delaware



Child Experienced - Parent or Guardian Divorced

Source: National Survey for Children's Health (NSCH), 2016

Child Experienced - Parent or Guardian Died

Child Experienced - Parent or Guardian Time in Jail

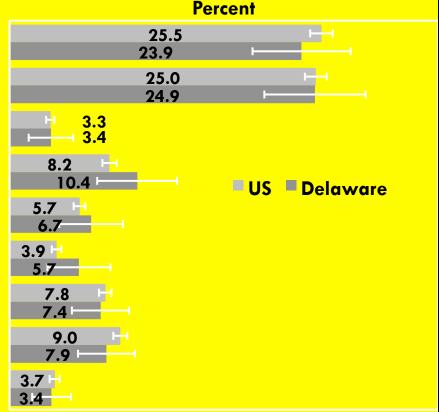
Child Experienced - Adults Slap, Hit, Kick, Punch Others

Child Experienced - Victim of Violence

Child Experienced - Lived with Mentally III

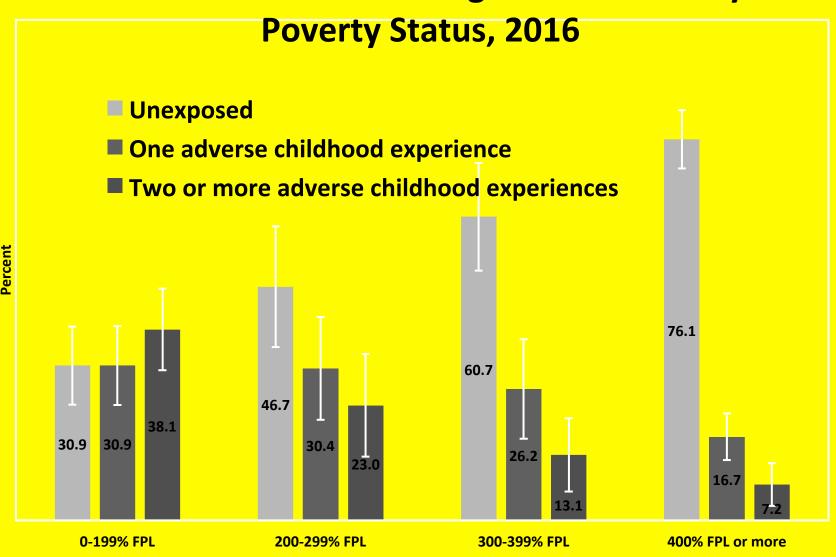
Child Experienced - Lived with Person with Alcohol/
Drug Problem

Child Experienced - Treated Unfairly Because of Race



Source: National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH), 2016. *Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)

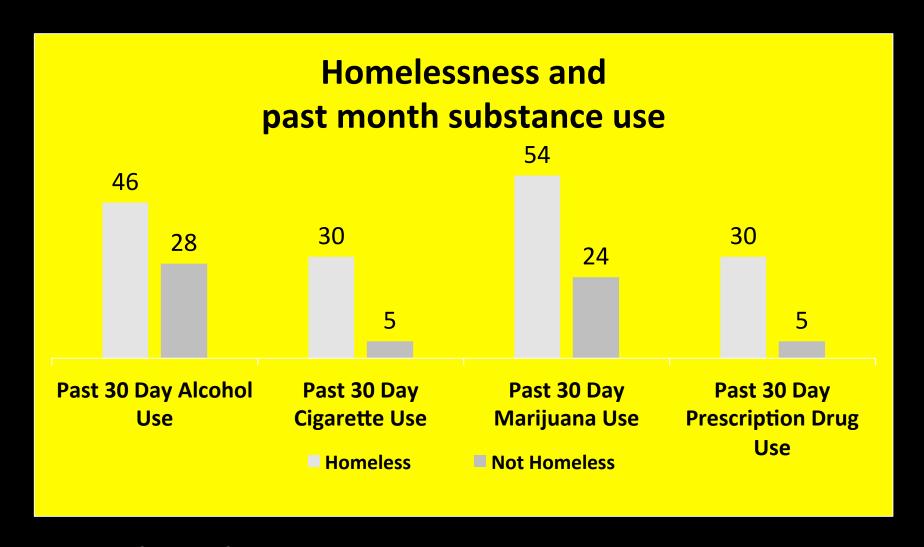
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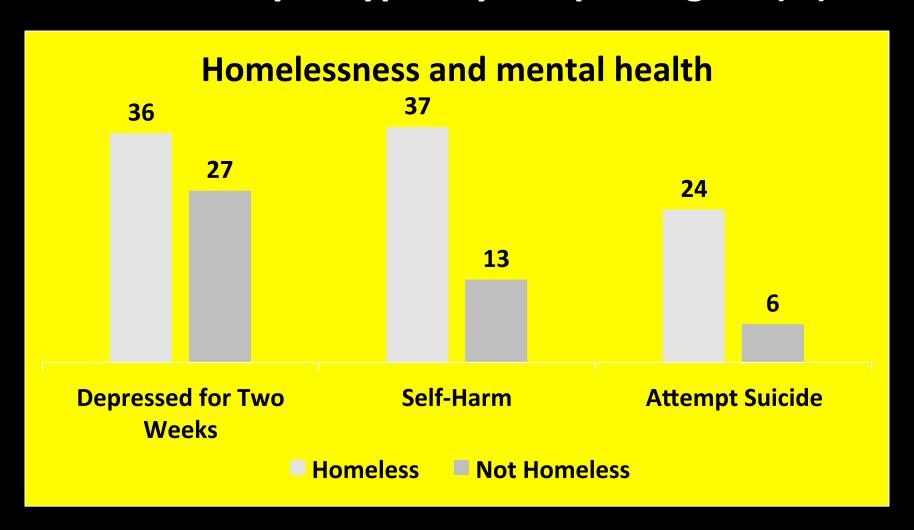
2017 Delaware High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey

- CDC-based survey administered in odd-numbered years on behalf of Division of Pubic Health
- Sample of 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th classrooms in a census of Delaware public schools
- 2,096 students participated in 2017 YRBS
- Provides an opportunity to see early associations between ACES and early behaviors with potential to impact health and wellbeing

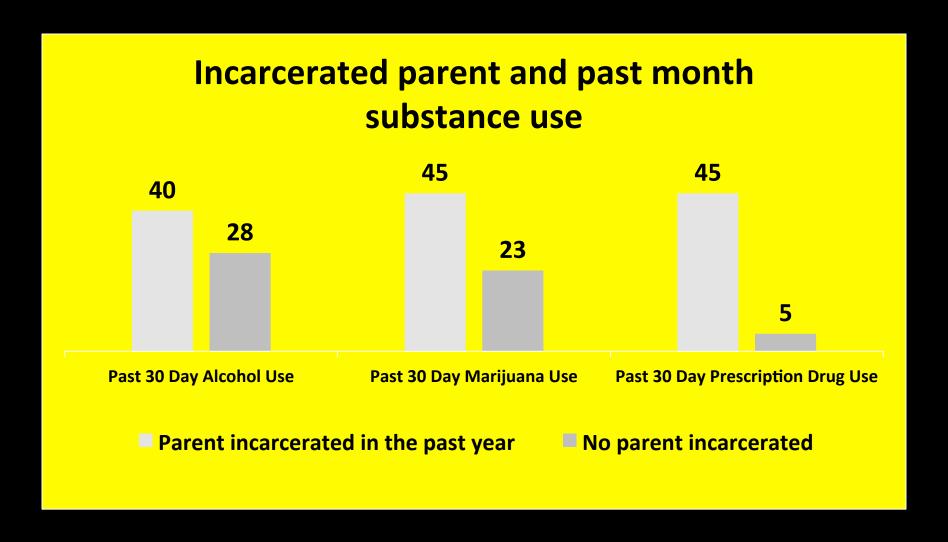
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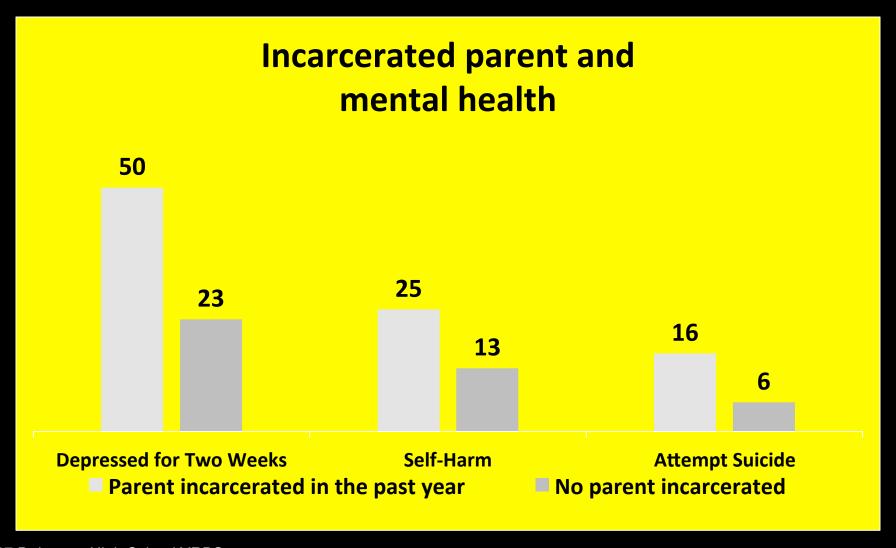
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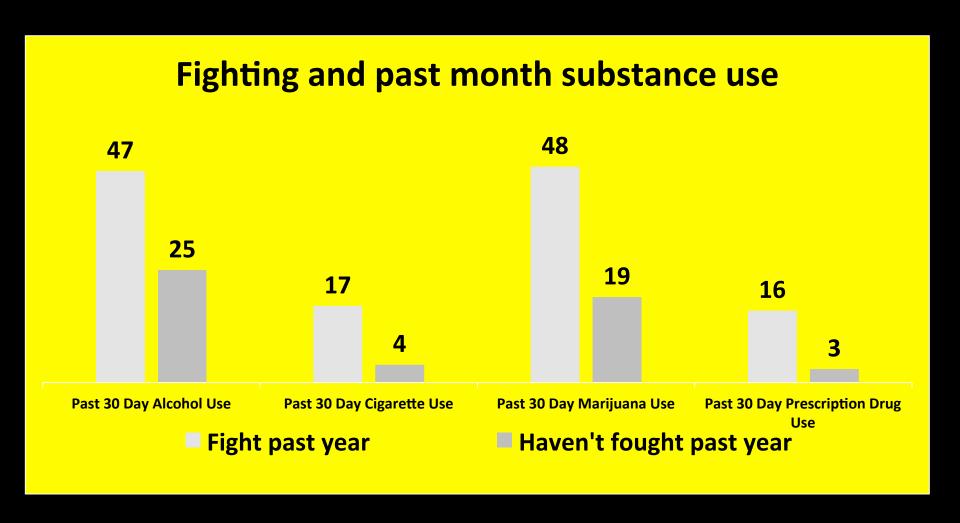


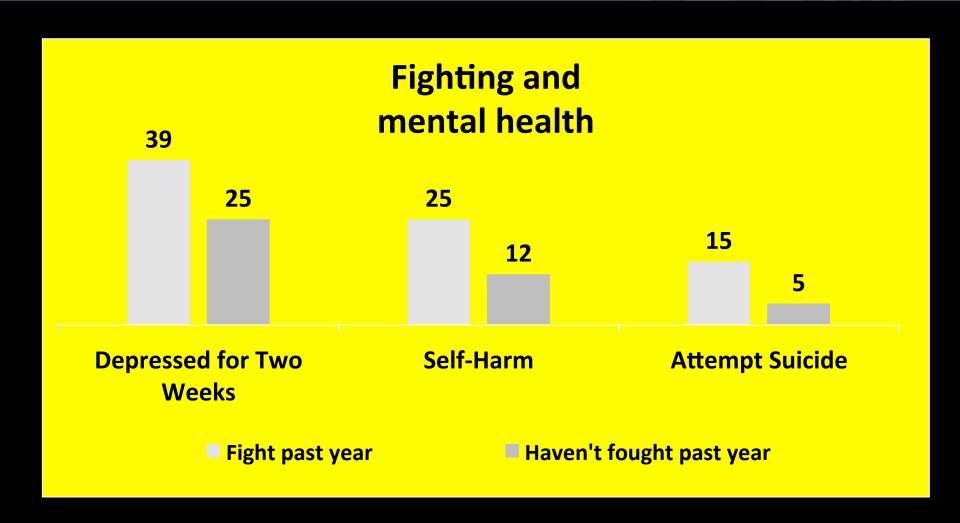
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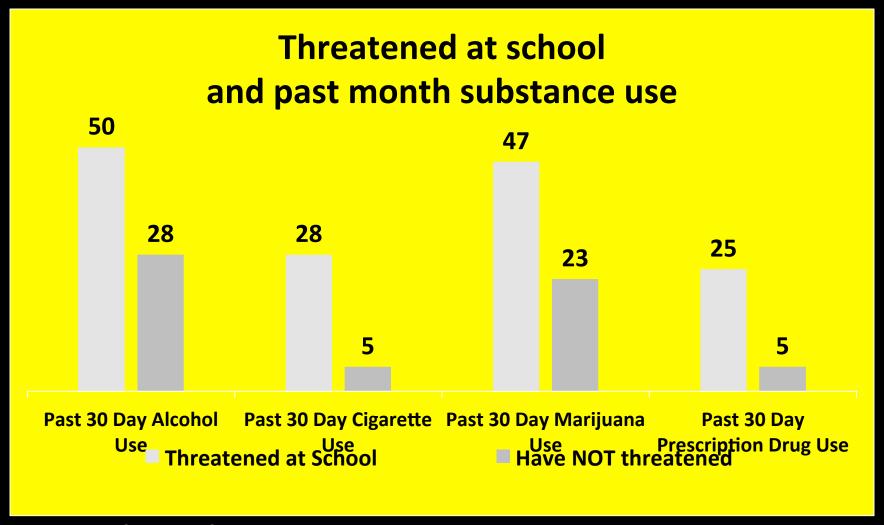


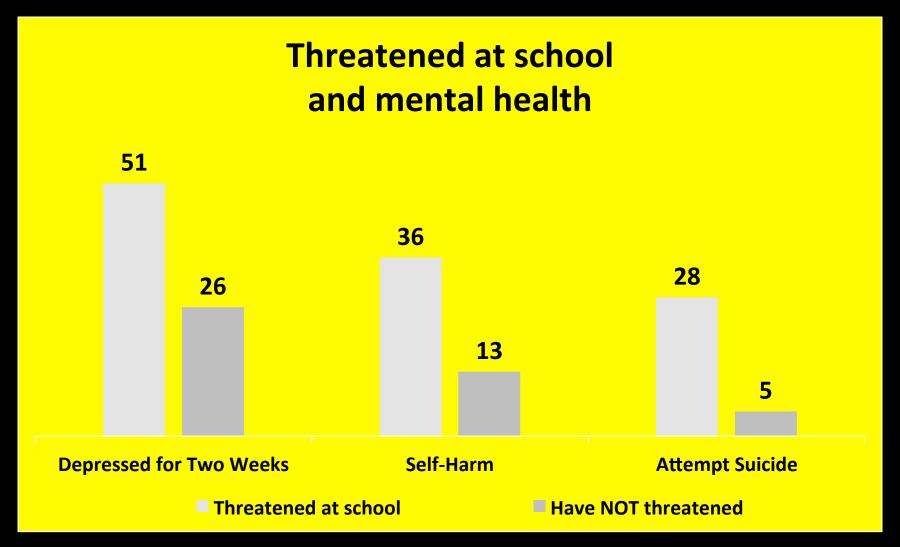
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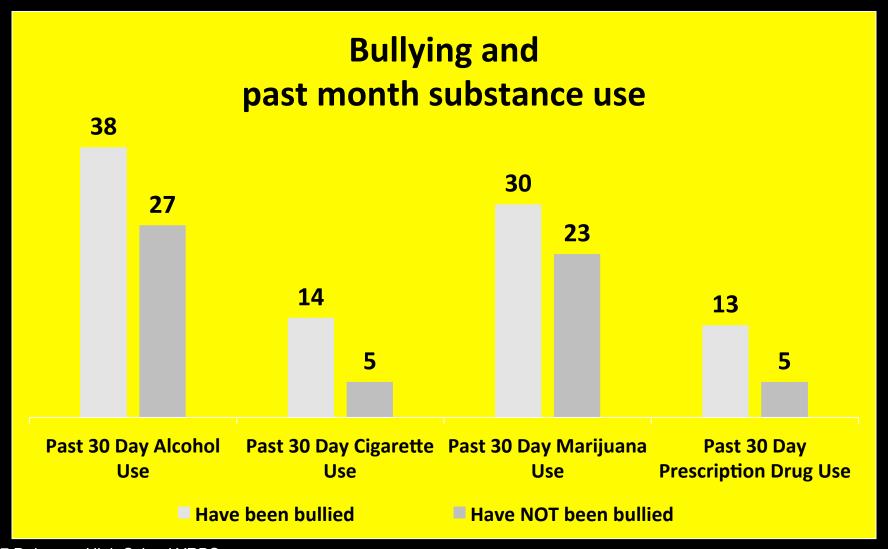


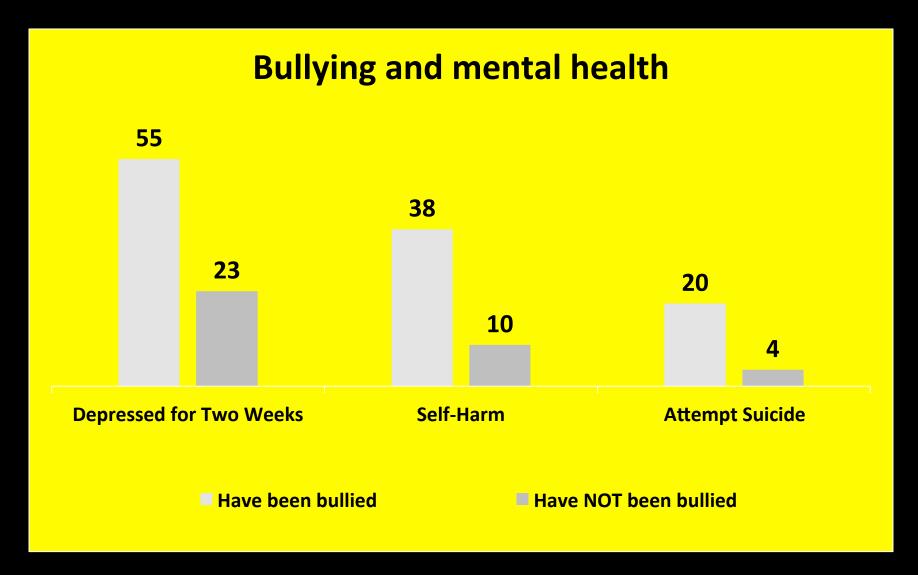


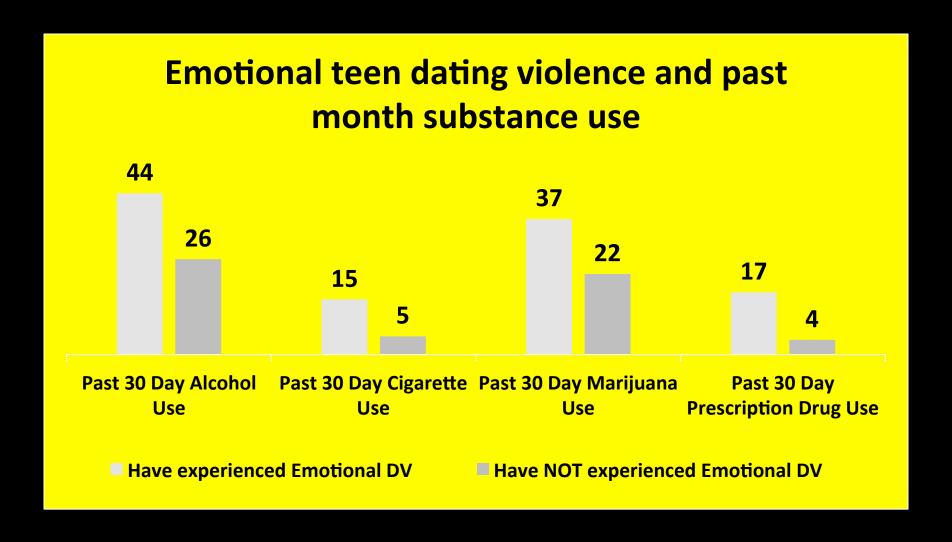


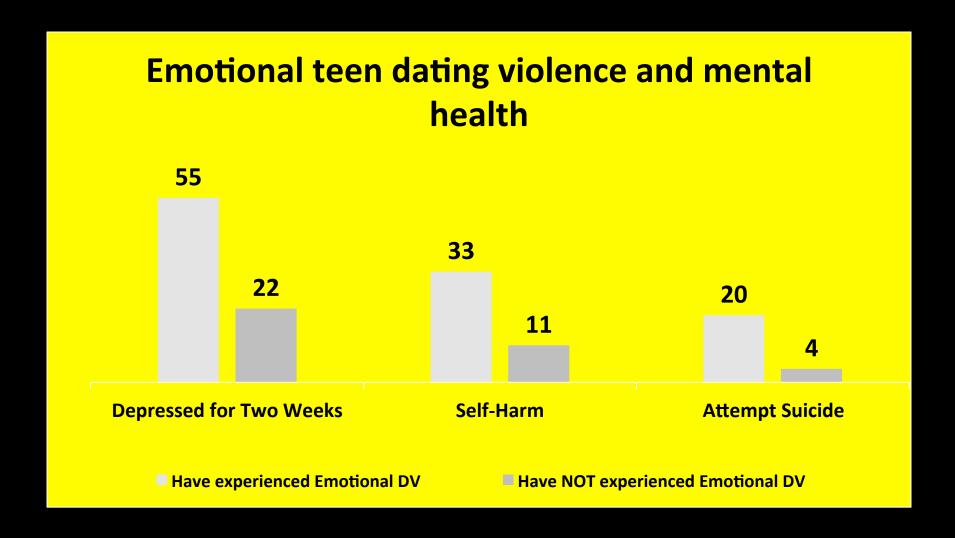




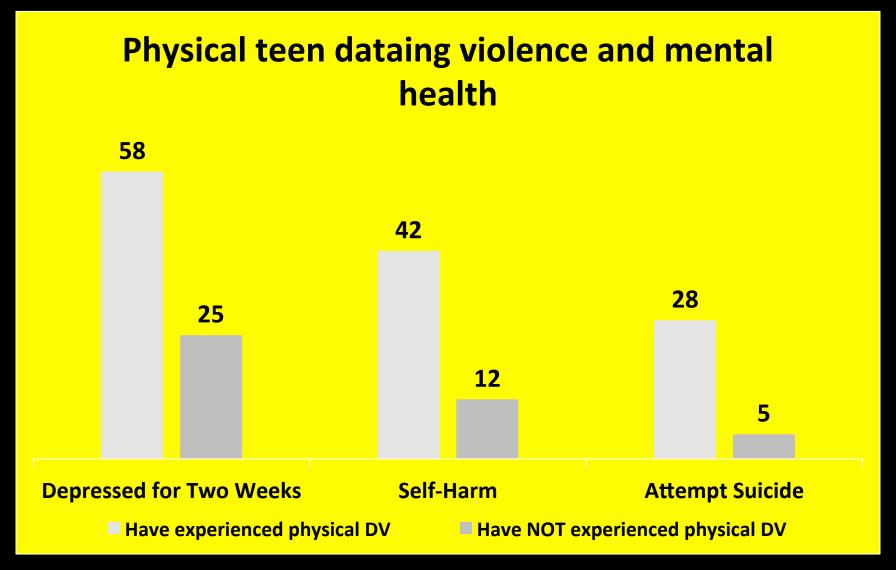


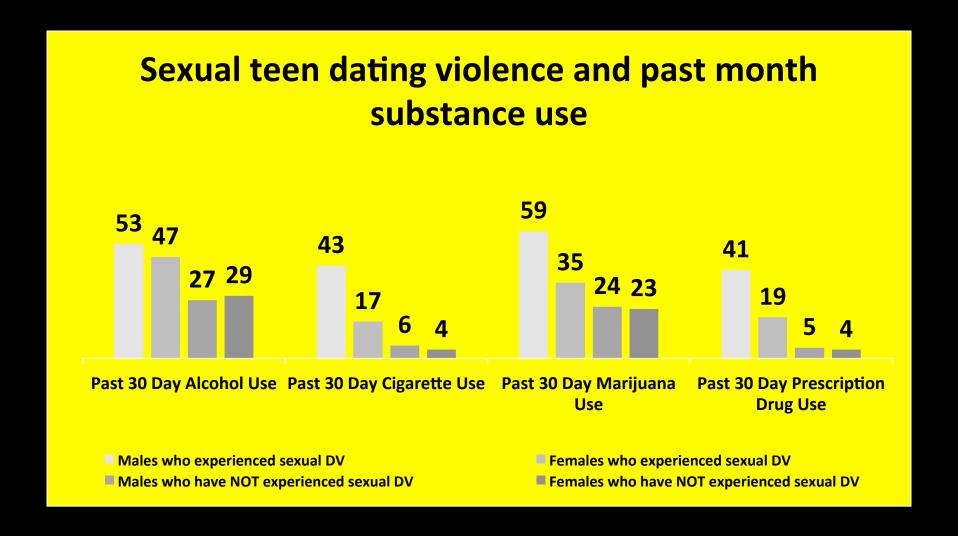


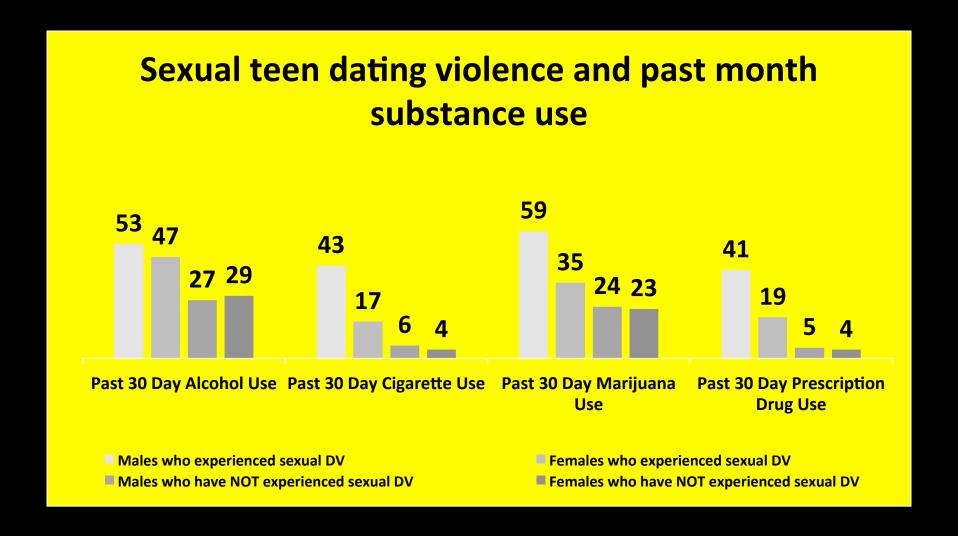


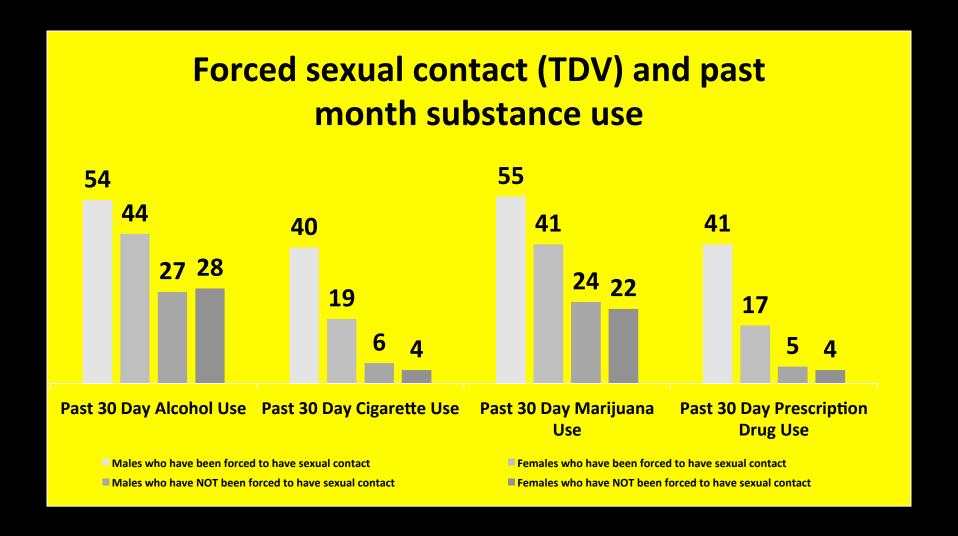


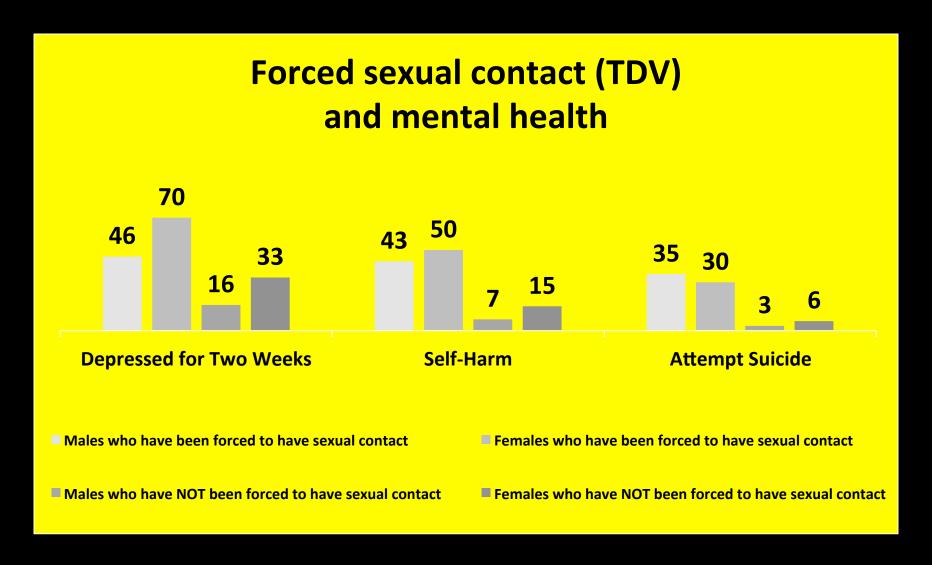








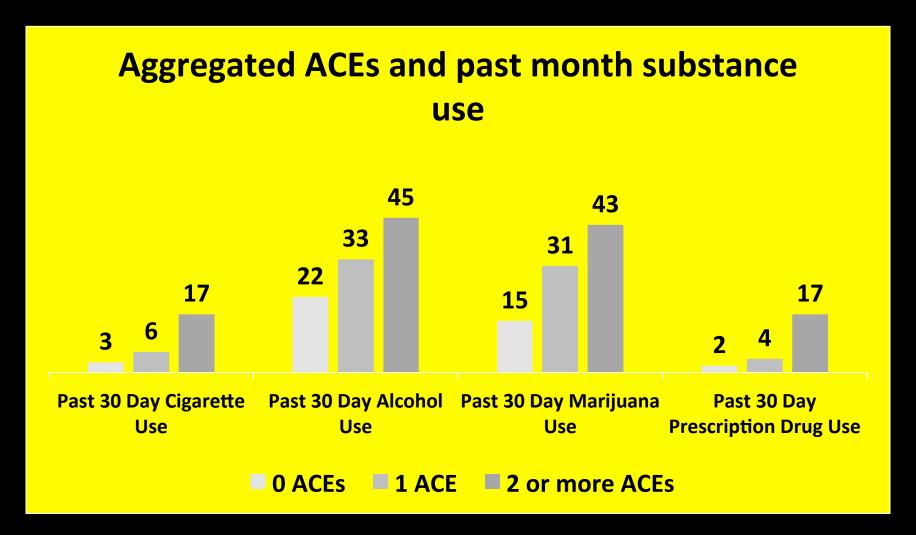




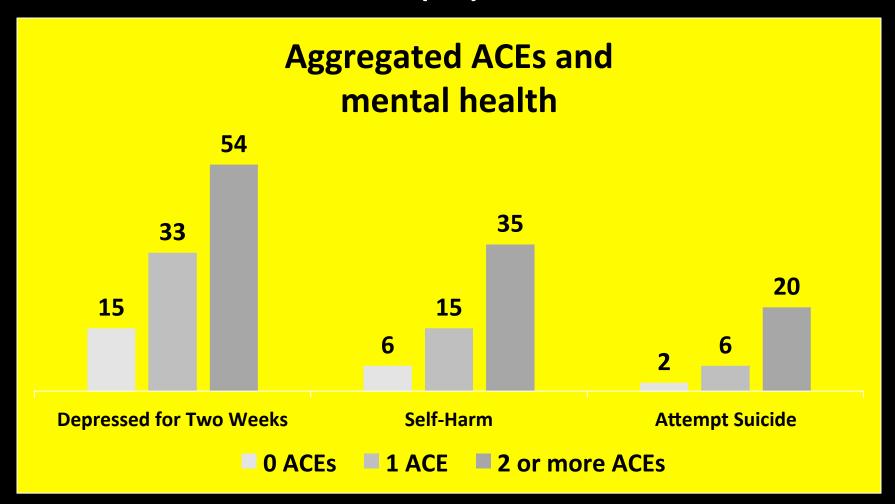
Aggregated Statewide ACEs (%, 2017 Delaware High School YRBS)

	0 ACE	1 ACE	2 or more
Statewide	57	23	20
Males	60	24	16
Females	54	22	24
New Castle	57	23	20
Males	61	24	15
Females	54	22	24
Kent	57	23	20
Males	57	26	17
Females	56	21	23
Sussex	55	23	22
Males	59	22	19
Females	52	24	25

Aggregated ACES and Substance Use (%)



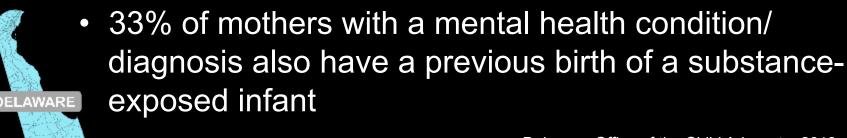
Aggregated ACEs and Mental Health (%)



Intergenerational Trauma Maternal Risk Indicators for Substance Exposed Births (n = 450)

Indicator	Rate
Division of Family Services (DFS) history as a child	177 (40%)
Mental health conditions	154 (34%)
Prior birth of substance-exposed infant	126 (28%)

- Overlaps between all three indictors
- 38% of mothers with DFS history as a child also have a mental health condition/diagnosis



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Questions?



WHY TRAUMA INFORMED CARE?

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WHY BE TRAUMA INFORMED?

- What have you heard so far that would suggest the need for a trauma focus when providing services?
 - Trauma exposure is pervasive
 - Has the potential to impact health and wellbeing across the lifespan
- Why else?
 - Healing occurs within the context of relationships
 - Trauma affects how people approach services designed to help them
 - Services designed to help people can be and often have been inadvertently re-traumatizing
 - Trauma informed care helps promote healing and recovery

WHAT IS TRAUMA INFORMED CARE?

- A trauma informed care approach....
 - Is **not** a service, set of practices or a specific program
 - Is different from trauma specific treatment
 - Involves a shift in knowledge, attitudes and skills

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

- Trauma informed care approach
 - starts by asking "what has happened to this person" rather than "what is wrong with this person
 - helps systems effectively respond to traumaexposed consumers and staff
 - provides a framework for developing the skills of staff



TRAUMA INFORMED CARE (TIC)

- The"4 R's" of a trauma informed approach
 - Realizes the widespread prevalence and impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery
 - Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system
 - Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices
 - Seeks to actively resist re-traumatization

TIC:THE 4 R's

- Realizing the prevalence of trauma
 - All staff have basic understanding of trauma and <u>realize</u> the prevalence of trauma in the populations they serve
 - Assumes service recipients have had/are being exposed to events (ACES) and recognize importance of screening children and adults
 - Realizes that staff may have been/are being exposed

TIC: THE 4 R's

Recognizing

- how trauma affects individuals, families and communities
 - Staff are able to recognize the signs of trauma in people receiving services as well as for themselves and their coworkers
 - Views behavior as adaptive for survival
- —the impact of organizational and workplace stress
- —triggers

TIC:THE 4 R's

Responding by

- applying trauma informed care principles into the organization at all levels
- Emphasis on building resilience and protective factors
- Being knowledgeable about trauma-specific interventions



TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH: THE 4 R's

- Actively avoiding Re-traumatizing service recipients as well as staff
 - We need to guard against exposing individuals to experiences that are traumatic or can re-traumatize them



TRAUMA INFORMED (TIC) PRINICIPLES

- Safety
- Trustworthiness and Transparency
- Peer Support
- Collaboration and Mutuality
- Empowerment, Voice and Choice
- Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues
 - Principles are applicable across service settings,
 service recipients and the staff providing services



Safety

- Staff and service recipients feel physically <u>and</u> emotionally safe
 - The physical setting is safe and inviting
 - Strategies are developed to address aspects of the environment that may be re-traumatizing
- Interpersonal interactions promote a sense of safety
- Staff and service recipients are asked about the degree to which they feel safe and how safety can be enhanced

Trustworthiness and Transparency

- Priority is placed on building and maintaining trust with service recipients, among staff and other partners
- Operations and decisions are transparent for staff and service recipients
- Staff keep service recipients fully informed of rules, procedures, etc. while recognizing they may be overwhelmed and have difficulty processing information
- The potential impact of working with individuals with trauma exposure is acknowledged

Collaboration and Mutuality

- Priority on leveling power differences between staff and service recipients and across staff at different levels
- Service recipients and staff share power in decision making
- Relationship is valued as an important source of healing
- Recognizes that everyone in the organization has a role in a trauma informed approach

Empowerment, Voice and Choice

- Strengths and experiences of service recipients are recognized and built upon
- Belief in the ability of people to be resilient
- Promotes the development of advocacy skills for service recipients
- Empowers service recipients to have shared decision making
- Empowers staff to do their work



Cultural, Historical and Gender Issues

- Address cultural stereotypes and biases
- Recognizes the ways that culture influence the experience of trauma and access to supports and resources
- Ensures that services that are responsive to cultural and gender needs
- Recognizes and address historical trauma
- Values traditional cultural connections

Peer Support

- Recognizes the value of those with lived experience including family members to promote healing
- Provides meaningful involvement in planning, policy making and governance for individuals with lived experience
- Develops peer support services and resources for service recipients



TRAUMA INFORMED CARE IN PRACTICE



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGlG0bZwoL0

NATIONAL EFFORTS

2000 Children's Health Act

Established the National Child Traumatic Stress
 Network

2005 SAMHSA

 Established the National Center for Trauma Informed Care

2017 Trauma Informed Care for Children and Families Act

 Interagency Task Force on Trauma Informed Care, Medicaid demonstration projects to test innovative trauma informed approaches, CDC encourage states to collect and report ACE data

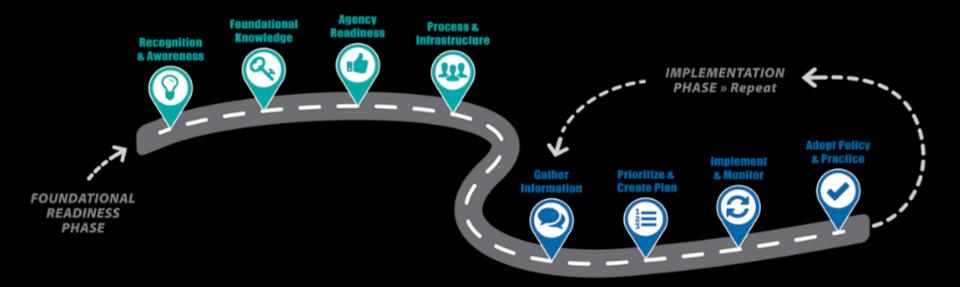
A LOCAL TIC EXAMPLE



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TRAUMA INFORMED OREGON TIC ROADMAP

ROADMAP TO TRAUMA INFORMED CARE



AGENCY WIDE COMMUNICATION | ONGOING EDUCATION & TRAINING

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE: DELAWARE

- Family Services Cabinet Council ACEs Committee
 - Working to promote TIC state agencies
- Collection, analysis and dissemination of ACE data
 - 2015 Delaware Household Health Survey included 12 ACE items
- Trauma Matters Delaware
 - Community of diverse stakeholders across the state promoting trauma informed approaches
- Universities incorporating ACE curriculum
 - Wilmington University Certificate in Trauma Informed Approaches

TRAUMA INFORMED CARE: DELAWARE

- Efforts to expand screening and trauma specific treatment for children and adults and adopt trauma informed approaches
 - Public Health, Children's Department, Corrections,
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health
 - Organizations including DCADV adopting and promoting trauma informed approaches (Sanctuary, Seeking Safety, SAMHSA Guidance, trauma treatment)
- Compassionate Schools Network
 - School districts are working to implement a trauma informed schools approach with support from Casey Family Programs

RESOURCES

 SAMHSA Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma Informed Approach

https://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA14-4884/SMA14-4884.pdf

 Creating Trauma Informed Systems (National Child Traumatic Stress Network)

https://www.nctsn.org/trauma-informed-care/creating-trauma-informed-systems

- Trauma Informed Care Project http://www.traumainformedcareproject.org/
- University of Buffalo Institute on Trauma and Trauma Informed Care

https://socialwork.buffalo.edu/social-research/institutes-centers/institute-on-trauma-and-trauma-informed-care/what-is-trauma-informed-care.html

Resilience and Trauma Why it Matters

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What is resilience?

What do we know about resiliency?

Why does it matter?

WHAT NOW?





"He appears to have lost all of his resilience."

The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

- Melson Mandela

Why does resilience matter?

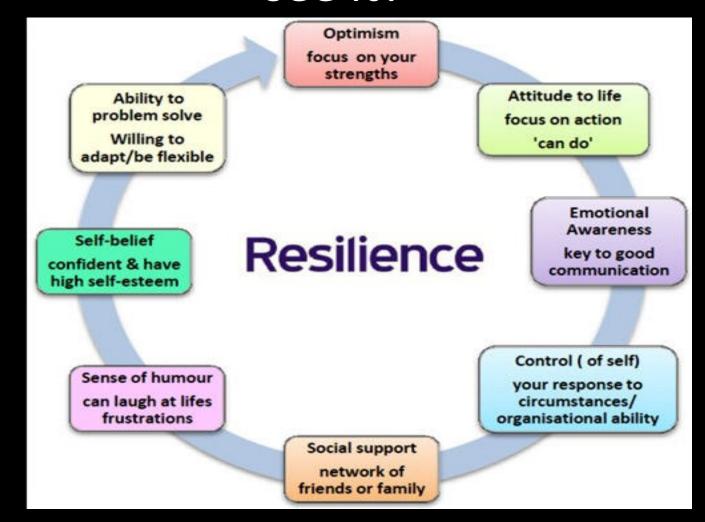
Resilience reduces our stress levels.

Resilience helps us to maintain social and working relationships with others.

Understanding your own emotional resilience puts you in a stronger position to identify with (empathy) and understand others.

Resilience enables us to tolerate differences, be more curious and to be able to appreciate other's stand point – all crucial elements in life.

Do you know resilience when you see it?



Four Patterns of Resilience:

- Dispositional one having a sense of autonomy, selfworth, good health, etc.
- Relational one's role in society and in their relationships
- Situational one's ability to problem solve, make goals, and take action
- Philosophical one's belief that there is good in all situations and that self-development is important

"In the context of exposure to significant adversity, resilience is both the **capacity** of individuals to **navigate** their way to the psychological, social, cultural, and physical **resources** that sustain their well-being, and their capacity **individually and collectively** to **negotiate** for these resources to be provided in culturally meaningful ways."

Dr. Michael

Unger

 Canada Research Chair in Child, Family and Community Resilience and Professor of Social Work at Dalhousie University.

• Resilience Requires Evolution

Resilience thinking can help when confronted with a major disturbance to the system. When adapting to adversity, people, families, businesses and communities can learn coping skills and make creative use of available resources.

Resilience is Context Based

Resilience depends on point of view. For example, after a deployment the warrior, spouse, children, unit and community all define differently the successful reintegration into home life.

The Environment Matters

Resilience is a two-way street: resilience thinking should not fall on our warfighters alone. Society must accommodate those who serve. The same is the case for survivors of natural disasters who need assistance in the face of recovery. It's essential that the community open its eyes and arms to support those affected.

Resilience is Being Prepared

Resilience thinking includes learning from prior experiences, anticipating future needs and actively preparing. Specific personal and community systems' planning can prevent or mitigate some calamity.

• Resilience Requires *Transformation*

When returning to normal is impossible, we must move forward. People, families, businesses, and communities struggle and grow to adapt in face of adversity and adopt a "new normal."

What is Resilience?

Is resilience a trait, a skill, or a process?

Does everyone have the capacity for resilience?

Can resilience be learned? If so, what are the learnable skills of resilience?

Can you teach others to be resilient?

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The Main Ingredients of Resilience

Dr Karen Reivich

Co-author of The Optimistic Child, with Professor Martin Seligman, and co-author of the Resilience Factor

- Emotional regulation identifying and, if necessary, controlling your feelings.
- **Impulse control** tolerating ambiguity so you don't rush to make decisions; thinking before acting.
- Optimism being realistically optimistic in a way that facilitates problem solving.
- Causal analysis thinking about the problems you face, looking at them from other perspectives and considering other associated factors.
- Empathy reading and understanding others' emotions, which helps to build relationships and garner social support.
- **Self-efficacy** having confidence in your ability to solve problems, knowing your strengths and weaknesses and relying on your strengths to cope.
- Reaching out being prepared to take appropriate risk, being willing to try new things and thinking of failure as part of life.

Look at the list above and think - which is your strongest skill, and which could use some improvement?

Sarah Truebridge, Ed.D., in Resilience Begins with Beliefs

- Resilience begins with beliefs.
- Resilience is a process, not a trait.
- Everyone, regardless of age or circumstances, has the capacity for resilience.
- The three major protective factors that help us mitigate adversity and nourish personal strength are caring relationships, high expectations, and opportunities to participate and contribute.
- Resilience isn't just for people from high-risk environments.
- Most people make it despite exposure to severe risk. Close to 70 percent of youth from high-risk environments overcome adversity and achieve good outcomes.
- Resilience isn't a program or curriculum.
- Resilient people identify themselves as survivors rather than victims.
- Resilience is not just for remediation or intervention.
- One person's support can be crucial in developing another's resilience.
- Challenging life experiences can be opportunities for growth and change.
- Resilience is not just for remediation or intervention. It incorporates a shift from a problem based deficit model to a strengths based one. This model of resilience is positive, protective, and preventive

Research has identified a set of protective and risk **factors** that help children achieve positive outcomes in the face of significant adversity.

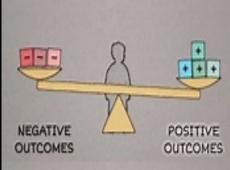
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Protective Factors include:

- providing supportive adult-child relationships;
- scaffolding learning so the child builds a sense of self-efficacy and control;
- helping strengthen adaptive skills and self-regulatory capacities;
- using faith and cultural traditions as a foundation for hope and stability.

The Science of Resilience

- One way to understand the development of resilience is to picture a balance scale or seesaw. Protective experiences and adaptive skills on one side counterbalance significant adversity on the other.
- https://developingchild.harvard.edu/ resources/inbrief-resilience-series/.



Resilience in the Community

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- https://youtu.be/tMaBi-SVPjo

The Resiliency Wheel

Provide
Opportunities
for Meaningful
Participation

Increase Prosocial Bonding

Set and
Communicate
High
Expectations

Set Clear, Consistent Boundaries

Provide Caring & Support

Teach "Life Skills"

Research has identified a common set of factors that predispose children to positive outcomes in the face of significant adversity

These counterbalancing factors include:

- facilitating supportive adult-child relationships;
- building a sense of self-efficacy and perceived control;
- providing opportunities to strengthen adaptive skills and self-regulatory capacities; and
- mobilizing sources of faith, hope, and cultural traditions.

- 1. Resilience requires supportive relationships and opportunities for skill building.
- 2. Resilience results from a dynamic interaction between internal predispositions and external experiences.
- 3. Learning to cope with manageable threats to our physical and social well-being is critical for the development of resilience.
- 4. Some children respond in more extreme ways to both negative and positive experiences.
- 5. Individuals never completely lose their ability to improve their coping skills, and they often learn how to adapt to new challenges.

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NOW WHAT?

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Four basic characteristics of resiliency building that add the power of "protective factors" to people's lives.

- 1. Communicate "The Resiliency Attitude.
- 2. Adopt a "Strengths Perspective."
- 3. Surround Each Person—as well as Families and Organizations—with all elements of "The Resiliency Wheel."
- 4. Give It Time.

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WHY DOES RESILIENCE MATTER AT WORK?

- Resilience reduces our stress levels.
- Resilience helps us to maintain social and working relationships with others.
- Understanding your own emotional resilience puts you in a stronger position to identify with (empathy) and understand the families that you work with.
- Resilience enables us to tolerate difference, be more curious and to be able to appreciate other's stand point – all crucial elements in social work.
- More resilient workers have improved relationships with service users, thus enhancing their professional practice and ultimately, improving outcomes.

Your Turn...

Breaking Down the Barriers to Trauma Informed Approaches

Moving Forward...

Brainstorming:

Taking a Step Towards Trauma Informed Approaches in Your Setting

Questions?



Thank You!