

The Center on Child Wellbeing & Trauma

A Division of the Office of the Child Advocate



The Center on Child Wellbeing & Trauma (CCWT) supports child-serving state systems and organizations in becoming trauma-informed and responsive. It does this by providing training and technical assistance to ensure all people who work with children have the tools and skills they need to support children who have experienced trauma, to develop and implement systems and policies that avoid re-traumatization, and to promote resilience.

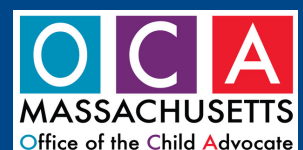
Partnering with State Agencies

The CCWT partners with child-serving state agencies to ensure that state workers and state-contracted providers have the expertise they need to be more trauma-informed. This includes:

- **Early Education and Care Training Series:** Understanding what trauma looks like in early childhood and knowing how to respond can make a big difference for young children and their families. The CCWT is collaborating with the Department of Early Education and Care to create a comprehensive set of trainings and resources on trauma-responsive practices for educators, staff, and providers.
- **Trauma & Racial Equity Empowerment (TREE) Academy:** Children involved with the juvenile justice system have experienced trauma at significantly higher rates than their peers. The CCWT is partnering with the Department of Youth Services to build statewide capacity to address trauma and promote racial equity through a “train the trainer” program, with participants from across state government.
- **Trauma-Responsive Supports for New Arrivals:** Newly arrived families have often experienced acute trauma. The CCWT partnered with the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities on a comprehensive training series on trauma responsive practices, including managing secondary traumatic stress, for staff working with newly arrived families in shelters, playgroups, and schools. All told, well over 1,000 individuals participated in these trainings in 2024 and 2025.

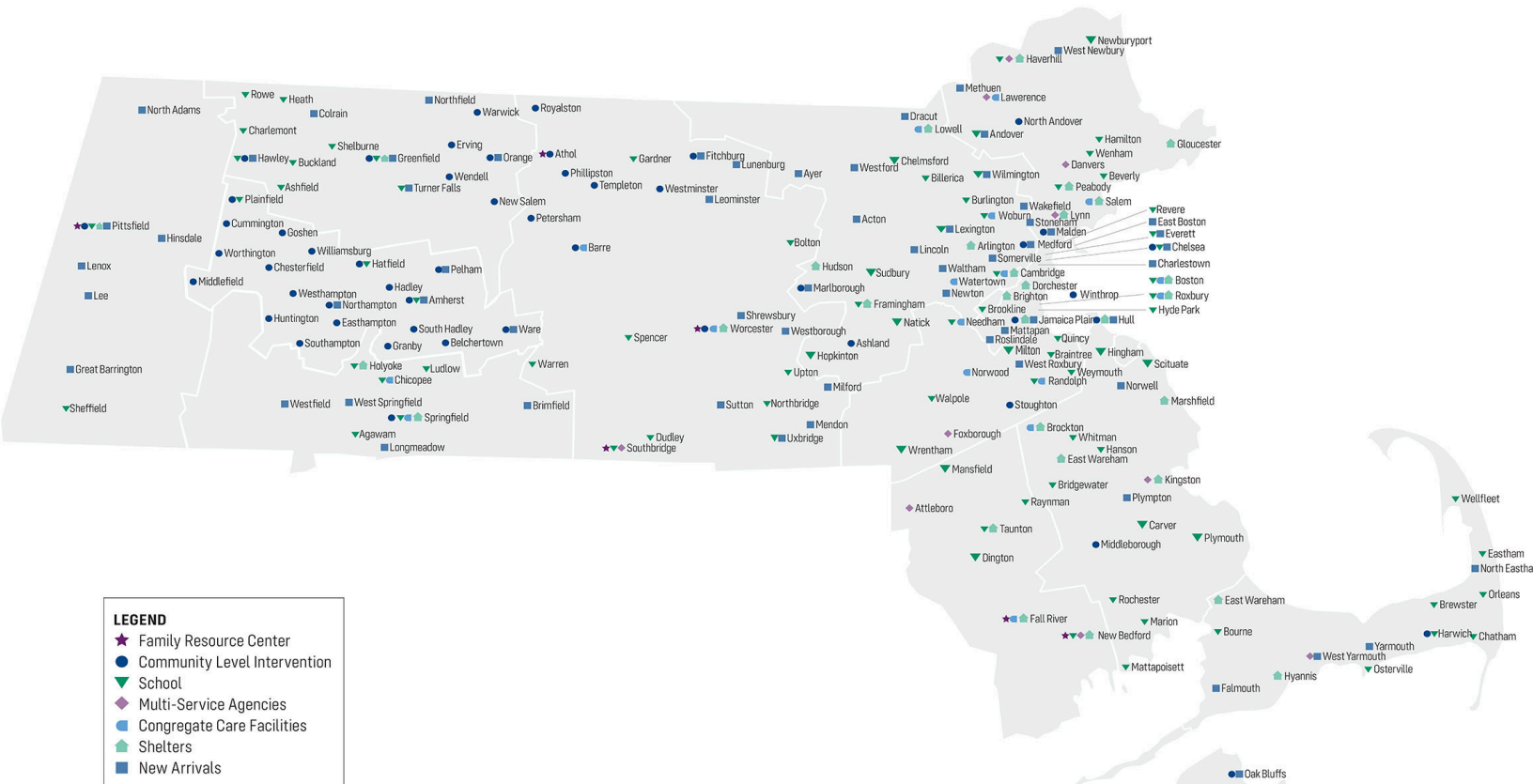


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CCWT's Reach is Wide

We have provided a training or technical assistance in 179 cities and towns across Massachusetts. That's more than half the Commonwealth!



Online Resources for Professionals Working with Children and Families

The CCWT website hosts toolkits, hundreds of articles and reference documents, a full framework on trauma and resilience, and video trainings on both adverse and positive childhood experiences to help ensure professionals working with children and families have the resources they need. CCWT toolkits include:

- Toolkits for schools on topics like trauma-informed practices and racial trauma
- Toolkits for professionals working with LGBTQ+ youth, including those in healthcare, education, and community services
- A toolkit for providers working with young parents, developed in partnership with the Department of Transitional Assistance and the Department of Public Health

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