

Childhood Trauma Task Force

July 19, 2021

1pm-3pm

Agenda

- Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Update on Center for Child Wellness & Trauma
- Presentation on trauma screening in pediatrics
 - Dr. Heather Forkey (UMass Medical)
 - Pediatric Integrated Post-Trauma Services Team at University of Utah (Utah PIPS)

CENTER FOR CHILD WELLBEING & TRAUMA

A partnership between OCA &
UMMS



Core Center Components



Assessment and Coaching



Professional Learning
Communities



Resources and Information

Goals and Objectives

- A racial equity lens directs, imbues, and enhances all goals
- Goals are driven and refined by stakeholder engagement and feedback

Goal 1: All agencies that interact with children will benefit from an assessment and coaching process to become more trauma informed and responsive.

Goal 2: Professional Learning Communities will provide and enhance trauma informed and responsive skills and tools.

Goal 3: All child-serving professionals have access to best practice trauma and healing/prevention resources and information.

Identification of children with “trauma” and children with trauma symptoms:

What it looks
like in
pediatrics

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Children we serve experience a variety of
adversities

Adversities can be catastrophic – ACES, SDOH

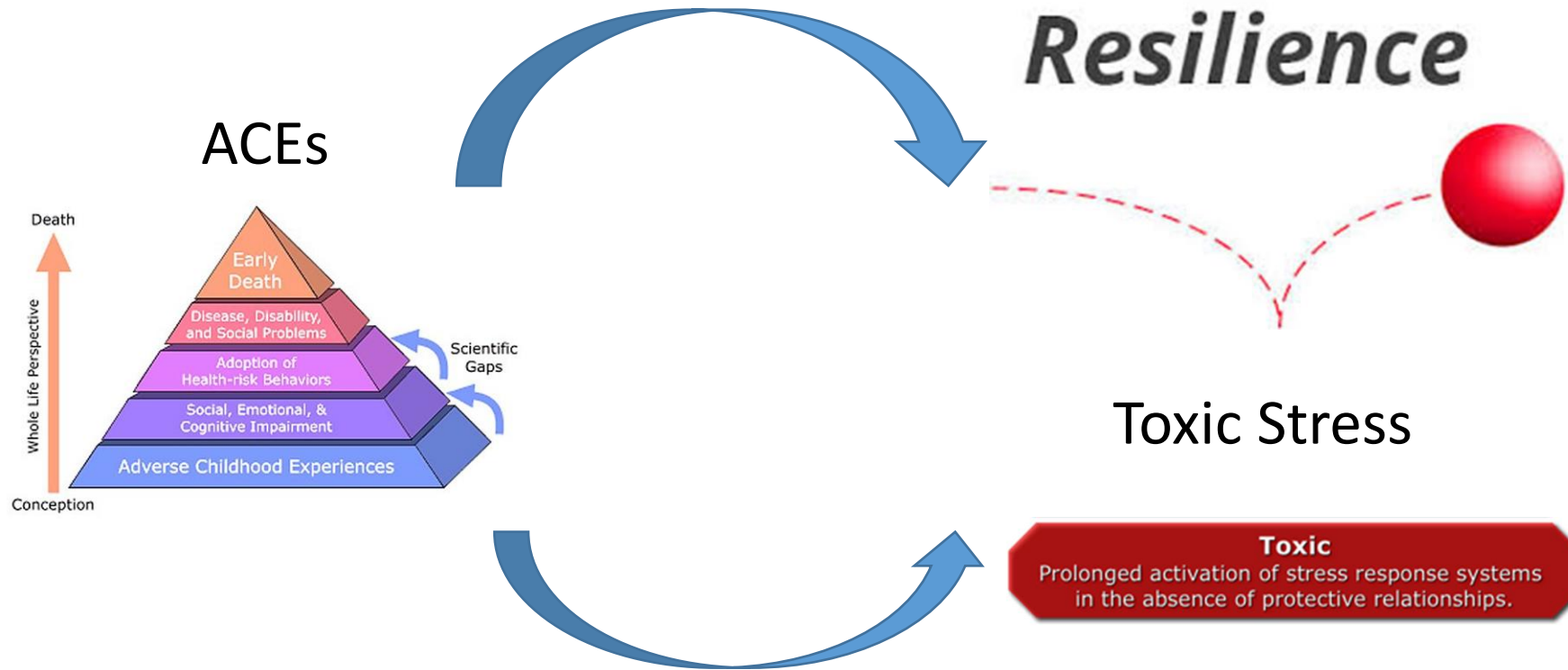


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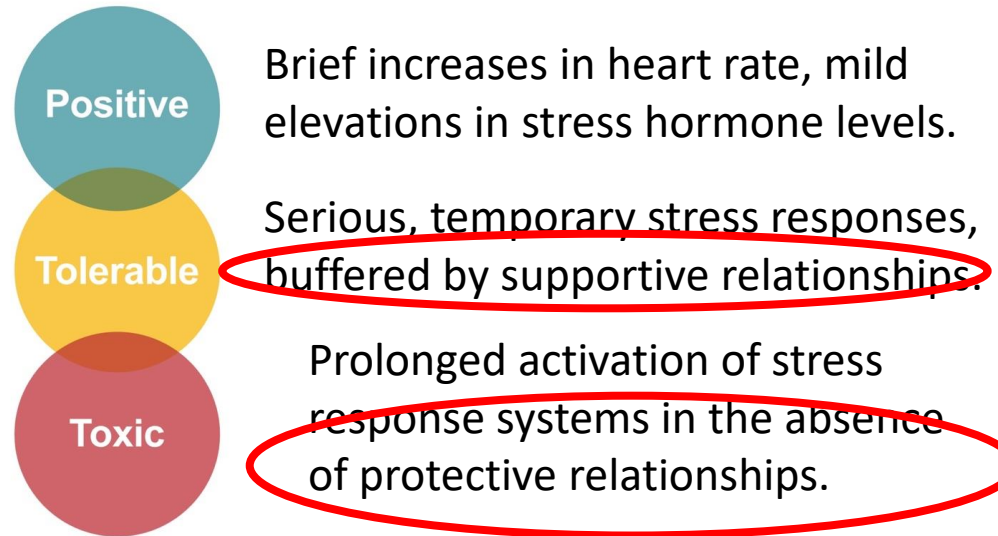
Adversities can be “routine”

What we need to discriminate



Definition of Toxic Stress

Excessive or prolonged activation of stress response systems in the absence of buffering protection from adult caregivers



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First job – support buffering

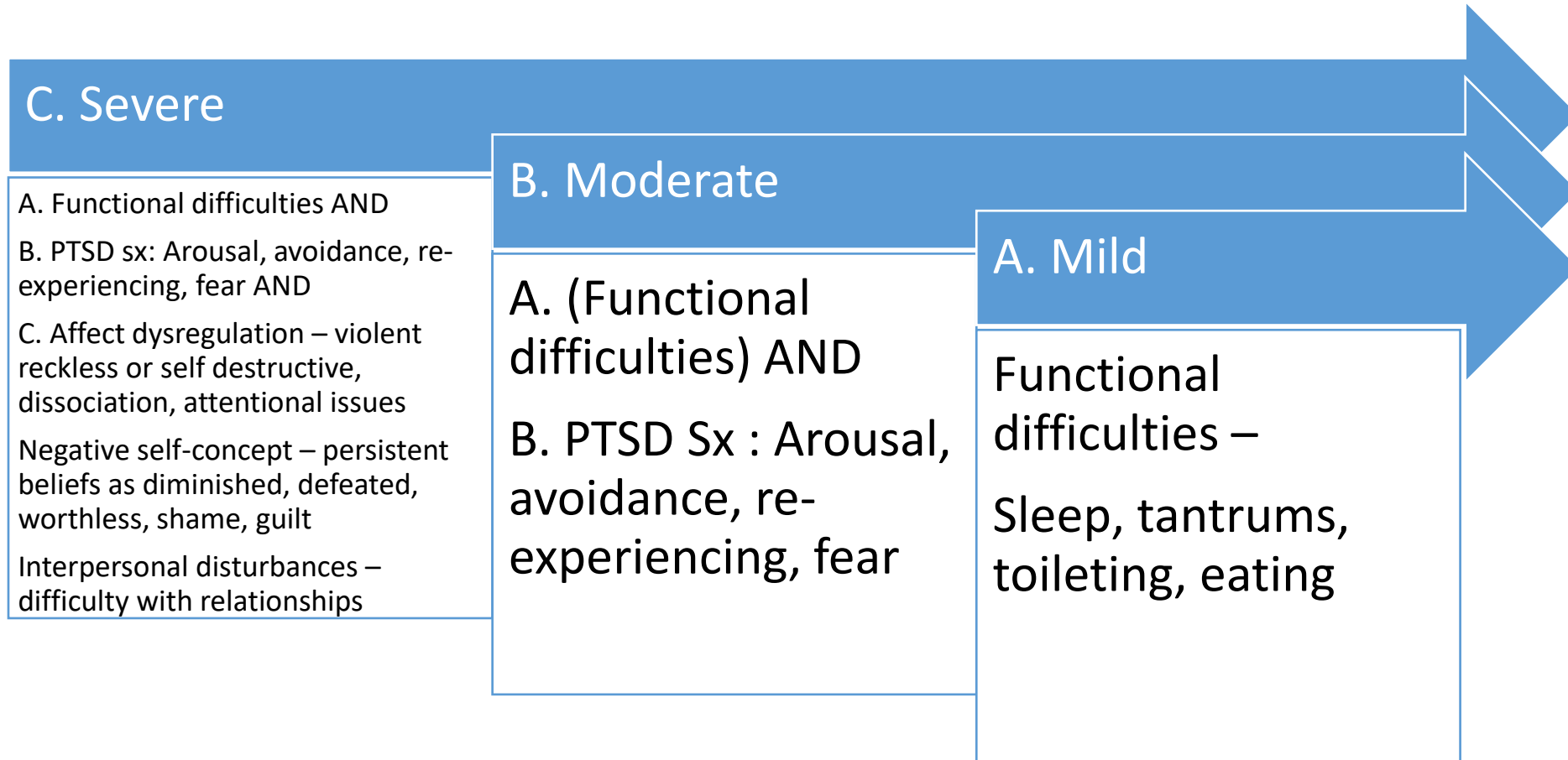


2nd – recognize and respond to trauma : Most pediatric “trauma” is preclinical in a MH sense

- Pediatrics niche is a wide space, most care for kids in the preclinical stages of trauma exposures
 - DTD trauma to DTD
 - We live in the space between ACEs and PTSD
 - Brain changes present to pediatrics as developmental concerns before behavioral health issues – so what are we looking for?

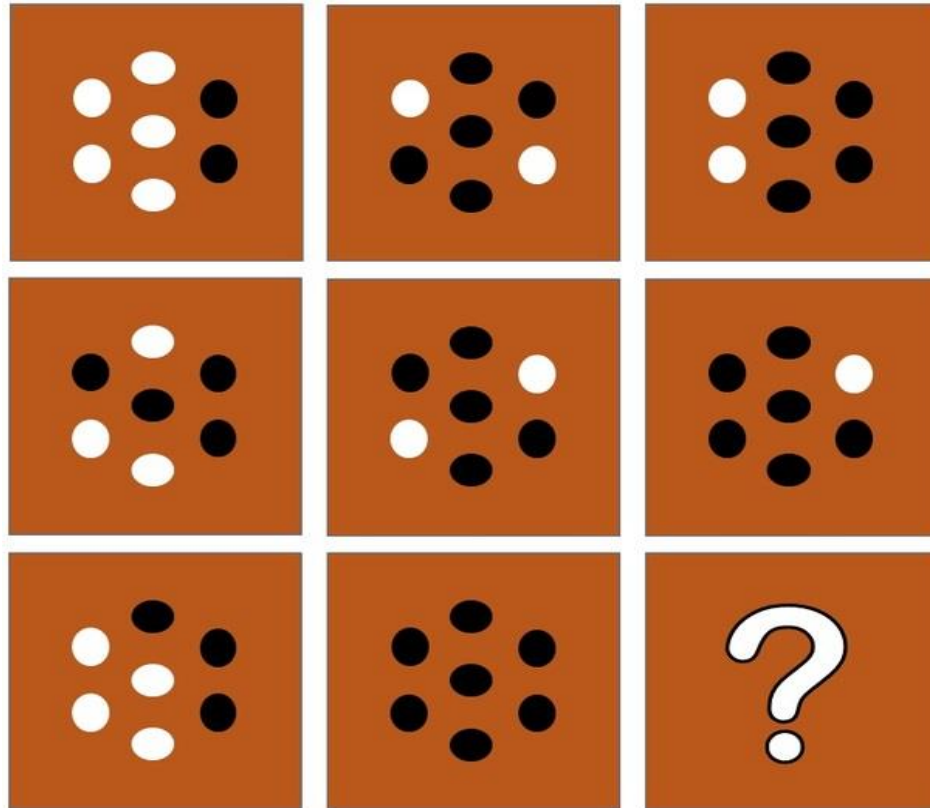


Can present with a spectrum of symptoms

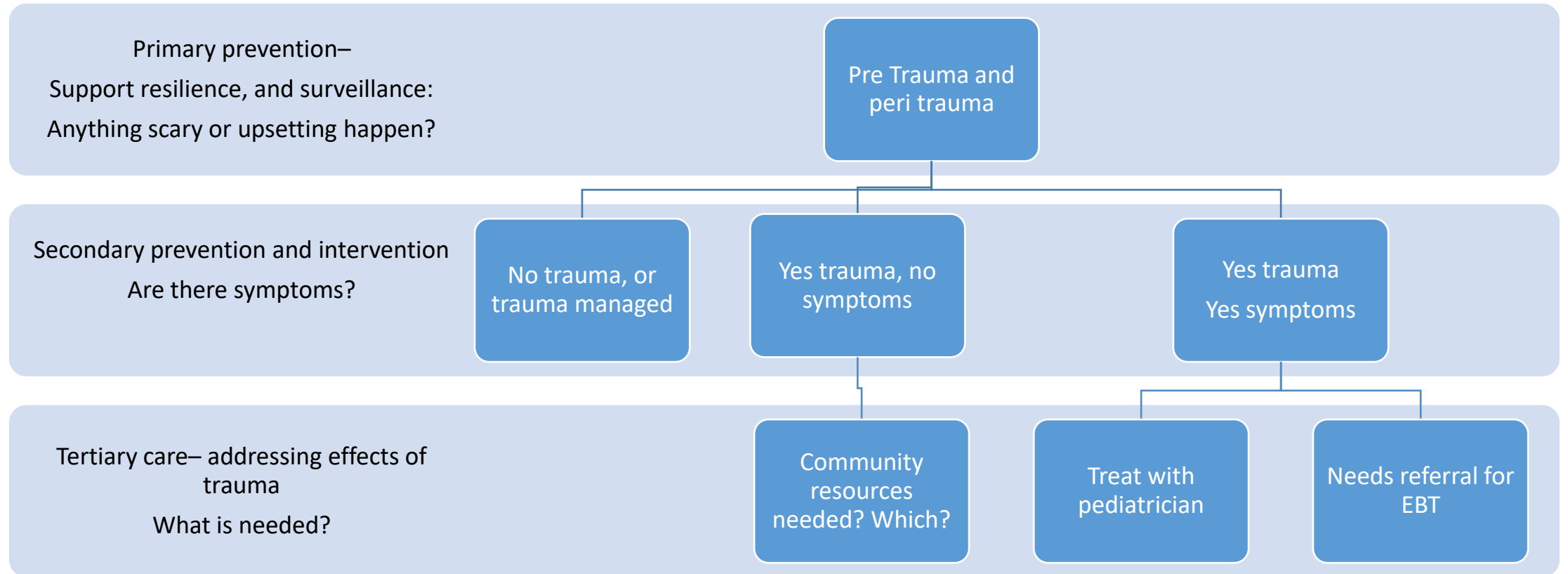


Physicians work from patterns – fitting symptoms into working models (need one)

- What are they looking for?

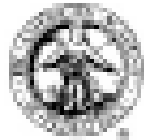


Three levels of care pediatrics is addressing



Primary prevention

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Organizational Principles to Guide and Define the Child
Health Care System and/or Improve the Health of all Children

POLICY STATEMENT

Early Childhood Adversity, Toxic Stress, and the Role of
the Pediatrician: Translating Developmental Science
Into Lifelong Health

Secondary (and pediatric piece of tertiary) response

POLICY STATEMENT Guidance for the Clinician in Rendering Pediatric Care

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Guidance for Pediatricians

- Ground in science
- Role of attachment, relational context of trauma with practical tools to support that
- Recognize trauma –tools to discriminate from other problems
- Respond to trauma
 - In patients
 - In caregivers
 - Secondary trauma in staff
- Readiness of organizations, institutions, payors, practices

Identifying and Responding to Children at Risk for Traumatic Stress in Pediatric Settings: The Care Process Model for Pediatric Traumatic Stress (CPM-PTS)

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 - Utah Children's Justice Centers (CJCs)
- Utah Office for the Victims of Crime (OVC)
 - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

- **National**

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)
- Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)
- Behavioral Health Innovations
- National Children's Alliance (NCA)
- Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK)

Objectives

- The lay of the land for screening, identifying, and responding to child trauma and traumatic stress
- Overview of the Care Process Model for Pediatric Traumatic Stress (CPM-PTS)
- Key findings and current growth of the CPM-PTS
- Discussion

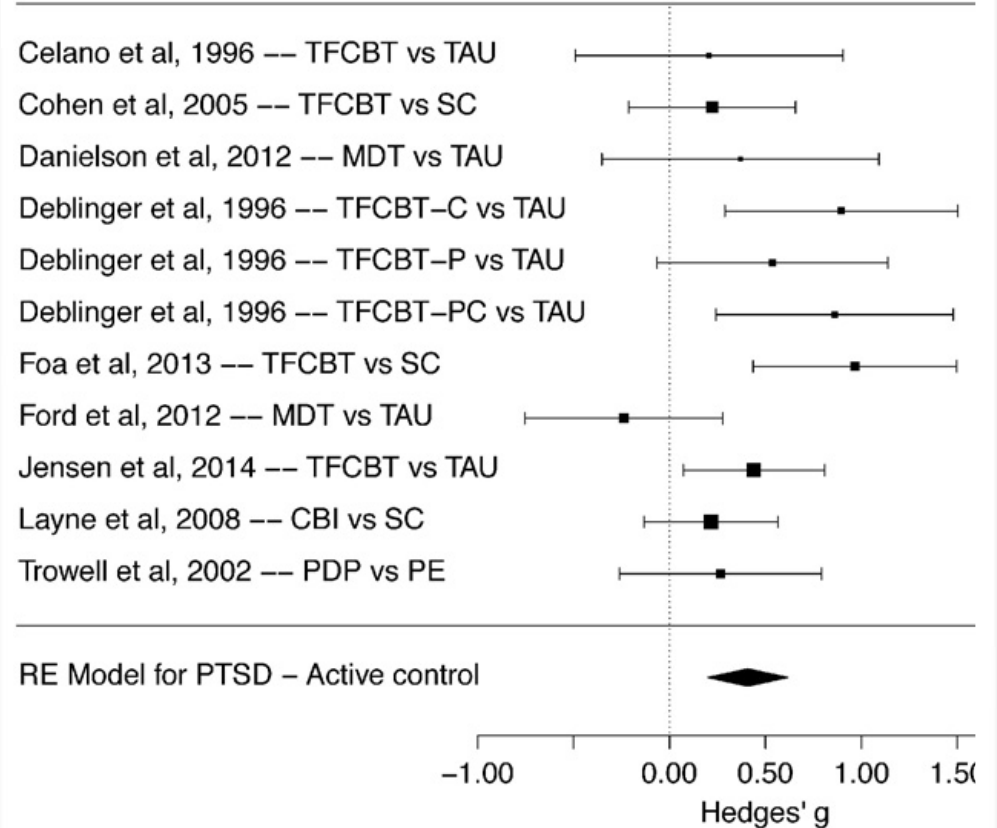
Definitions

- **Trauma:** Significant event or experience that causes or threatens harm to one's emotional and/or physical well-being
- **Traumatic stress:** Intense fear and stress in response to a potentially traumatic experience, including disturbed sleep, difficulty paying attention and concentrating, anger and irritability, withdrawal, repeated and intrusive thoughts, and/or extreme distress when confronted by reminders of the trauma

Need to Identify & Respond to Traumatic Stress

- High prevalence of trauma exposure
- Trauma is connected to poor health and mental health outcomes
- Trauma symptoms often go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed
 - Differential Diagnosis
- Trauma-focused evidence-based treatments work

Active Control



Trauma Screening Lay of the Land

- Options

- ACEs

- Child and Adolescent Trauma Screen (CATS)

- UCLA Brief Screen

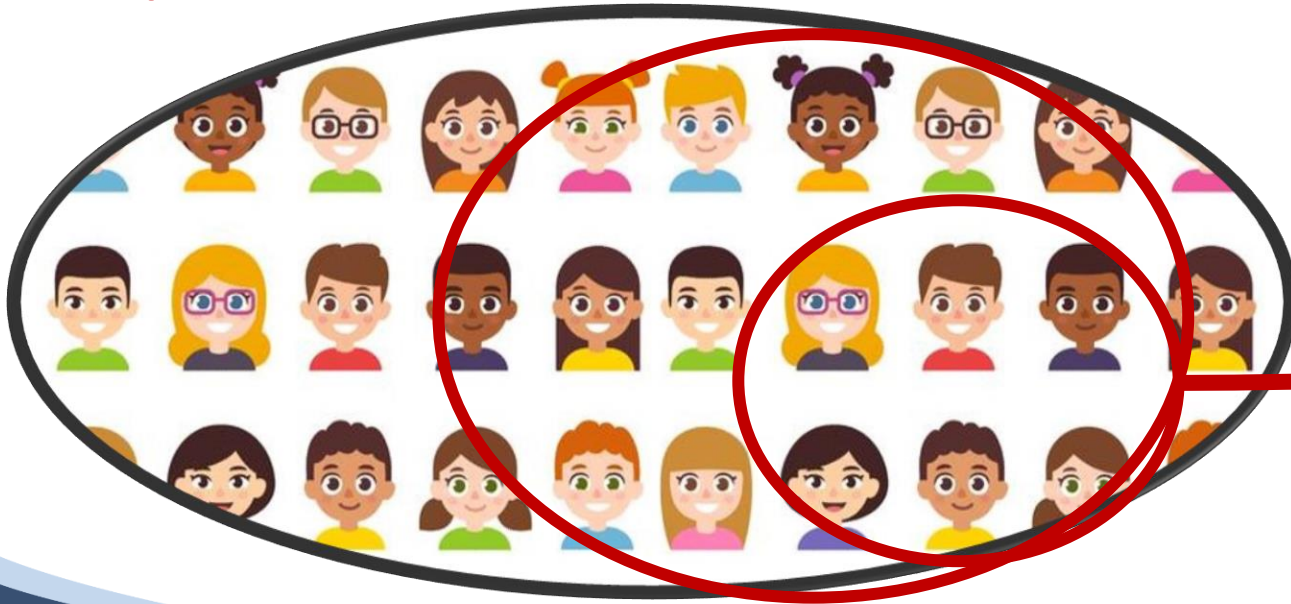
Limitations

Not created or validated for individual or clinical decision-making & does not screen for trauma symptoms

No specific guidance for trauma-informed care response

Summary of Needed Model or Tool

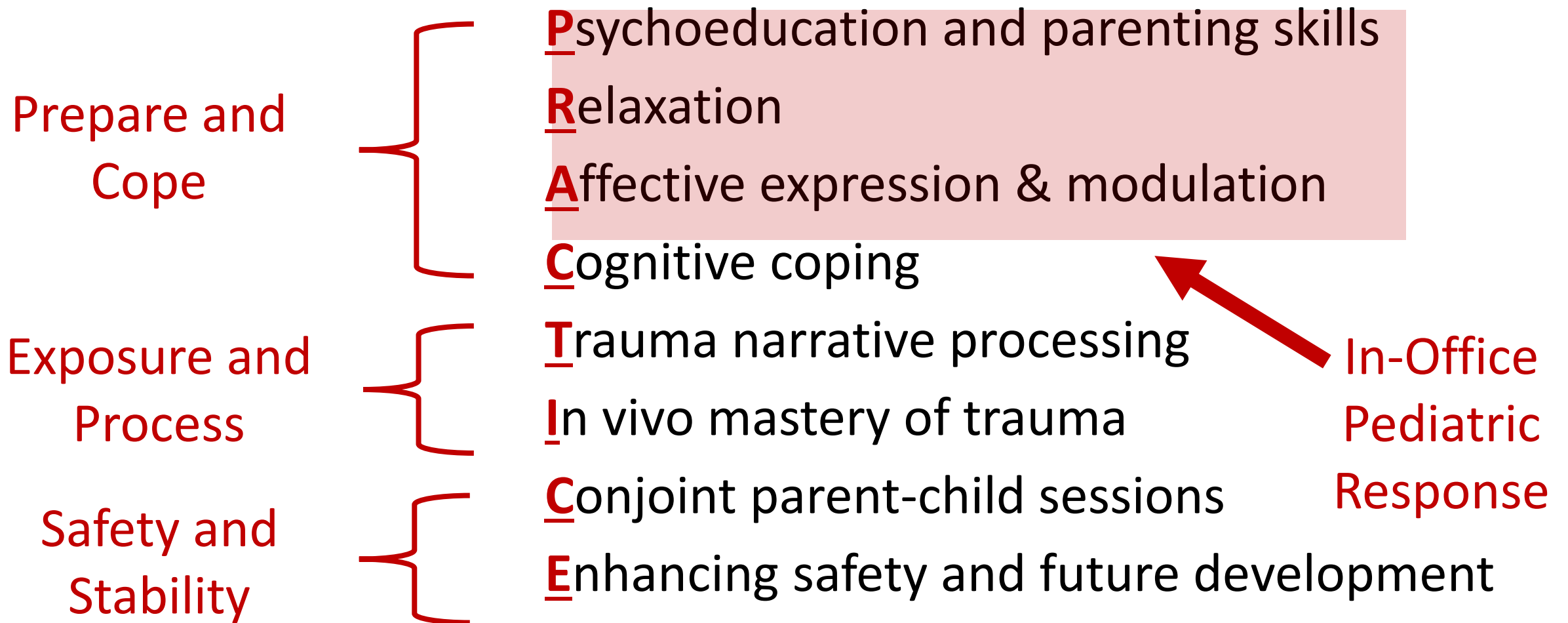
*** To assess and respond to children with trauma exposure**



*** To identify and connect children with traumatic stress to evidence-based trauma treatment providers**



Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy




Care Process Model for Pediatric Traumatic Stress (CPM-PTS)

- *A care process model is a decision support document and roadmap or algorithm that help providers follow standard/best practice

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Care Process Model

MARCH 2020



DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF
Traumatic Stress in Pediatric Patients

This care process model (CPM) provides best-practice recommendations for the prevention of childhood trauma as well as the identification and management of pediatric traumatic stress in primary care and children's advocacy center settings. This CPM was developed through a collaboration of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah and the Center for Safe and Healthy Families at Intermountain Healthcare's Primary Children's Hospital. This work was funded through federal grant monies allocated by the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI), which is part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).


► **Why Focus ON PEDIATRIC TRAUMATIC STRESS**

Childhood traumatic stress is the intense fear and stress response occurring when children are exposed to potentially traumatic experiences that overwhelm their ability to cope with what they have experienced. Traumatic stress needs to be addressed for the following reasons:


- **High prevalence.** Up to 80% of children experience at least one significant traumatic experience in childhood.¹⁰⁸ Minority children, including those who are members of federally recognized tribes, are disproportionately impacted by trauma and continue to have high rates of contact with the healthcare system.^{105, 106}
- **Poor mental health outcomes.** After exposure to traumatic experiences, some children and adolescents develop adverse traumatic stress responses, including acute stress disorder (ASD) or posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). They are also at risk for suicidal and homicidal intent, mental health comorbidities (e.g., depression, anxiety, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [ADHD]), substance use (including opioid dependency), and other risky behaviors that affect their ability to function and put them at risk for long-term problems.
- **Poor health outcomes and lower life expectancy.** The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) studies link child maltreatment to early death and other poor health outcomes in childhood and adulthood including obesity, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes.¹¹¹
- **High cost.** When children with traumatic stress are not identified or appropriately referred to evidence-based treatment, they can experience exacerbated symptoms and poorer outcomes resulting in elevated costs.^{109A, 109B, 109C} The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported in 2008 that the lifetime economic burden of cases of child maltreatment in one year in the U.S. is \$124 billion.^{109D, 109E}
- **Often under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed.** Lack of awareness or screening, symptom similarity to other mental health conditions, and/or the difficulty providers face with discussing and intervening in trauma situations contribute to the underdiagnosis or misdiagnosis of traumatic stress. Misdiagnosis can also lead to inappropriate psychotropic treatment. There are currently no medications approved by the FDA for trauma-specific symptoms in children.^{109F}
- **Early identification and integrated care using evidence-based treatments can increase positive outcomes.** Several trauma-specific therapy models have demonstrated effectiveness in the remediation of traumatic stress symptoms in children and adolescents.^{109G, 109H, 109I, 109J} Resiliency studies indicate that children with parental support and access to services can recover from traumatic experiences.^{109K, 109L, 109M} Several treatment studies have shown significant symptom remediation.^{109N, 109O, 109P, 109Q}


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 **GOALS**

- ↑ Patients screened for traumatic stress
- ↑ Number of referrals to specialty clinics for those identified with severe traumatic stress
- ↑ Number of patients that are identified with moderate or severe trauma symptoms that get evidence-based trauma therapy

 Indicates an Intermountain measure



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Overview

The Care Process Model (CPM) for Pediatric
Traumatic Stress

Who

- Children ages 6-18 years
 - Well-child visits
 - Mental health related visits
 - Forensic interviews
 - Other pediatric settings



Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool

11 years and older

Sometimes **violent** or **very scary** or **upsetting** things happen. This could be something that happened to you or something you saw. It can include being badly hurt, someone doing something harmful to you or someone else, or a serious accident or serious illness.

Has something like this happened recently?

If "Yes," what happened?

Has something like this happened in the past?

If "Yes," what happened?

Select how often you had the problem. Use the calendars on the right to help.

How much of the time during the last 2 weeks...

- 1 I have bad dreams about what happened.
- 2 I have trouble going to sleep, waking up.
- 3 I have upsetting thoughts, pictures in my mind when I don't want them to.
- 4 When something reminds me of what happened, my heart beats fast, and I feel nervous.
- 5 When something reminds me of what happened, I feel sad or angry.
- 6 I have trouble concentrating or remembering things.
- 7 I get upset easily or get into arguments.
- 8 I try to stay away from people, places, or things that remind me of what happened.
- 9 I have trouble feeling happy or interested in things.
- 10 I try not to think about or talk about what happened.
- 11 I have thoughts like "I will never be the same."
- 12 I feel alone even when I'm around people.
- 13 *Over the last 2 weeks, how much better or worse do you feel?

Clinicians, please indicate:

☐ No Action Taken

Referrals: (check all that apply)

☐ Child Protection (DCFS) / CPS

☐ Crisis Evaluation / Emergency Department

☐ Trauma Evidence-Based Treatment

☐ Mental Health Integration (MHI)

Patient Name: _____

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Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool

6–10 years of age

A veces a las personas les pasan cosas violentas o que les da mucho miedo o que les perturba. Esto podría ser algo que le pasó a su niño o algo que su niño vio. Puede incluir estar herido de gravedad, alguien haciendo algo malo a su niño o a alguien más, o un accidente o enfermedad grave.

¿Le ha pasado algo así a su niño recientemente? ☐ SI ☐ No

Si la respuesta es "sí" ¿qué le pasó?

¿Le ha pasado algo así a su niño en el pasado? ☐ SI ☐ No

Si la respuesta es "sí" ¿qué le pasó?

Seleccione con qué frecuencia su niño ha tenido el problema en el último mes. Use los calendarios de frecuencia a la derecha para ayudarlo a decidir.

CALENDARIO DE CALIFICACIÓN DE FRECUENCIA

Cuánto tiempo durante el último mes...	Nada	Poco	Algo	Mucho	La mayoría
1 Mi niño ha tenido pesadillas de lo que sucedió u otros sueños feos.	0	1	2	3	4
2 Mi niño tiene problemas para dormir, se despierta a menudo, o tiene problemas para volver a dormir.	0	1	2	3	4
3 A mi niño le vienen pensamientos perturbadores, imágenes o sonidos de lo que sucedió cuando no desea tenerlos.	0	1	2	3	4
4 Cuando algo le recuerda a mi niño lo que pasó, tiene sentimientos fuertes en su cuerpo, como palpitaciones cardíacas rápidas, dolores de cabeza o de estómago, pone triste.	0	1	2	3	4
5 Cuando algo le recuerda a mi niño lo que pasó, se enoja, le da miedo o se pone triste.	0	1	2	3	4
6 Mi niño tiene problemas para concentrarse o poner atención.	0	1	2	3	4
7 Mi niño se enoja fácilmente o discute o tiene peleas físicas.	0	1	2	3	4
8 Mi niño trata de mantenerse alejado de personas, lugares o cosas que le recuerden lo que pasó.	0	1	2	3	4
9 Mi niño tiene problemas para sentir felicidad o amor.	0	1	2	3	4
10 Mi niño trata de no pensar o tener sentimientos sobre lo que pasó.	0	1	2	3	4
11 Mi niño tiene pensamientos como "nunca podré confiar en otras personas".	0	1	2	3	4
12 Mi niño se siente solo aun cuando está rodeado de otras personas.	0	1	2	3	4
13 *Durante las 2 últimas semanas, ¿cuan a menudo su niño ha tenido pensamientos que estaría mejor muerto o de hacerse daño de alguna manera?	En lo absoluto	Varios días	Más de la mitad de los días	Casi todos los días	

*Adapted from Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-C)

Clinicians, please indicate actions taken:

☐ No Action Taken

Referrals: (check all that apply)

☐ Child Protection (DCFS) / CPS

☐ Crisis Evaluation / Emergency Department

☐ Trauma Evidence-Based Treatment

☐ Mental Health Integration (MHI)

In-office Interventions: (check all that apply)

☐ Sleep Education

☐ Belly Breathing

☐ Guided Imagery

☐ Progressive Muscle Relaxation

Patient Name: _____

Patient DOB: _____ EMPI _____

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How

- Incorporates a screening tool for:
 - Trauma exposure (UCLA Brief Screen)
 - Suicidality (PHQ-9 #9)
 - Symptoms of traumatic stress (UCLA Brief Screen)
- Versions:
 - Parent vs adolescent report
 - English or Spanish
 - Paper or electronic

ROAD MAP OF CARE: PEDIATRIC TRAUMATIC STRESS IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS (6–18 years of age)

Child screens positive for a potentially traumatic experience* using the Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool (pages 33–36)

*Traumatic experiences may include:

- Abuse
- Violence
- Serious accidents
- Natural disasters
- Medical trauma

FOLLOW the 3-step process

1 Report if required (see page 9)	2 Respond to suicide risk (see page 10)	3 Stratify treatment approach (see page 12)
Call DCFS if child maltreatment suspected (1-855-323-3237).	Follow Intermountain's Suicide Prevention CPM if child reports thinking about being better off dead or of harming themselves in some way (see page 10).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool to assess symptom severity (see pages 33–36). • Inquire about child's functioning in daily activities. • Use stratification chart below to determine next steps.

Treatment Stratification		
Symptoms	Poor functioning?	Clinical decision
Severe symptoms Score $\geq 21^{**}$	YES or NO	Restorative Approach Refer to evidence-based trauma treatment (see page 14).
Moderate symptoms Score 11–20**	YES NO	Resilient Approach Refer to MHI or community/private mental health (see page 14).
Mild symptoms Score $\leq 10^{**}$	YES NO	Protective Approach Provide strengths-based guidance and continue monitoring (see page 14).

**Scores from Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool. See page 9 for more information and pages 33–36 for copies of the screening tool.

Possible medication roles:

- Trauma-related sleep problems (see page 16)
- Pre-existing anxiety, depression or severe ADHD. See [Depression](#) and [ADHD CPMs](#).

PROVIDE a brief in-office intervention (see page 15)

Sleep problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleep education • Belly breathing • Guided imagery • Medication
Hypervigilant/intrusive symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belly breathing • Guided imagery • Progressive muscle relaxation • Mindfulness
Avoidance/negative mood symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral activation • Return to routine • Parent-child communication

FOLLOW UP at regular intervals (see page 16)

EVALUATE responses using Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool (see pages 33–36)

- If poor or no response to treatments consider the following:
- RETRY or change interventions
 - COORDINATE with mental health provider, if applicable
 - INVOLVE case management
 - REVISE treatment stratification
 - ASSESS potential for medication or psychiatric referral

Guides Provider Response via a Roadmap of Care

Provider meets with youth and caregiver:

1. Report if required
2. Respond to suicide risk
3. Stratify treatment response

Follow-up

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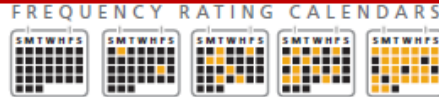
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4	When something reminds me of what happened I have strong feelings in my body, my heart beats fast, and I have headaches or stomach aches.	0	1	2	3	4
5	When something reminds me of what happened I get very upset, afraid, or sad.	0	1	2	3	4
6	I have trouble concentrating or paying attention.	0	1	2	3	4
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11	I have thoughts like "I will never be able to trust other people."	0	1	2	3	4
12	I feel alone even when I'm around other people.	0	1	2	3	4

13	*Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by thoughts that you would be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way?	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
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*Adapted from Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-A)

1. Report if Required

2. Respond to Suicide Risk

The C-SSRS

Ask items 1-2, 6

- If yes to 1 or 2, ask items 3-5

TABLE1: Patient safety measures and response protocols based on C-SSRS Quick Screen responses. Taken from the Suicide Prevention CPM

C-SSRS Quick Screen questions (in the last month)			Action if patient response "Yes"
Question	"Yes" indicates	Level of risk	Outpatient clinic (non BH)
1. Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?	Wish to be dead	LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider referral to MHI or BH provider Consider patient education
2. Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?	Nonspecific thoughts		
3. Have you been thinking about how you might kill yourself?	Thoughts with method (without specific plan or intent to act)	MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess risk factors and either facilitate evaluation for Inpatient admission or complete <u>Safety Plan</u> with follow-up with 24–48 hours Educate patient
4. Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?	Intent (without plan)	HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate Immediate evaluation Educate the patient
5. Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?	Intent with plan		
6. Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?	Behavior	>1 year ago: LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider referral to MHI or BH provider Consider patient education
		1–12 months ago: MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess risk factors and refer to MHI or BH provider Educate patient
		Past 4 weeks, during current Inpatient stay, since last assessment: HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate Immediate evaluation for Inpatient care Educate patient

Higher risk for suicide

Based on suicide risk, providers may:

- Encourage ongoing family communication
- Develop a safety plan
- Refer to MH treatment
- Refer to the ER/crisis team



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FREQUENCY RATING CALENDARS



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MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE	13	*Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by thoughts that you would be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way?	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
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*Adapted from Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-A)

3. Stratify Treatment Response based on:

- Screening tool responses,
- Child functional impairment, &
- Shared decision-making

How are things
going at home,
school, and with
friends?



3. Stratify Treatment Response based on:

- Screening tool responses,
- **Child functional impairment, &**
- **Shared decision-making**

Provide Appropriate Treatment Approach

TABLE 2. Treatment Stratification		
Symptoms	Poor functioning?	Clinical decision
Severe symptoms: Score $\geq 21^{**}$	YES or NO	Restorative Approach Refer to EBT Treatment
Moderate symptoms: Score 11–20 ^{**}	YES NO	Resilient Approach Refer to MHI or Community MHI.
Mild symptoms: Score $\leq 10^{**}$	YES NO	Protective Approach Provide strengths-based guidance and continue monitoring.

^{**}Scores from *Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool* ([see page 9](#) for more information)

Pediatric Traumatic Stress Screening Tool

11 years and older

Sometimes violent or very scary or upsetting things happen. This could be something that happened to you or something you saw. It can include being badly hurt, someone doing something harmful to you or someone else, or a serious accident or serious illness.

Has something like this happened recently? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes,' what happened? _____

Has something like this happened in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes,' what happened? _____

Select how often you had the problem below in the past month.
Use the calendars on the right to help you decide how often.

FREQUENCY RATING CALENDARS



How much of the time during the past month...		None	Little	Some	Much	Most
1	I have bad dreams about what happened or other bad dreams.	0	1	2	3	4
2	I have trouble going to sleep, waking up often, or getting back to sleep.	0	1	2	3	4
3	I have upsetting thoughts, pictures, or sounds of what happened come into my mind when I don't want them to.	0	1	2	3	4
4	When something reminds me of what happened I have strong feelings in my body, my heart beats fast, and I have headaches or stomach aches.	0	1	2	3	4
5	When something reminds me of what happened I get very upset, afraid, or sad.	0	1	2	3	4
6	I have trouble concentrating or paying attention.	0	1	2	3	4
7	I get upset easily or get into arguments or physical fights.	0	1	2	3	4
8	I try to stay away from people, places, or things that remind me about what happened.	0	1	2	3	4
9	I have trouble feeling happiness or love.	0	1	2	3	4
10	I try not to think about or have feelings about what happened.	0	1	2	3	4
11	I have thoughts like "I will never be able to trust other people."	0	1	2	3	4
12	I feel alone even when I'm around other people.	0	1	2	3	4

		SLEEP				
		AROUSAL/ INTRUSION				
		AVOIDANCE/ NEGATIVE MOOD				

13	*Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by thoughts that you would be better off dead or hurting yourself in some way?	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
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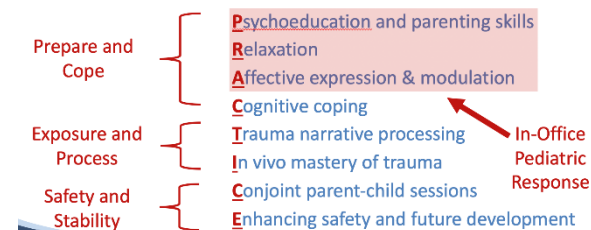
*Adapted from Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-A)

Connect symptoms
with trauma
&
Provide a brief
targeted intervention

Lower distress
and calm
behaviors

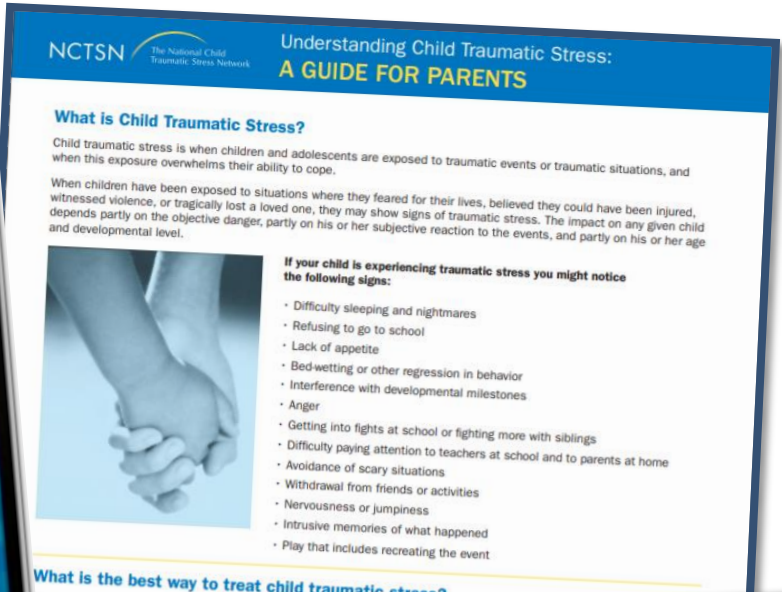
Improve
Engagement
and mood

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy



Brief In-Office Intervention

TABLE 3. Brief in-office interventions (for details see page 23)	
Sleep problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sleep education • Belly breathing • Guided imagery • Medication
Hypervigilant / intrusive symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belly breathing • Guided imagery • Progressive muscle relaxation • Mindfulness
Avoidance / negative mood symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral activation • Return to routine • Parent-child communication



Follow Up

- Shorter-term (2-4 weeks) & longer-term (4-6 months)
 - Re-administer screening tool
 - Monitor symptom change
 - Assess/adjust decision-making
 - Provide on-going support



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Findings & Growth

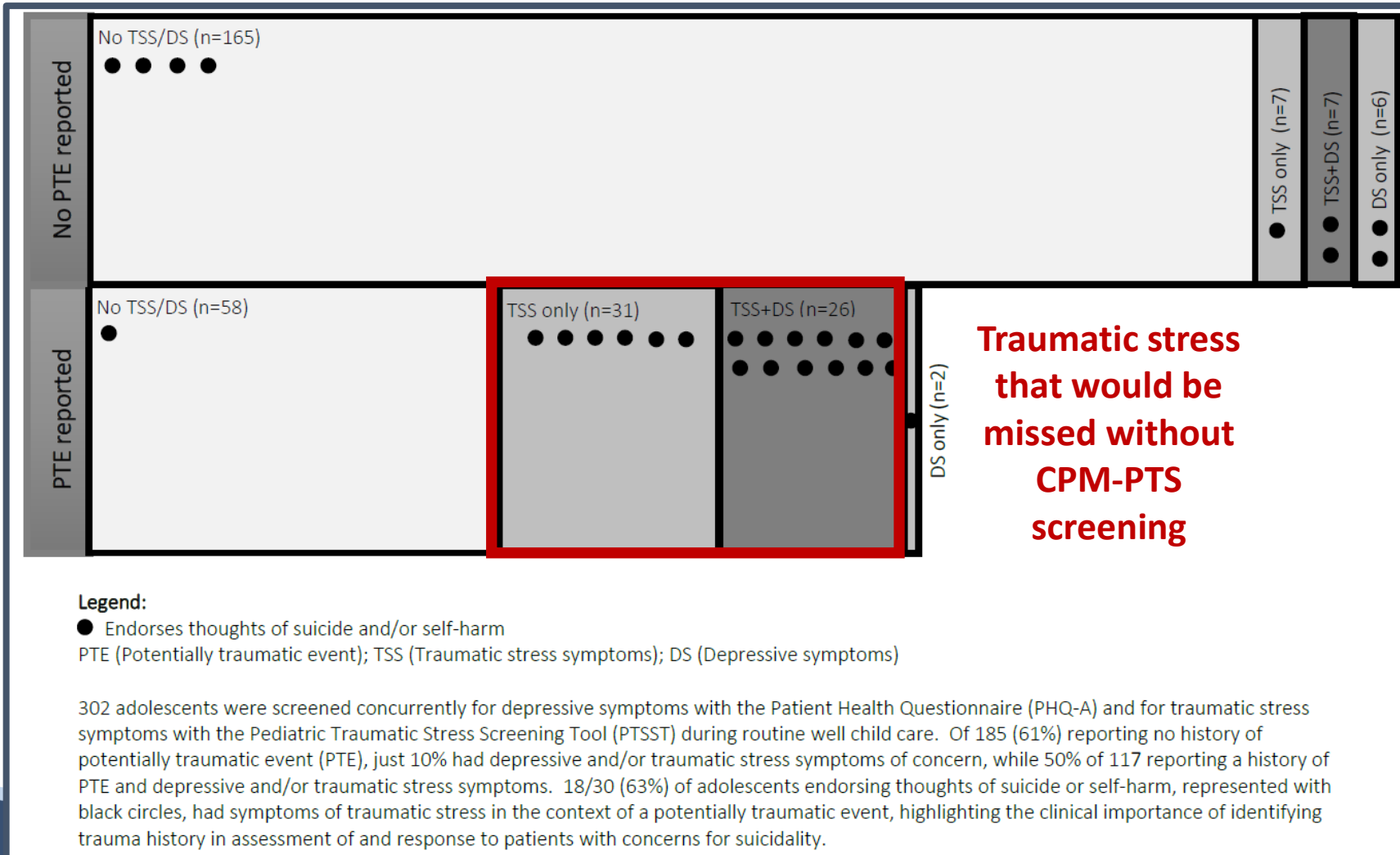
The Care Process Model (CPM) for Pediatric
Traumatic Stress

Key Finding 1: The CPM-PTS Finds Trauma Exposure, Suicidality, & Traumatic Stress Symptoms in Children Seen in Pediatric Settings

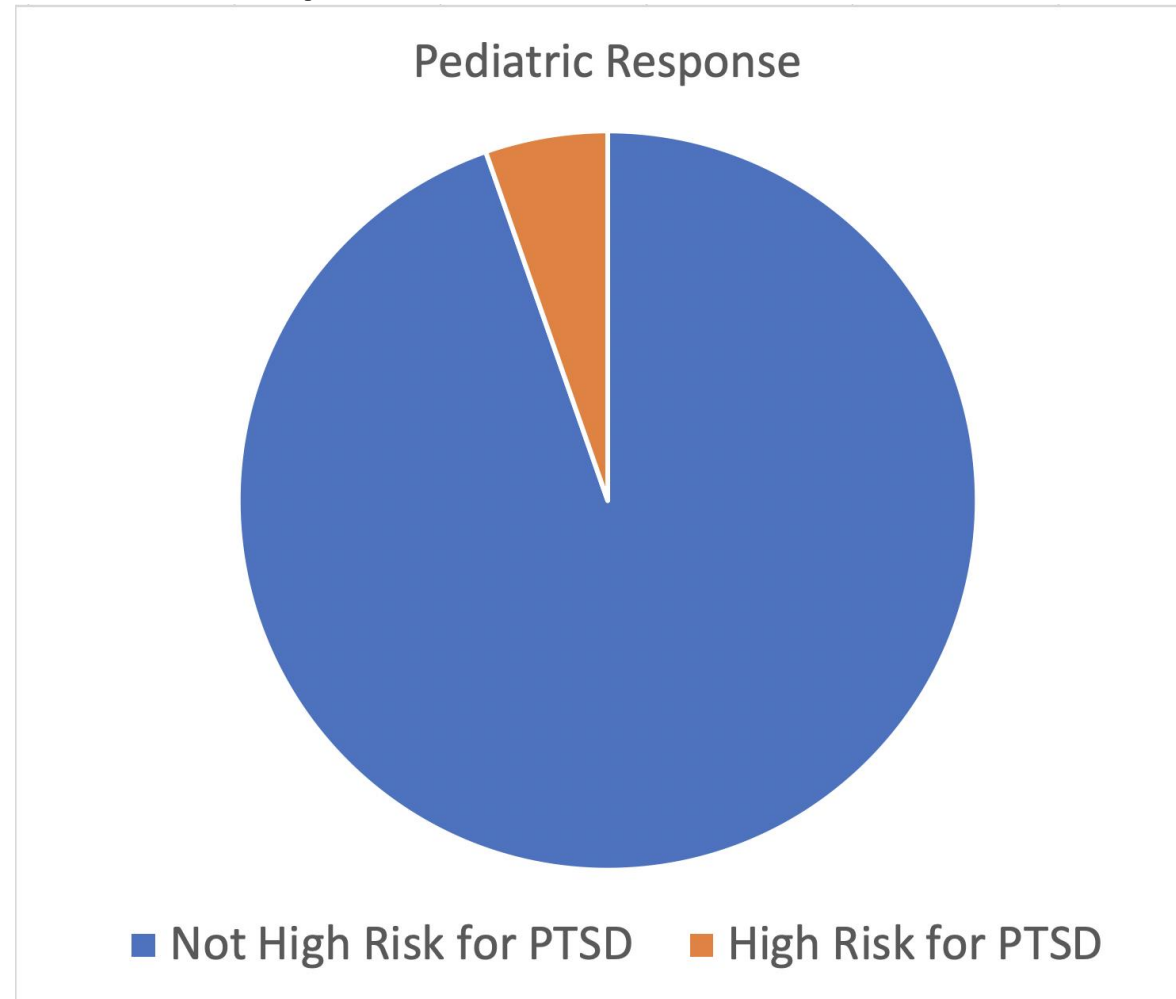
	Primary Care (n=1472)	CACs (n=1766)
Trauma Exposure	33%	76%
Suicidality	3%	37%
Traumatic Stress Symptoms	13%	69%

And it's sensitive
to both low and
high risk
populations

Key Finding 2: CPM-PTS Highlights Area for Primary Care Response Missed by Other/Previous Screening Practices



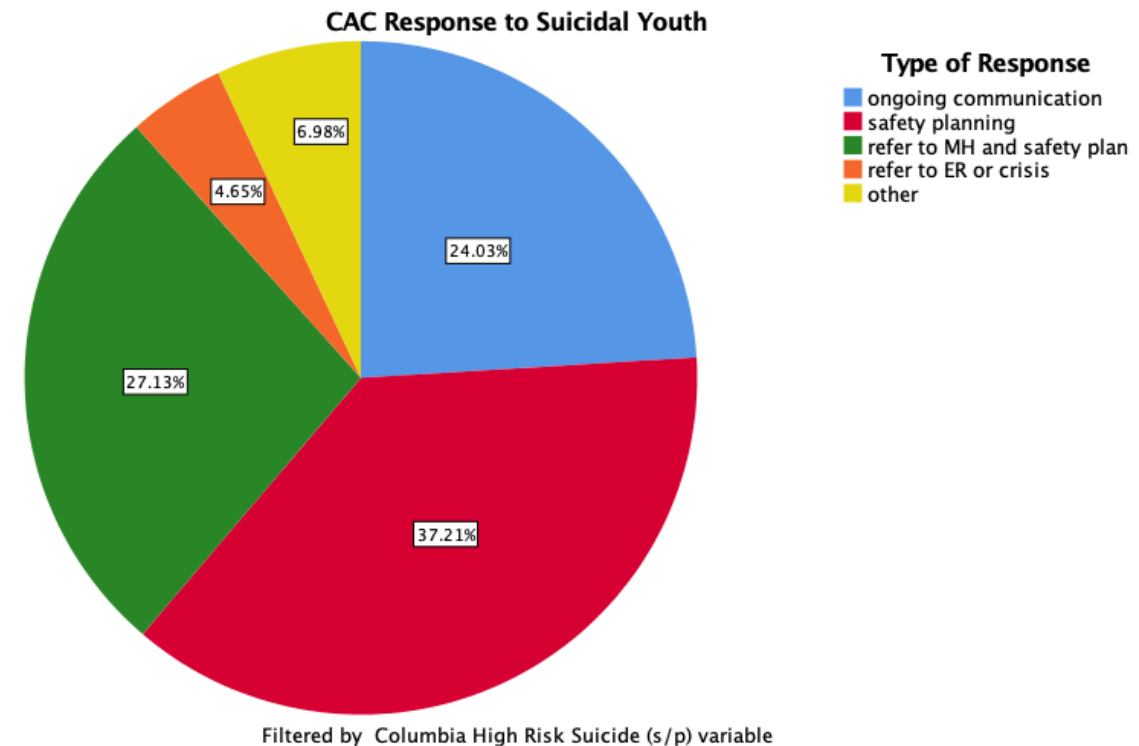
Key Finding 3: CPM-PTS Distinguishes/Triage Response for Primary Care



Key Finding 4: The CPM-PTS Introduction of Suicide Screening and Response to CACs Appears Critical

At CACs:

- Screening via the CPM-PTS identified that about 1 in every 10 adolescents is at high risk for suicidality
- $\frac{3}{4}$'s of these high-risk youth received a higher level suicide prevention response from the CAC



Key Finding 5: More than Screening, the CPM-PTS Guides Decision-making and a Trauma-informed Care Response

CAC Responses	%
Made a New CPS Report	5%
Assessed Suicide Risk via the CSSRS	32%
Provided Suicide Prevention Resources	30%
Made a Treatment Referral	78%
Referred Specifically to Trauma EBT	45%
Taught a Skill	58%

And can be used
by clinicians and
non-clinicians

Primary Care Providers Applaud the CPM-PTS



"You know, the family, when I was talking to them, didn't really identify anything that would trigger, but on the trauma screener he actually identified that about six months previously he had been stabbed. Before I had the screener there, he hadn't revealed that to me and hadn't thought that much of it, but then as we talked through it more he actually had a lot of symptoms of PTSD after that. And so I worked through the CPM, where he should go and all of that with him. I would have never have gotten that information had it not been from the screener and then having that in place."

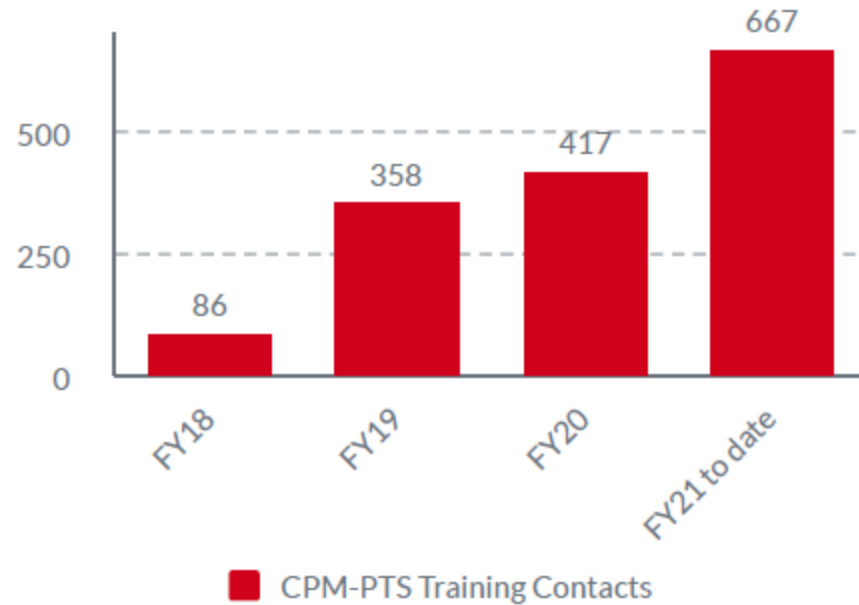
"There was some concern about the potentially traumatic experience and mom wasn't sure if there was an impact or not on the child. And then she was able to fill out the questionnaire, including the symptoms score, which was essentially a zero. So that was just a nice way to have a conversation like, 'You know, looks like things are ok. Here are some things you can think about.'"



CAC Workers Praise the CPM-PTS



CPM-PTS Training Activities



Since the first training in the CPM-PTS in February 2018, PIPS has provided CPM-PTS training to over 1,528 contacts*

110 CPM-PTS training contacts* were made in the reported quarter (January-March 2021)

* The term "contacts" reflects that training may include single or multiple sessions

CPM-PTS Growth in Utah

17,500+
Children Screened



4,000+
CJs

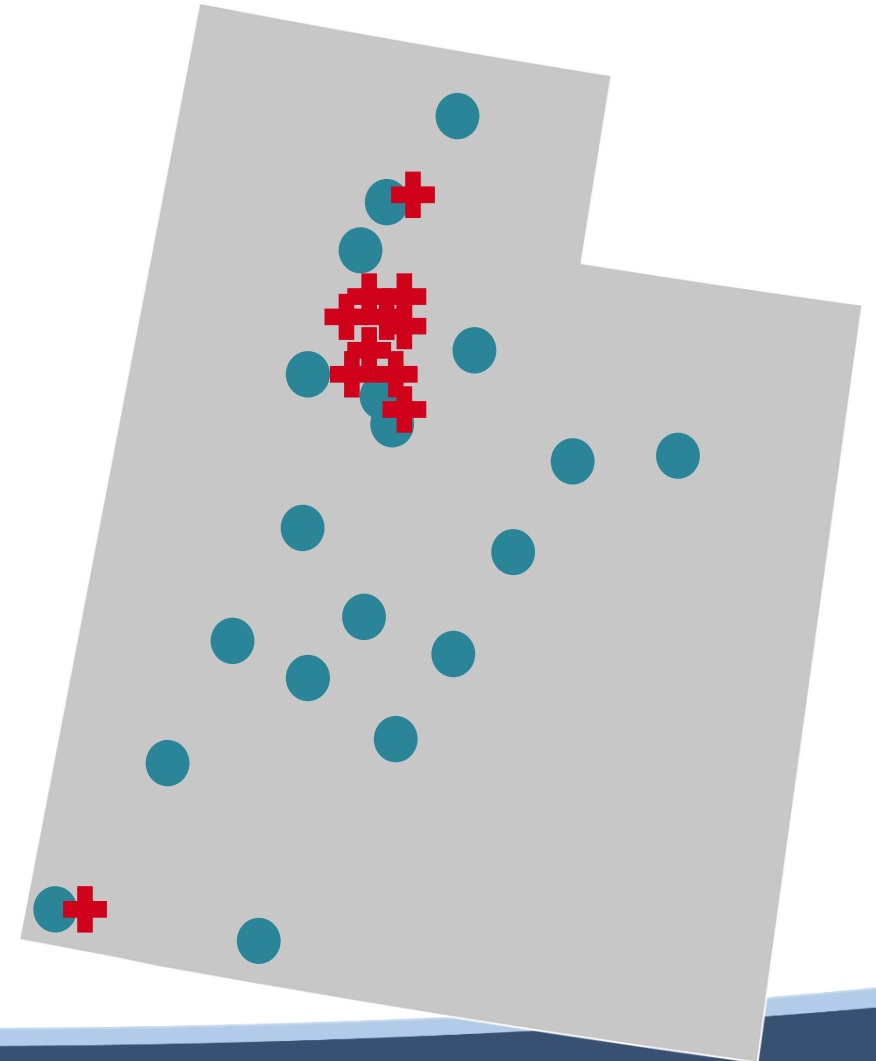


13,500+
Primary
Care Clinic

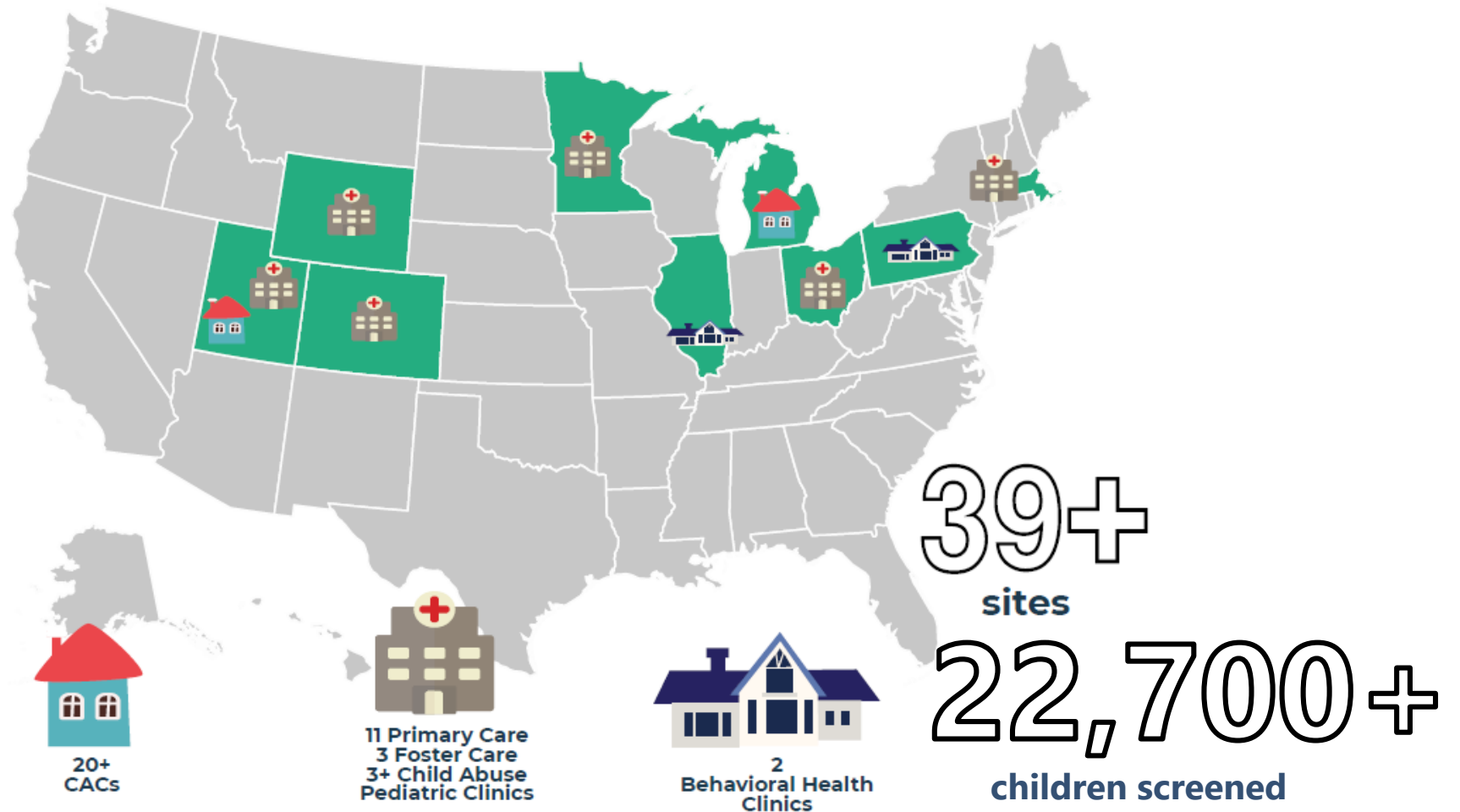
30+
Active Sites

● 19
CJs

✚ 11 Primary
Care Clinics



CPM-PTS Growth in the US





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Next Meeting

*(All meetings are virtual; Teams information is in each calendar invitation.
Contact Alix.Riviere@mass.gov for more information on how to join meetings)*

Monday, September 13th
1:00-3:00pm

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