

Childhood Trauma Task Force

November 1, 2021

1pm-3pm

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Approval of October 2021 Meeting Minutes
- Center on Child Wellbeing & Trauma: Update
- Legislative Report Timeline/Review of Part I of Annual CTTF Legislative Report

CCWT Progress

- Staffing up:
 - Audrey Smolkin - Executive Director
 - Melinda Kneeland – Sr Assessment Director
 - Frederick Mann – Assessment Coach
 - Hiring for several other projects (Professional Learning Community Director, Project Coordinator) in progress
- Center officially launched October 20th
 - New website: <https://childwellbeingandtrauma.org/>



Initial CCTW Projects

- **Training/Coaching/Professional Learning Communities**
 - Launched:
 - K-12 Schools Cohort
 - Worcester-area CBO Cohort
 - Family Resource Centers Cohort (launching this week)
 - Ongoing planning re: other potential cohorts, including cohort of congregate care providers (w/ EEC)
- **Online Training/Tool Kits** (*Soft launch now – bigger push over next month*)
 - Racial Trauma & Racial Equity Series (K-12)
 - Toolkit for Early Educators

Trauma Screening & Referral Project: Overall Timeline

- Step 1: Interim Report to Legislature
 - Target - December 2021
 - Allows us to meet statutory requirements
- Step 2: Winter/Spring 2022
 - Using interim report as springboard, collect feedback from wider audience
 - Discuss recommendations
- Step 3: ~ Summer 2022
 - Publish final report with recommendations

Interim Report Timeline

- Today: Review/discuss Part I of Report
- November 15th: CTTF members to receive Revised Part I plus Part II for review
- December 3rd: Revised draft sent to CTTF members, incorporating any edits received prior to November 30th
- December 6th: Discuss/edit/vote on final report

Interim Report on Trauma Screening & Referral: Outline (Part I)

- **Introduction**

- CTF Legislative Mandate
- Brief Summary of CTF Work to Date
- Overview of 2021 Work on Trauma Screening
- Why Focus on Trauma Identification?

- **Trauma Screening: General Background**

- What do we mean by trauma screening?
- Trauma screening: what, how and why
- Special considerations:
 - Caregiver consent
 - The impact of culture and prior experiences of racism
 - Incorporation of Positive Childhood Experiences/strength-based approach

- **Requirements of Effective Implementation of Trauma Screening**

- Child/Youth & Family Engagement
- Staff Buy-In and Training
- Established Referral & Follow-Up Processes
- Data Collection & CQI

Interim Report on Trauma Screening & Referral: Outline (Part II)

- **Trauma Screening & Referral Practices in Specific Sectors:**
 - K-12
 - Pediatrics
 - Child Welfare
 - Juvenile Justice
 - First Responder Settings

- **Each section will include:**
 - Arguments *for* conducting a trauma screening in a given setting/context
 - Cautions, considerations and/or arguments *against* conducting a trauma screening in a given setting/context
 - A description of *current practices in Massachusetts in this sector*, as best as the CTTF has been able to identify
 - A *spotlight* on one or more trauma screening programs currently operational in this setting or context (drawn from CTTF presentations)

Next Meeting

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

Monday, December 6th
1:00-3:00pm

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