#### Childhood Trauma Task Force

October 6, 2020 1-2:30pm



### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review/Approval of Minutes from September
   Meeting
- Final review of Framework for TIR Organizations
- Review and discussion of Framework
   Implementation section of 2020 legislative report
- Next Steps



### Outline of Legislative Report

#### Introduction

- Defines "TIR" and why MA needs a Framework
- CTTF timeline and work process
- Framework for TIR Organizations (Appendix)

#### Implementing the Framework

- Challenges/Barriers to Implementation
- Promising practices from other states (+ Spotlight on CT's CHDI)
- Supports needed

#### Recommendation

Establish a Center on Child Wellness & Trauma



# Framework Implementation section: Supports Needed

### Sector-Specific Implementation Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)

- Training and coaching based on the most up-to-date research\*\*
- Organizational assessments and implementation technical assistance\*\*
- Support implementing evidence-based trauma practices



# Framework Implementation section: Supports Needed

### 2. Statewide TIR Practice Advancement Resource & Coordination Hub

- Development of statewide TIR Organization Network and Learning Communities
- Ongoing identification, evaluation, and dissemination of promising practices
- Practitioner resource website & online training platform\*\*
  - Training platform
  - Sector-specific toolkits
  - Resources on Secondary Traumatic Stress
  - Directory of resources for trauma interventions/services



# Framework Implementation section: Supports Needed

#### 3. Quality Assurance Support

- Developing a "TIR" Certification process
  - Objectively measure TIR efforts
  - Track professionals/orgs
  - Training/professional development
  - TIR Certification as part of licensure/procurement?
- Assisting TIR organizations in their efforts to establish ongoing quality assurance programs
  - Identify quantitative & qualitative methods for assessment & evaluation (system development)



## Framework Implementation section: Recommendation

Support Child-Serving
Organizations in Becoming
Trauma-Informed and
Responsive by Establishing a
State Center on Child Wellness
& Trauma (CCWT)





## Framework Implementation section: Recommendation

- 1. Provide (or coordinate the provision of) sector-specific implementation training and technical assistance (TTA)
  - Centralized access to training/coaching
  - Training based on up-to-date research
  - Centralized process for tracking TTA



## Framework Implementation section: Recommendation

- 2. Ensure child-serving professionals keep abreast of best practices and innovations in the fast-advancing field of childhood trauma
  - CCWT as central information hub (identify → evaluate → disseminate)
  - Learning communities/network
  - Online training platform & practitioner resource website



## Framework Implementation section: Recommendation

- 3. Establish a measurable baseline level of quality for what it means for an organization to be trauma-informed and responsive, and a mechanism for tracking child-serving organizations that have achieved that level of quality
  - Develop TIR (re-)certification process
  - Work with universities/colleges on training programs
  - Track who is certified
  - Incorporate TIR certification as part of licensure/procurement process



### Questions

- Do you agree with these recommendations? Are there any you would cut or substantially modify?
- What is missing? What else should be added?
- Is there any key contextual information that's missing, or illustrative details we could add to better reinforce our points?



### **Next Steps**

Mid-October: CTTF members receive full draft report

November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting: Review of full report

November: OCA incorporates edits

December 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Review of final draft and vote





#### **Question? Contact**

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https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-the-child-advocate https://www.mass.gov/lists/childhood-trauma-task-force-cttf