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Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems Project

Creating Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Systems: A Guide for Administrators

In an effort to improve services for children and families involved in the child welfare system, the Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems Project (CTISP), as part of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN), has coordinated a groundbreaking national effort to create a new resource to help professionals understand the impact of trauma on these children and families. This new resource, *Creating Trauma-Informed Child Welfare Systems: A Guide for Administrators*, informs the reader about how trauma can affect children and families in all aspects of the child welfare system and gives practical implications for child welfare administrators in each chapter. Experts in the fields of child welfare, child trauma research, clinical practice, and policy worked together with the CTISP staff to create these guidelines.

The guide is divided into the following sections and chapters:

Introduction including a Foreword, Overview of the Project, Background, Essential Elements of a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare System, and General Recommendations from the Field

Cross-Cutting Issues including:

Chapter 1: The Role of Development in Vulnerability to and Responses to Traumatic Events

Chapter 2: Influence of Culture on Responses to Traumatic Events

Chapter 3: The Impact of Trauma on the Brain

Chapter 4: Addressing Secondary Traumatic Stress and Vicarious Trauma in the Child Welfare Workforce

Chapter 5: Promoting Child and Family Resiliency in the Aftermath of Trauma

Child Welfare Practice including:

Chapter 6: Applying a Trauma Lens to Child Welfare Practice

Chapter 7: Embedding Trauma-Informed Practice in the Broader Child and Family-Serving System

Chapter 8: Trauma-Informed Investigation and Engagement

Chapter 9: Screening for Child Trauma within Child Welfare Jurisdictions

Mental Health Practice including:

Chapter 10: Comprehensive Trauma-Focused Mental Health Assessment

Chapter 11: Role of Trauma-Focused, Evidence-Based Mental Health Treatment for Child Trauma

Cross-System Partnering including:

Chapter 12: Using Trauma-Informed Services to Increase Parental Protective Factors

Chapter 13: Trauma-Informed Caregiving: Working with Substitute Care Providers

Chapter 14: Collaborating with Other Agencies

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