
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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