

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Children's Services Agency

STATEWIDE TRAUMA EFFORTS

Below provides information regarding recent and upcoming trauma initiatives occurring around the state.

Trauma Assessment Contracts: Regional contracts to provide comprehensive and transdisciplinary trauma assessments were executed beginning 6/1/17. This ensures that these assessments are being provided in a consistent way based on standards outlined by the department. For more information contact Mary Chaliman, ChalimanM2@michigan.gov.

Secondary Trauma Training & Culture/Climate Assessment and Development: This contract was awarded to the Children's Trauma Assessment Center (CTAC) through Western Michigan University in August 2017. Major components of this contract include:

- Role specific training for MDHHS child welfare directors, supervisors and caseworkers on recognition of and appropriate response to secondary traumatic stress.
- Development and implementation of secondary traumatic stress teams within each local office and agency.
- Follow-up consultation and coaching by contractor.
- Development of a sustainability plan to provide training to new staff.
- Survey assessment of local office culture climate.
- County/agency specific development of plan to improve culture and climate based on results.
- Six month reassessment to determine improvement.
- Optional participation for private agencies, as requested.
- For more information contact Alicia Cosgrove, CosgroveA2@michigan.gov.

Trauma Screening Training: This contract was awarded to CTAC through Western Michigan University in August 2017. Major components of this contract include:

- Training for public and private agency child welfare staff on the Importance of screening for and addressing trauma in children and families.
- Training on administration of the Trauma Screening Checklist for ages 0-5 and ages 6-18, including a *Trauma Screening Instruction Guide* outlining steps for administering and scoring.
- Development of a *Best Practices Guide* to assist with resiliency-based case planning based on results of the screening tool.
- Development of a sustainability plan to provide training to new staff.
- For more information contact Tracie Kress, KressT@michigan.gov.

Children's Services Agency Trauma Screening Protocol: This protocol provides guidance on administration of the trauma screening checklists, thresholds for referrals after screening, considerations for trauma-informed case practice and assessment, and guidance on non-clinical strategies that can be implemented by workers to assist children and their families with healing from trauma and building resiliency. For more information, contact Alicia Cosgrove, CosgroveA2@michigan.gov.

MiTEAM Practice Model: Trauma-Informed Practice is infused throughout the MDHHS MiTEAM Practice Model. MiTEAM focuses on the competencies of Teaming, Engagement, Assessment and Mentoring to guide best practice within child welfare. Screening for trauma was included in the pilot implementation of MiTEAM enhancements and is now being added for all counties and agencies across the state. For more information, contact Tracie Kress, KressT@michigan.gov.