Building a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare System

A Blueprint

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### Background

- **July 2017**
  - Children’s Commission launched Statewide Collaborative on Trauma-Informed Care (SCTIC)
  - MMHPI released a Final Report on Trauma-Informed Care
  - Four Workgroups aligned with overarching goals met 25+ times over an 18 month period
  - Steering Committee comprised of Workgroup Chairs and DFPS and Commission staff reviewed and finalized all proposed strategies

### Purpose of the Blueprint

- Develop a roadmap to become a trauma-informed child welfare system
- Provide structure for implementation
- Invite innovation and improvement in both public and private sectors
Guiding Principles

- CULTURE
- COLLABORATION
- EQUITY
- YOUTH & FAMILY VOICE
- SECONDARY TRAUMA
- TRAINING
- INFORMATION SHARING
- DATA
- SUSTAINABILITY

Culture

Texas will create a culture of trauma-informed care for all individuals and organizations that touch the lives of children, youth, young adults, and families while they are involved in the child welfare system.
Collaboration

A trauma-informed child welfare system requires collaboration within and across systems, organizations, and individuals.

Equity

A trauma-informed child welfare system is culturally competent and equitable.
Youth & Family Voice

A trauma-informed child welfare system includes and respects youth and family voice and cultivates resilience.

Secondary Trauma

A trauma-informed child welfare system recognizes and addresses secondary trauma.
A trauma-informed child welfare system recognizes that ongoing, quality training is fundamental.

A trauma-informed child welfare system has information sharing capabilities that are accessible, manageable, innovative, and user-friendly.
Data

A trauma-informed child welfare system is informed by data and committed to continuous quality improvement.

Funding & Sustainability

A trauma-informed child welfare system is adequately funded and sustainable.
Next Steps

Questions?

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