

### What is Trauma Informed Care (TIC)?

Trauma Informed Care (TIC) Culture recognizes: the long term emotional effect of multiple cumulative potentially adverse events of childhood (ACEs) or adulthood involving neglect, abuse, household challenges, violence, 'isms', and disabilities.

#### It can be:

- Individual- race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation
- Interpersonal- between spouses or families
- Collective- specific communities or group identities

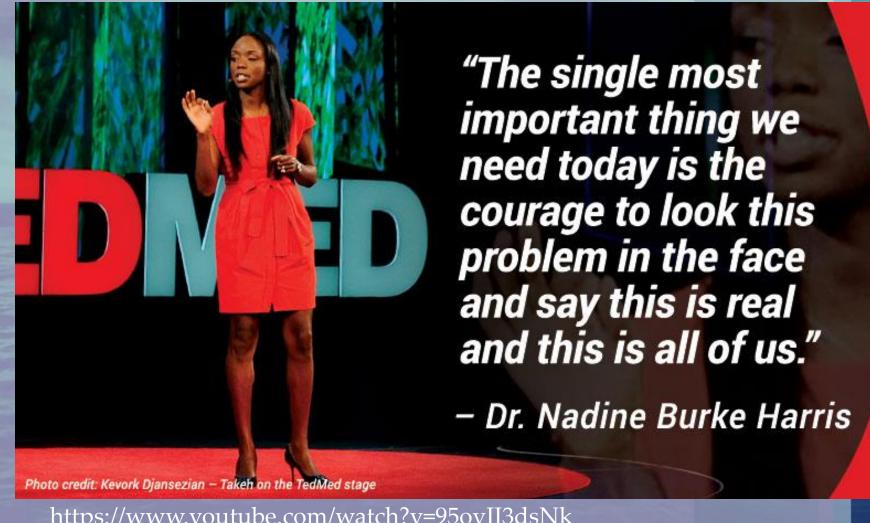
### What is 'Trauma'?

• Individual trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.

Substance abuse and metal health services administration (SAMHSA 2014)

#### Dr. Nadine Burke Harris

Ted talk



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95ovIJ3dsNk

## TIC is in line with CAMC Strategy

#### • AREAS WHERE TIC FITS WITH CAMC STRATEGY:

- Receiving care
  - Improve customer care and meet workforce needs by effective communication focusing on *compassionate, respectful* and skillful patient care
- Best place to work
  - Improve and promote *diversity, inclusion* and wellbeing to achieve a safety culture via communication and professionalism
- Best place to practice
  - Impacts overall perception of hospitals and improves physician engagement
  - Patient focused alignment
- Best place to learn
  - Accreditation, education and research, leadership to optimize individual learning and workforce development
  - Advances the academic learning environment and culture for all learners including employees

### TIC Current state at CAMC

- What is being taught?
  - Academic workshops
- What is being done?
  - Call for local, regional and national awareness
- Validated Measurement tools in our IRB approved research
  - Knowledge test
  - Providers attitudes to training
  - CD RISC 10
- Strategic planning
- Community needs
- Timeline
- What's next?

# Training Objectives Utilized

- Define Trauma Informed Care (TIC) and why it is important
- Recognize toxic stress in patients and yourself
- Practice the 3E's, Four R's and 6P's of TIC
- Understand the health impact of ACEs, social determinants and epigenetics
- Define resiliency and recognize different types
- Recall the 7 C's of Resiliency and the 6 Domains
- Review the strategies used by early adopting organizations who have formed successful TIC programs

### Introduction

- Training objectives for the academic programs surrounding Trauma Informed Care (TIC) have been prepared
- What has been done:
  - Surgery
    - Trauma lectures March 2021
    - Surgery Grand Rounds April 2021
      - IRB approval
      - Red cap survey
    - National TQIP poster Oct 2021
    - Approved ACS trauma center for national curriculum pilot March 2021
  - Medical student educational workshop Nov 2021
  - Bmed workshop Nov 2021
  - WIM presentation Dec 2021
  - FM TBA
  - Pediatrics TBA

#### The 3 E's of TIC

Event-major that cause lasting emotional effects negative life altering experiences

Experience- how did the person react? ie. the "Fight", "Flight" or "Freeze" response

Effects-what happened afterward? ie. anxiety, depression, isolation, health decline

### The Four R's for TIC\*

Realize

Recognize

Respond

#### Resist Re-Traumatization

• \*These are a big part of the national curriculum for TIC by the ACS-COT

SAMHSA 2014

# Six Principles or 6 P's of TIC Culture How to Avoid Re-Traumatization

Safety

Trust & Transparency

Peer Support

Collaboration & Mutuality

Empower voice and choice

Awareness of self and others (culture, history, gender, community)

Murshid NS. Trauma-Informed Social Policy: A Conceptual Framework for Policy Analysis and Advocacy. Am J Public Health. 2016;106(2):223-229. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2015.302970

### Background on ACEs

- Landmark 1998 CDC study of mostly white middle class college educated employed people showed ubiquitous exposure to the 3 domains and 10 categories of Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)
- As a follow up the 2011-17 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance telesurvey showed 60% of adults reported at least one ACE and over 16% had over four which profoundly effects health care outcomes

#### Relationship of Childhood Abuse and Household Dysfunction to Many of the Leading Causes of Death in Adults

Amer J of Prev Med Vol 14 Issue 4 245-58, 5/1/98.

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study

Vincent J. Felitti, MD, FACP, Robert F. Anda, MD, MS, Dale Nordenberg, MD, David F. Williamson, MS, PhD, Alison M. Spitz, MS, MPH, Valerie Edwards, BA, Mary P. Koss, PhD, James S. Marks, MD, MPH

# ACES: 3 Domains 10 Types



#### **NEGLECT**

#### HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Physical



**Emotional** 



Sexual



**Physical** 



**Emotional** 



Mental Illness



Mother treated violently



**Incarcerated Relative** 



Substance Abuse



Divorce

## ACEs Screening (Anonymous)

**Instructions:** Below is a list of 10 categories of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). From the list below, please add up the number of categories of ACEs you experienced prior to your 18th birthday and put the total number at the bottom. (You do not need to indicate which categories apply to you, only the total number of categories that apply.)

Did you feel that you didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, or had no one to protect or take care of you?

Did you lose a parent through divorce, abandonment, death, or other reason?

Did you live with anyone who was depressed, mentally ill, or attempted suicide?

Did you live with anyone who had a problem with drinking or using drugs, including prescription drugs?

Did your parents or adults in your home ever hit, punch, beat, or threaten to harm each other?

Did you live with anyone who went to jail or prison?

Did a parent or adult in your home ever swear at you, insult you, or put you down?

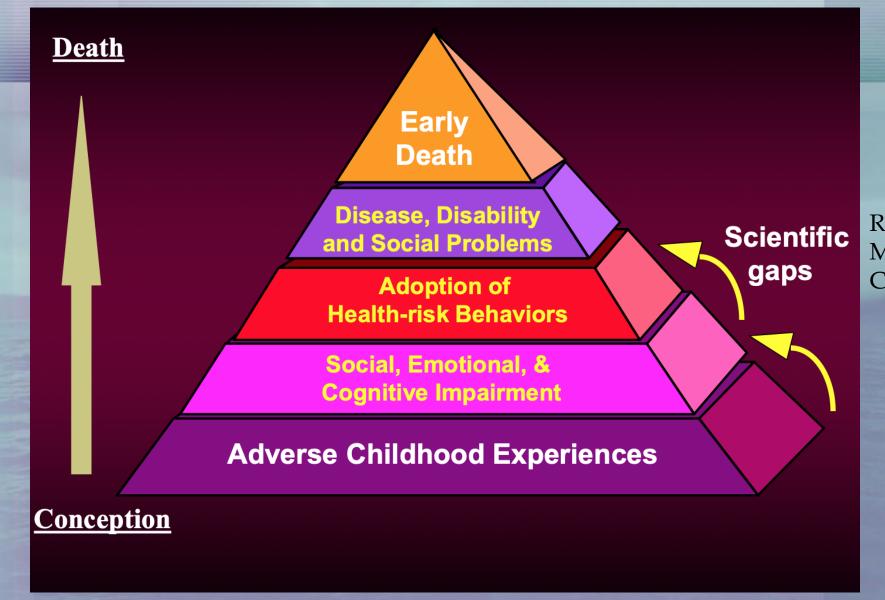
Did a parent or adult in your home ever hit, beat, kick, or physically hurt you in any way?

Did you feel that no one in your family loved you or thought you were special?

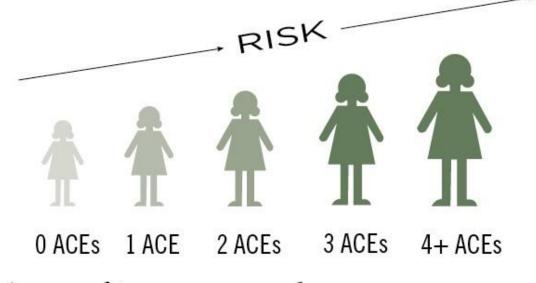
Did you experience unwanted sexual contact (such as fondling or oral/anal/vaginal intercourse/penetration)?

Your ACE score is the total number of yes responses.

ACEs Aware California



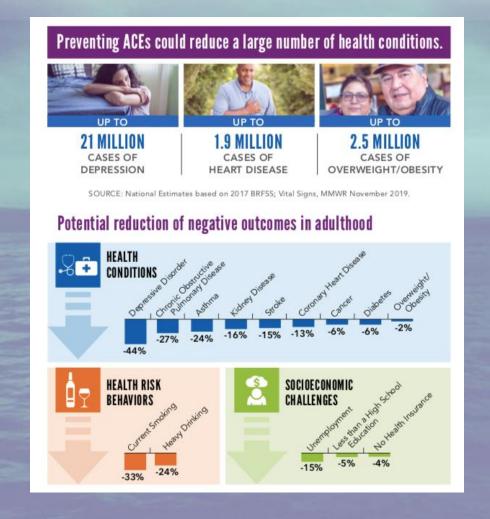
Rob Anda, MD, MS CDC



#### A score of 4 or more can make someone:

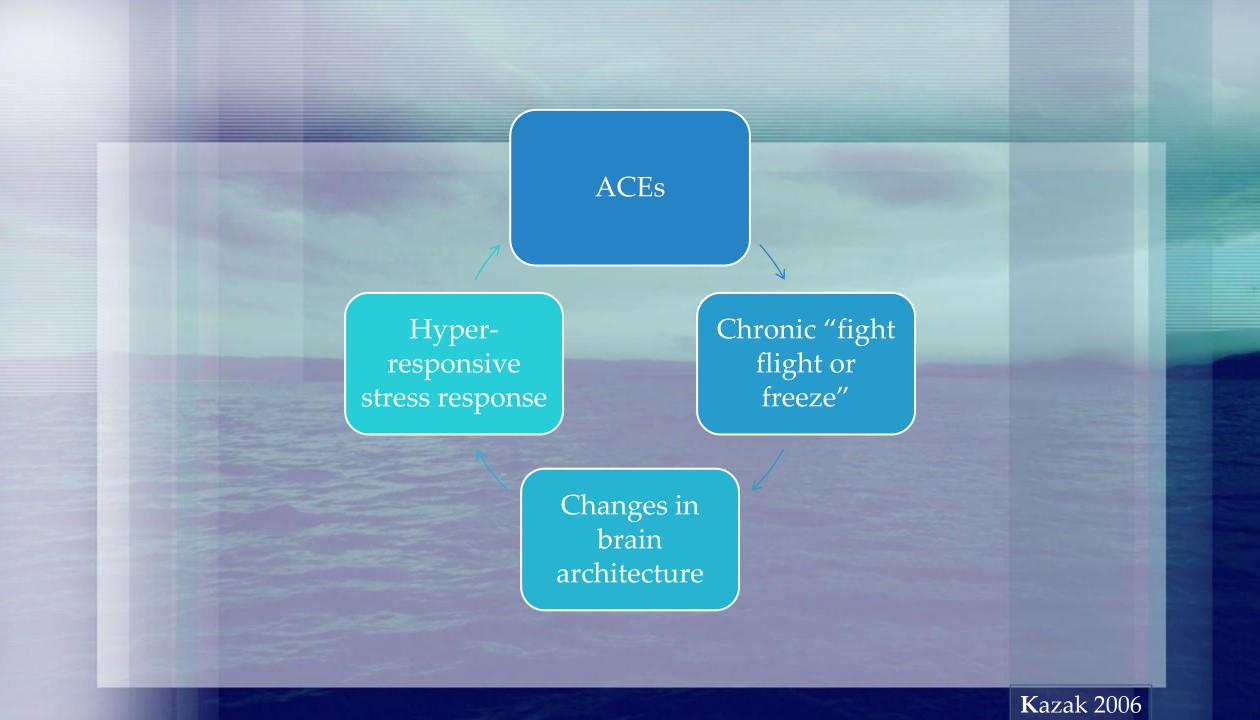
2 times as likely to be a smoker
12 times as likely to attempt suicide
7 times as likely to be an alcoholic
10 times as likely to use injected street drugs

### ACEs and Health



### Social Determinants of Health

- Poverty
- Discrimination
- Housing insecurity
- Food insecurity
- Indices
  - CDC SVI
  - Human Capitol Project
    - WHO World Bank Formula that rates countries regarding rates of survival, school and overall health

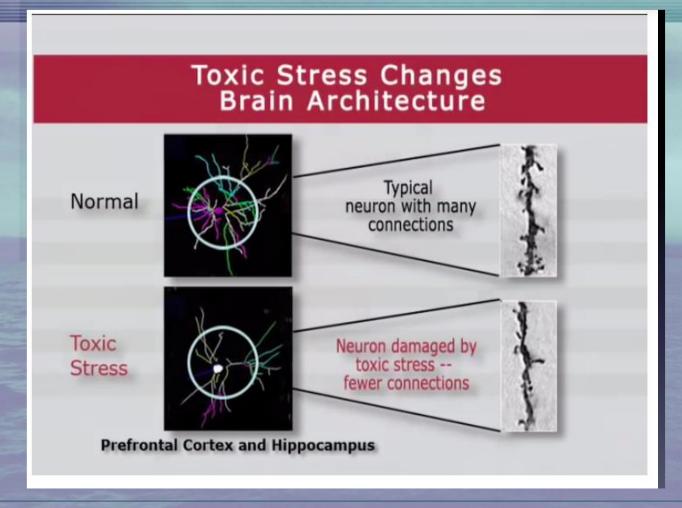


### Toxic Stress

- Fight, Flight or Freeze!
  - Physiologic disturbances occur when there are repeated insults and the person is in a constant state of low-level panic
  - This physical shift causes negative evolution in:
    - Learning
    - Behavior
    - Brain development
    - Psychiatric issues

Child welfare information gateway 2015

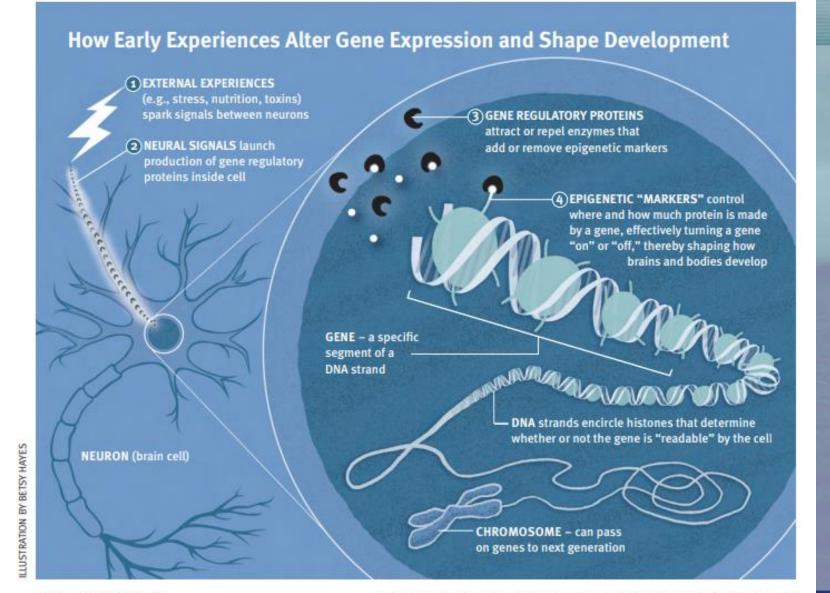
#### Toxic Stress and Neural Connections



### ACEs can have long lasting impacts



### TIC and Epigenetics



#### ACEs Effect More than Health

#### ACEs can have lasting effects on...



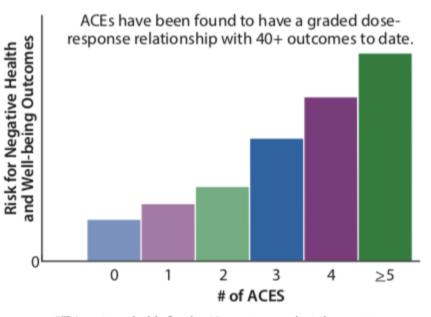
**Health** (obesity, diabetes, depression, suicide attempts, STDs, heart disease, cancer, stroke, COPD, broken bones)



Behaviors (smoking, alcoholism, drug use)



**Life Potential** (graduation rates, academic achievement, lost time from work)



\*This pattern holds for the 40+ outcomes, but the exact risk values vary depending on the outcome.

# THE PHILADELPHIA EXPANDED ACE SURVEY

# Philadelphia Expanded ACE Questions look at Community-Level Adversity

**Witness Violence** 

How often, if ever, did you see or hear someone being beaten up, stabbed, or shot in real life?

**Felt Discrimination** 

While you were growing up...How often did you feel that you were treated badly or unfairly because of your race or ethnicity?

Adverse Neighborhood Experience

Did you feel safe in your neighborhood? Did you feel people in your neighborhood looked out for each other, stood up for each other, and could be trusted?

**Bullied** 

How often were you bullied by a peer or classmate?

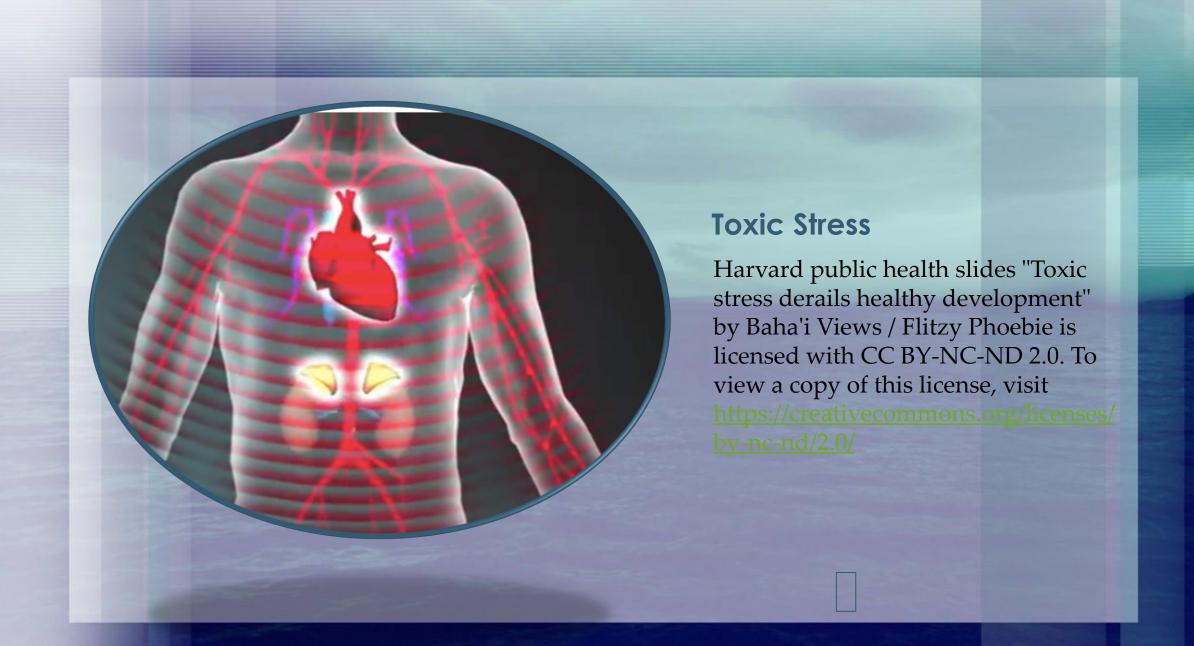
**Lived in Foster Care** 

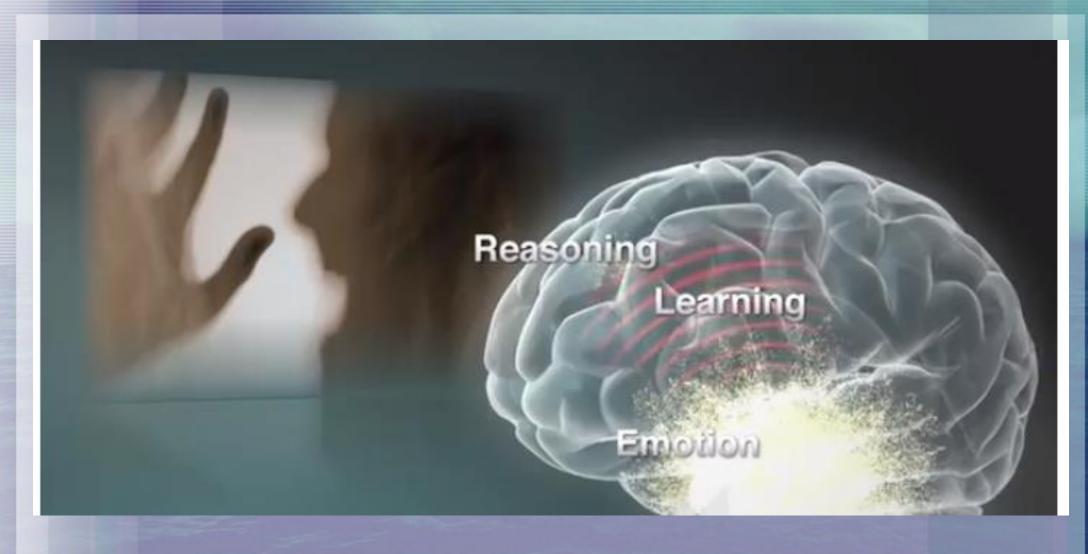
Were you ever in foster care?

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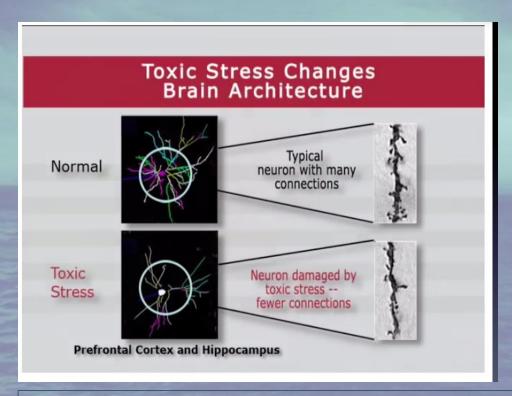
- Physiologic response to repeated adversity
  - Metabolic
  - Immune
  - Neuroendocrine
  - DNA transcription
    - Epigenetics
      - Cumulative intergenerational adversity predisposing populations to poor outcomes

Child welfare information gateway 2015





### ACEs change your neural connections



Harvard Center for Childhood Development



#### **Experiences Build Brain Architecture**



Harvard Center for Childhood Development

## PAUSES Concept

- "Incorporating a trauma informed care protocol into pediatric trauma evaluation: The pediatric PAUSE does not delay imaging or disposition" Beaulieu-Jones et al. Pediatric Emergency Care 2020
  - Lev 1 adult Lev 2 Peds center instituted a 'pause' for a brief portion just after the primary survey to address:
    - Pain and Privacy
    - Anxiety and Access/IVs
    - Urinary catheter/rectal or genital exam needs
    - Support to family and staff
    - Engage with PICU team in handoffs

#### After ABCs do the 'DEFs'

#### Healthcare Providers' Guide to Traumatic Stress in III or Injured Children

· · · AFTER THE ABCs, CONSIDER THE DEFS



#### **DISTRESS**

- Assess and manage pain.
- Ask about fears and worries.
- Consider grief and loss.



#### EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- . Who and what does the patient need now?
- · Barriers to mobilizing existing supports?



#### **FAMILY**

- Assess parents' or siblings' and others' distress.
- Gauge family stressors and resources.
- Address other needs (beyond medical).

2011 Center for Pediatric Traumatic Stress

# Signs of Childhood Adversity



#### How to Assess: Culturally Sensitive Trauma-Informed Care

...QUESTIONS PROVIDERS SHOULD ASK

LISTEN

#### ...for variations in understanding. Ask:

- · What is your understanding of what's happened?
- . What is worrying you the most?
- . What does your family think about it?

**BE OPEN** 

#### ...to involving other professionals. Ask:

- · Who do you normally turn to for support?
- . Who else should be involved in helping your child?
- · Are you open to outside referrals and resources?

**RESPECT** 

#### ...different communication practices. Ask:

- . Who typically makes the decisions about your child?
- . What information should be shared with your child?
- Is there anyone else you would like me to talk to?

2011 Center for Pediatric Traumatic Stress



### Appropriate questions:

- How can providers avoid re-traumatization?
  - May I remove your sheet?
  - May I examine you?
  - Is it ok if my student is in the room?
  - Who needs to be in the room for the recto-vaginal exam?
  - Is there a curtain that can be pulled?

## What does individual TIC look like?

- "TIC is a personal choice to attack each day with enough vulnerability to make meaningful connections to your patients and colleagues"
  - -Wiseman RN scholar
- Don't try to fix peoples problem or look for a silver lining. Just recognize their suffering without judgement and communicate empathy not sympathy.
   -staff San Francisco Public Health Dept

# Trauma-Informed vs. Non Trauma-Informed

#### **Trauma-Informed**

- Recognition of high prevalence of trauma
- Recognition of primary and cooccurring trauma diagnoses
- Assess for traumatic histories & symptoms
- Recognition of culture and practices that are re-traumatizing

#### Non Trauma-Informed

- Lack of education on trauma prevalence & "universal" precautions
- Over-diagnosis of serious mental illness
- Cursory or no trauma assessment
- "Tradition of Toughness" valued as best care approach







# Trauma-Informed vs. Non Trauma-Informed

#### **Trauma-Informed**

- Caregivers/supporters collaboration – constant attention to culture
- Address training needs of staff to improve knowledge & sensitivity

#### **Non Trauma-Informed**

- Rule enforcers compliance – emphasis on power and control
- "Patient-blaming" as fallback position without training





# Trauma-Informed vs. Non Trauma-Informed

#### **Trauma-Informed**

- Staff understand function of behavior (rage, repetitioncompulsion, self-injury)
- Objective, neutral language
- Transparent systems open to outside support

#### **Non Trauma-Informed**

- Behavior seen as intentionally provocative
- Labeling language: manipulative, needy, "attention seeking"
- Closed system outside support discouraged

(adapted from Fallot & Harris, 2002; Cook et al., 2002, Ford, 2003, Cusack et al., Jennings, 1998, Prescott, 2000)







## TIC and Patient Relationships

These patients are NOT permanently damaged

Most social determinants ARE modifiable

These patients are NOT without a future

These patients are NOT attention seeking

There are no 'bad kids' forever

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## Red cap survey - Research Tools

 Under IRB approval a study among our academic departments is underway on the perceptions of health care providers regarding TIC

<u>https://redcap.link/ofxxvbj7</u> [redcap.link]

## Tools for Providers

- "Scared straight" tours of the morgue and similar tactics by trauma centers have been proven in the literature to not be effective deterrents of traumatic injury
- Self care 101 make sure you can function in the environment securely yourself
  - When am I not patient at work or at home?
  - What's my plan to rejuvenate?
- Review the literature
  - "Treating the Trauma Survivor" book by Carrie Clark
- Hospital based interventions
- Utilize your institutional peer support type teams

# Organizational Tools in TIC training

- Sanctuary training
- Examination of barriers to facilitation
- Standing patient advisory committees
- Departmental champions
- Universal precautions
- Peer first aid and peer support
- Promoting resiliency

## Lessons from Early Adopters

- Culture change involves entire staff <u>at all levels</u>
  - Safety culture
  - Power sharing
  - Reduced doors, restraints and invasive exams
  - Self directed recovery

## Early Adopters of TIC

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation gave grants to 6 organizations from primary care, behavioral medicine clinics, public health clinics, and schools to children's hospitals in 2017 to advocate for a TIC culture
- All six were in low income major cities
- Approaches:
  - Education (tailored 'sanctuary training' to individuals at all levels of the organization)
  - ACEs screening (>4 warm handoff)
  - New TIC services (survivorship, referrals, committees)

## Sanctuary Model Pillars

- Systematic organizational changes in:
  - Shared Knowledge-common definitions
  - Shared Values-commitment to non-violent communication
  - Shared Language 'SELF'
    - Safety
    - Emotions
    - Loss
    - Future
  - Shared Practice-uniform approach

Esaki et al "The sanctuary model: theoretical framework" Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services Jan 2014

## Facilitation and Barriers

- Leadership Commitment
- Flexible, Innovations, Learning from Failures
- Expect and accept not everyone will be on board
- Organizational Hierarchy
  - Needs to specify racial, medical and specific managerial interactions
- Interviewing patient advisory committee about ways the organization can improve
- Track progress and embed feedback mechanisms such as ethics peer review or case based learning
- Seek grant funding to further efforts

## Standing Patient Advisory Committee



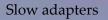
Monthly meetings about enhancing TIC



Limit terms to six months



**Barriers:** 



FTEs and other productivity targets

Staff with many ACEs themselves



Engage patients and non clinical staff

RWJF Lessons from early TIC adopters 2018

## Departmental Champions

### Responsibilities:

- Administer a tool for a 'trauma informed work life' survey in their respective units
- Autonomy to decide which types of identified challenges to work on first
- Training in implementation science (RCA, 5 whys, fishbone and reverse causality exercises)
- Allowed to fail and learn from mistakes regroup and try another approach

## Organizational Commonalities

Identification of a framework of core values for long term implementation

#### Environmental changes where possible

- Waiting room renovation
- •Chair massage and/or music
- Pet therapy

#### Continued learning and fun staff connecting activities

- ACEs, vicarious trauma, self care, cultural humility
- •Stand alone one hour sessions up to day long retreats
- Mostly in person some virtual
- Quarterly booster sessions in mindfulness and other relevant topics

Sanctuary and other TIC committee meetings

Commitment to hiring, training and retraining TIC staff that look like the patient population you serve

•Observer ships and direct feedback sessions

Lessons from Early Adopters RWJF 2018 Menschner and Maul "Key Ingredients for TIC Implementation"

Center for Health Care Strategies 2016

# Universal Precautions TIC all places can do

- Welcoming kind respectful nurturing space
- Natural light and windows
- Clean areas
- Funny videos on TV
- Snacks, food and beverages
- Blue and neutral colors
- Toys if children are expected to be in waiting area

## Organizations that screen:

ACEs screening can be controversial in limited resource situations regarding who and how it is performed

• Most centers just look at the number and not exact type when screening adults

Most centers recommend primary care handle this especially with children and then perform a 'warm hand off' where immediate referral is given on site or in close coordination with a designated manager

Identify gaps in services (psychiatry, substance abuse, safe affordable housing shelters)

Provide cognitive behavioral therapy on site at primary care facility when possible

# What's after Training? Organizational Tools for TIC success

- "Peer Support"
  - Organizational: NA, AA, crisis centers or departmental
  - Coalitions of resources across hospitals
- Ethics peer reviews of TIC cases
- Survivorship recovery centers
- University grants
- Cooperative organizations such as local mental health facilities
- Faith based
- Justice system based

# What techniques are used in Peer Support or Provider First Aid?

- "Defuse"
  - Where were you when this happened?
  - How did it effect you?
  - What do you think about it?
- "Debrief" (within 72 hours) in person session
  - What do you think now?
  - How has this effected you?
  - What have you heard about it?
  - Has this triggered any symptoms of emotion or prior traumas?
- Third visit one month later for check up

# Resiliency Defined

"How you rise after falling" "bounce back and thrive"



#### Simple Definition of RESILIENT

Popularity: Top 1% of lookups

- : able to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens
- : able to return to an original shape after being pulled, stretched, pressed, bent, etc.

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

## 5 Pillars of Resiliency

- Self Awareness
- Mindfulness
- Self Care
- Positive Relationships
- Sense of Purpose

## Ten Facets of Resilience



# Building Resiliency

- Relaxation techniques
- Thoughtful awareness
- Edit your outlook
- Learn from your mistakes
- Choose responses wisely
- Maintain healthy perspective
- Set goals
- Work on self confidence

In Disasters:

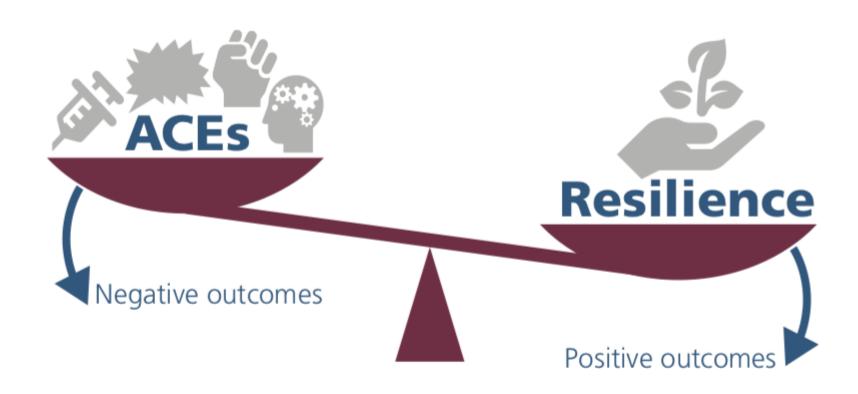
Personal, Institutional or Post Crisis

- Cultivate coping ability
- Stay connected to support
- Talk it out
- Be helpful to others
- Activate positive emotions
- Cultivate survivorship
- Seek meaning

In Leadership:

Personal, Group or Global

Figure 1: Resilience balance scale



Adapted from: Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University. See https://developingchild.harvard.edu/science/key-concepts/resilience/

## 6 Domains of Resiliency

Vision-Purpose

Composure-Emotional Regulation

Reasoning-Anticipatory Planning

Tenacity-Persistence

Collaboration-Socialization

Health-Foundation

Bouncebackproject.org

### Stress vs. Resilience

#### **STRESS**

- Lowers concentration
- Lowers memory
- Lowers mood
- Lowers tolerance to pain
- Lowers tolerance to sickness
- Lowers sleep

Stress=Fire

#### RESILIENCE

- Increases wellbeing
- Increases working memory
- Increases sleep
- Increases immune function
- Increases relationships
- Increases coping

Fire can be good or bad depending on the context and management

## Resilience to Stress

- Sleep natures 'lymphatic brain wash' rejuvenates our cells ability to remove toxins and function more efficiently
- Amygdala hard wired to remember the negative experiences to keep us physically safe
  - · ie. 'Saber tooth tigers are bad'
  - This is why humans tend to ruminate on the negative and need to take conscious action to remove thoughts that do not serve them

# 7 C's of Cultivating Resiliency

Competencepractice handling stressful mistakes Confidencemotivate a belief in your own ability Connectionsecurity in a sense of belonging Character-having empathy and sense of right & wrong

Contribution-the world is made better by your actions

Coping-reducing stress and enhancing skills

Control-exercise your voice and choice

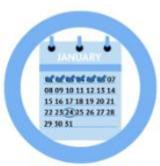
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#### TOP TEN PRINCIPLES FOR ENABLING THE RESILIENT ORGANISATION

from The Resilience Engine



Principle 1: From tricky to straightforward



Principle 2: **Build resilience** habits



Principle 3: **Balance** privacy and socialisation different beginnings



Principle 4: Account for



Principle 5: Think both deep and fun



Principle 6: **Embrace** synergies



Principle 7: No waggy finger



Principle 8: Teams make it real



Principle 9: Bypass the cognitive faff



Principle 10: Model it

## Examples of TIC Governance

- Mission and vision
- Cross sector collaboration
- Policy
- Screening and assessment
- Financial commitment

- Physical environment
- Workforce training
- Incorporated evaluations
- Engagement
- Monitor progress

# ACS-COT Programming on TIC

#### ACS-COT

- 'ISAVE' Improving Social determinates to Attenuate Violence' workgroup 2020
  - National TIC curriculum in 2021
  - Partners with Kingian non-violence training center in Chicago
- Special session at 2021 national COT meeting and clinical congress
- Pilot among trauma centers March 2022
- AAST
  - Grand Rounds
- National ACS-COT Keynote lecture 2021

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## Timeline Current and Future

- What's been done so far?
  - WVUPC/CAMC Academic Departments
    - **Surgery** IRB approval, TIC pilot study after Grand Rounds and Redcap survey (accesses pre/post knowledge, TIC perceptions and CD-RISC) April 2021 poster accepted to national meeting Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP) Oct 2021
    - Behavioral Medicine Champions identified, TIC Workshop and Recap survey coming Oct 2021
    - WVU Medical Students Champions identified TIC lectures, breakout sessions and panel Nov 2021
    - WIM lecture Dec 2021 Engagement of other departments and identification of potential Champions
    - Family Medicine Champion identified workshop and survey TBA
    - Pediatrics Champion identified workshop and survey TBA
  - Organizational meetings scheduled to bring on <u>additional departments</u> sequentially by end of academic year (July 2022)

## TIC Fits with CAMC

- Values
  - Quality
  - Service with Compassion
  - Respect
  - Integrity
  - Stewardship
  - Safety
- Mission Best care, every patient, every day
- Vision pillars in strategy

## TIC fits with the Kanawha County Community Health Needs Assessment

- CAMCs related educational, research and academic missions
- Addressing the need for diversity, equity, enhanced training opportunities and recruitment of the younger generation into the workforce
- Focus on patient centered needs and overcoming disparities in the population
- Treating our population with dignity regardless of ability to pay

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# TIC in Strategic Challenges

- TIC helps address:
  - Culture
  - Recruitment and Retention

## Summary

- TIC effects everyone
- ACEs do not permanently damage people
- Social determinants of health are modifiable
- Unchecked Toxic Stress can effect multiple generations
- ACEs are mitigated by resiliency
- Individuals and Organizations can practice TIC for patients and employees in multiple different ways
- TIC 'Fits' with CAMC's mission, vision, STRATEGY, and the community health needs assessment!

### Resources

- NCTSN-National Child Traumatic Stress Network
  - Online classes with credits nctsn.org
    - PFA- Psychological first aid for disaster field and psychiatric workers
    - Creating child informed trauma serving systems
- Healthcaretoolbox.org
  - PMTS Pediatric Mediation of Traumatic Stress
    - D,E,F tool "distress, emotional support and family support"
  - Trauma informed education parts 1,2,3
  - PAT Psychological Assessment Tool (Dr. A Kazak 2006 PPPHM)
- NCCN national cancer center network 'thermometer' clinical tool to gauge individual patient stressors
- Healthysafechildren.org- fee for service grant support

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## Please take your post-test!





Questions?