



New Website Connects Trauma-Responsive Champions Across the State

In 2016, the New York State Office of Mental Health (NYS OMH) and Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI) convened trauma-informed care champions from around the state to connect and collaborate with one another. At the conclusion of that extraordinary day, **the message was clear: we can accelerate trauma-responsive practice change by being better connected to one another.** Donna Bradbury, Associate Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health heard this critical call to action, “I value cross-systems work and so when a proposal for creating a Trauma-Informed network was first presented to me in 2016, it made perfect sense. I’ve supported the creation of this network with funding and with dedicated staff time to participate in and support the development of the website.”

With funding and support secured from the NYS OMH, CCSI is pleased to launch the New York State Trauma-Informed Network website: www.traumainformedny.org. This virtual network will help individuals, caregivers, professionals and organizations connect with one another in order to enhance trauma-responsive practice change throughout New York. The site will be dedicated to sharing quality resources, promoting events/training opportunities, and providing access to champions throughout the state engaged in these efforts.

Developing the site has been a collaborative process. CCSI Sr. Consultant, Amy Scheel-Jones, facilitated an ongoing cross-sector Advisory Council to identify core functions of the site and establish high quality content. Linh Ho, CCSI Product Manager, coordinated the site development with Envative to bring the vision to life. Ms. Bradbury recognizes the value that the culmination of these efforts will bring, “There is great work being done to implement trauma-informed practices throughout the state, but often it is being done in isolation – for instance, children’s agencies may be working to develop trauma-informed care without connection to similar work that is being implemented in agencies that work with adults. Or work being done on policy in Western NY without connection to similar work being done in the Capital Region. We found that even during the work to develop the network, members of the Advisory Group made connections with each other and shared ideas and resources and collaborated on projects. Our hope is that the Trauma Informed Network will foster that same connection and synergy throughout the state.”

The goal of the site is simple, yet has profound implications, Ms. Bradbury notes, “Our goal is to provide a central location through which anyone interested in trauma-informed practice can connect with others in the state who are incorporating principles of TIC, find resources that are available, and identify someone to reach out to. We want to cross lines not only geographically but in terms of policy, practice areas, treatment, and advocacy.” Traumainformedny.org provides New Yorkers a platform to centralize knowledge, lessons learned, and provide support to one another in the interests of fostering trauma-responsive practices across the state. The resources, events, and information will evolve and grow as additional champions register and share their expertise.

Appropriate for all age populations and with a cross-sector focus, traumainformedny.org will support true integrated care from a trauma-informed, trauma-sensitive lens. From this single convenient central and virtual platform, this statewide network will shape and accelerate trauma-responsive activity across New York State, supporting a true statewide System of Care.

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