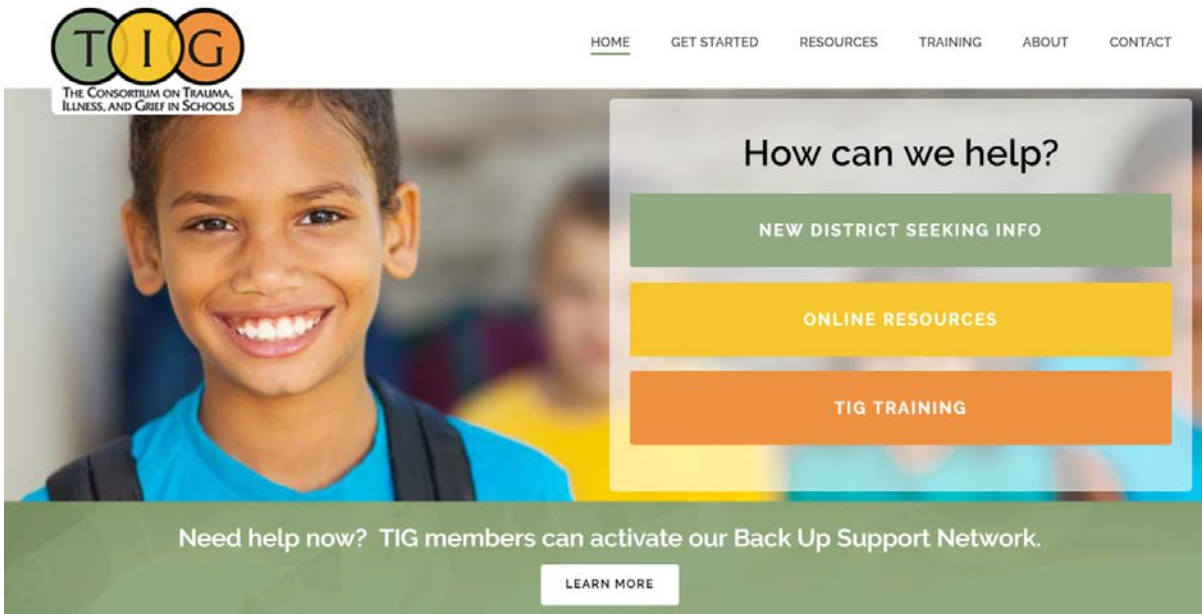


TIG Helps Educators Mediate the Impact of Trauma, Grief, and Illness on Students



What is TIG? Now in its 17th year, [TIG](#) is a unique network that provides training for member school districts, offering a holistic approach to meeting the emotional needs of children, teachers, and other school personnel arising from events related to trauma, violence, illness, grief and loss. Through participating with their colleagues in a 5-day core curriculum, educators deepen their understanding of the impact that trauma, grief, and chronic/acute illness can have on academic, behavior, social and emotional success – and how to mediate that impact. This shared training helps build capacity within TIG communities – creating a seamless back-up support network that can quickly be activated in times of crisis. TIG trained staff in every member district provide support to one another through a centralized referral number that is available 24/7.

How Does TIG Help Schools and Communities? While educators come to their work through a variety of preparation programs, most haven't had the opportunity for deep education on the impact of trauma, illness and grief – and most importantly, what can be done to lessen the impact of these events. The TIG core curriculum enhances this education, allowing school staff to see their students and colleagues with new eyes and new opportunities to provide support and intervention. TIG presents each module within a framework that fits the school culture. Topics include:

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| ✓ Grief and Loss at School | ✓ School Violence |
| ✓ Trauma | ✓ TIG Implementation |
| ✓ Suicide Risk and Intervention | ✓ Critical Incident Stress Management |
| ✓ Chronic and Critical Illness | |

Beyond strengthening day-to-day practice, the TIG Back-up Support Network is essential in times of crisis. The shared training allows for any member district to have “players on the bench” across their region that can enter a crisis, provide support, and ensure that those most impacted have what they need to return to health, well-being, and normalcy following a critical incident.

What's Next? TIG began in Monroe County in 2001 and has continued to evolve, maintaining its reputation and relevance. Every district in Monroe County is now a TIG member, along with several

private and charter schools – and interest has continued grow beyond Monroe County. In the 2018-19 school year, CCSI will be partnering with the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES and Genesee Valley Education Partnership to offer TIG Training and infrastructure development to their member districts. These exciting new collaborations will create an environment for larger cohorts of districts to train together and develop support networks for their region. Between the 2 regions, 7 training cycles are planned to launch over the next year – with the expectation of providing training and practice implementation support to 350 school professionals from over 40 districts. Future opportunities could include: expansion throughout NYS and beyond; developing a Train the Trainer format; a summer intensive TIG Leadership Academy, and a full conference for TIG Districts to come together to learn and share their knowledge and experience - the heart of the TIG Network.

How Do I Get Involved? To learn more, please visit the [TIG website](#) or contact Amy Scheel-Jones, Sr. Consultant at ascheel-jones@ccsi.org or 585-435-0336.

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