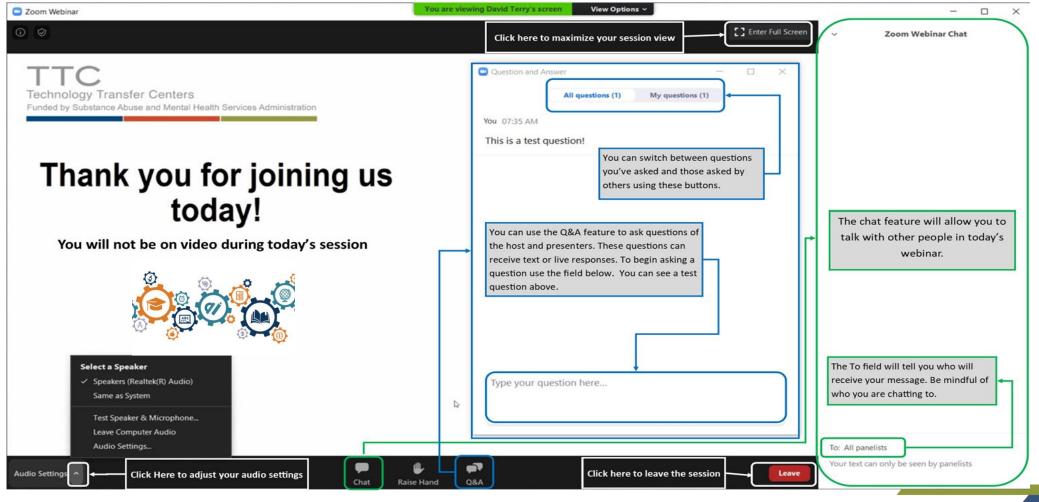
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Secondary Traumatic Stress and Educator Well Being

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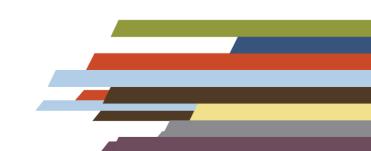
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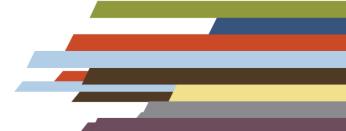
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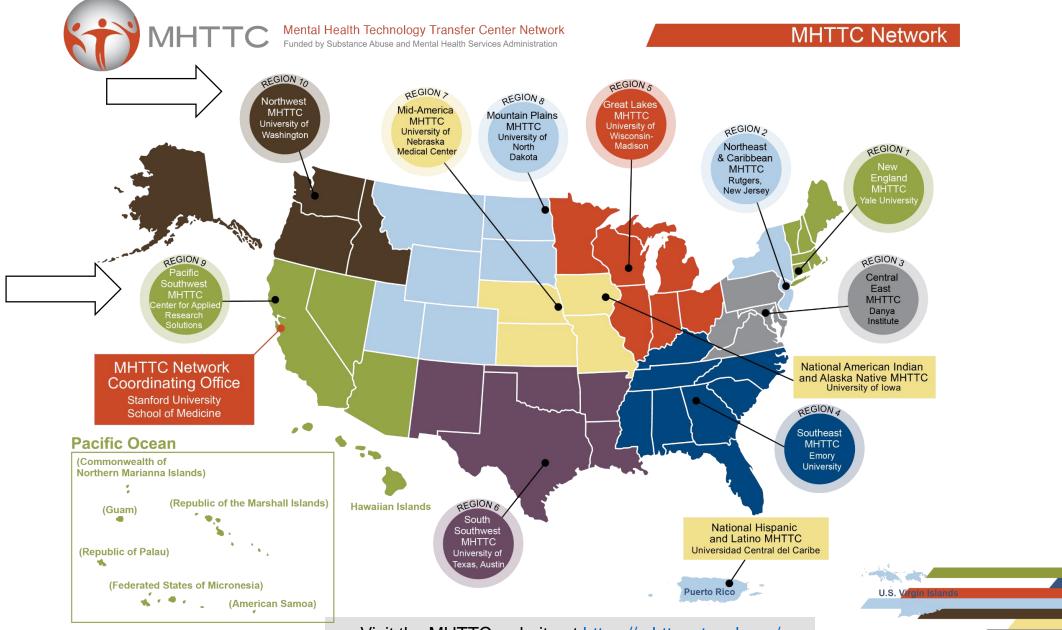
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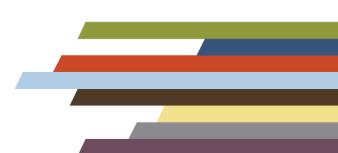


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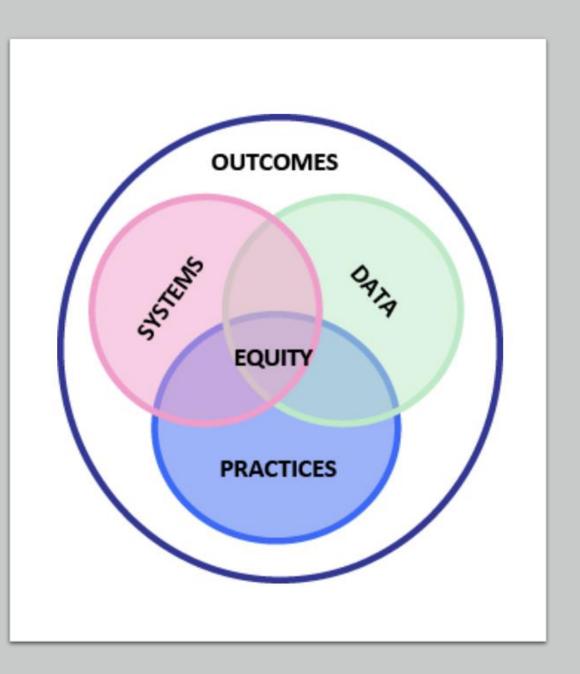
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Problem Solving Framework, This is a TEAM Sport!!

• **Outcomes:** How will installing a trauma informed approach impact students, families and staff?

• **Data:** What data will you use to inform strength and needs of your current system?

- **Practices:** What are the evidenced based strategies you will embed across all classrooms?
- **Systems:** How will you support everyone to implement with fidelity?

• **Equity**: How will you put equity at the center of everything you do?

Today's Session

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Secondary Traumatic Stress: Causality, Impact and the Importance of Self-Care

Dr. Stephen P. Hydon



School of Social Work

- I. Understanding of Secondary Traumatic Stress
- II. Resiliency
- **III. Secondary Traumatic Stress Risk Factors**
- **IV. Signs of Secondary Trauma**
- V. Impact of Secondary Traumatic Stress
- VI. Self-Care/Five Pillars of Thriving



UNDERSTANDING OF SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS



"Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in..."

-Leonard Cohen



UNDERSTANDING OF SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

Secondary Traumatic Stress

- Work intimately and closely with individuals that have experiences with trauma or hardship or devastation
- Feel what they are actually experiencing (e.g., depression, avoidance, loss of appetite, substance abuse etc.)

Compassion Satisfaction



RESILIENCY

Resilience

Nature v. Nurture

Post-traumatic growth

Improved outlook



SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS RISK FACTORS

- Counter transference
- Personal experience with a traumatic event (s)
- Direct contact with children's stories
- Helping others/neglecting yourself
- Empathy vs. Sympathy





SIGNS OF TRAUMATIC STRESS

- Connection to those you help
- Irritable
- Too hard on yourself
- Self-esteem
- Lack of focus
- PTSD reactions



IMPACT OF SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS

| Impact | Description |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Emotional | Feeling numb or detached; living in denial |
| Physical | Having low energy or feeling fatigued |
| Behavioral | When STS impact our behavior, we often change our routine of things |
| Professional | STS impacts your work effort or creates low performance of job tasks and responsibilities |



IMPACT OF SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS (CONT'D)

| Impact | Description |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cognitive | Confusion, diminished concentration, difficulty with decision making |
| Spiritual | You may question the meaning of life |
| Interpersonal | Physical withdrawal or emotionally unavailable to your co- workers or your family |



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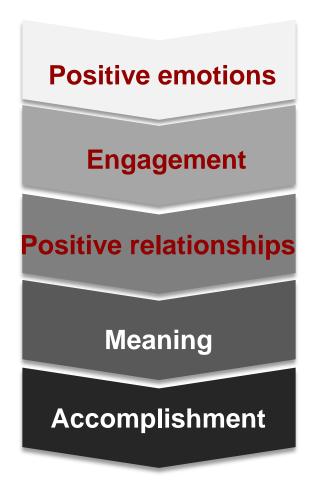
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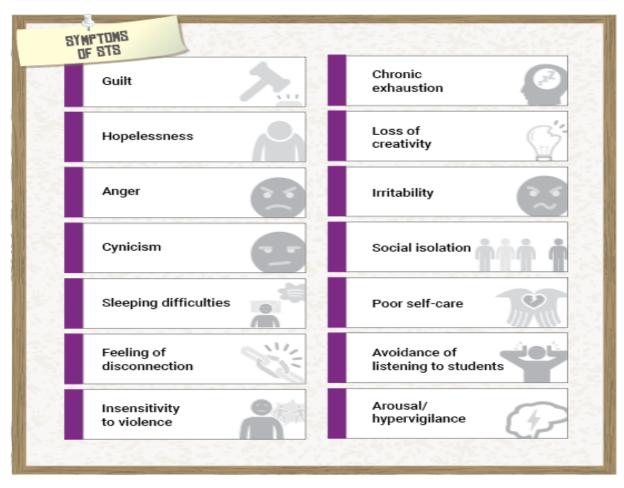








Overview of Secondary Traumatic Stress





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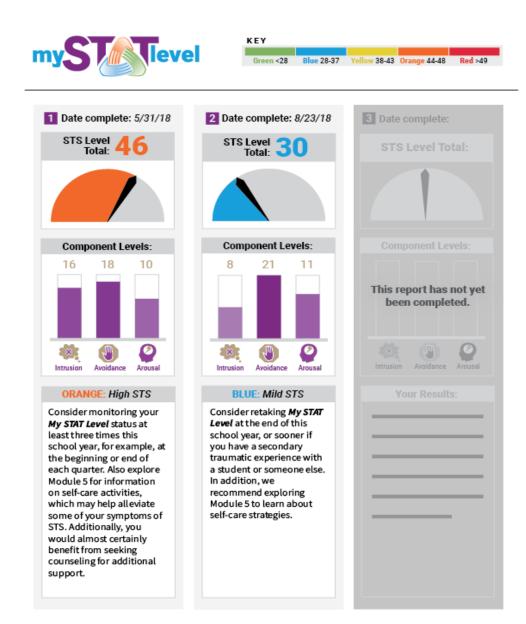
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Personal Characteristic Traits

School Environment



Assessment of Secondary Traumatic Stress

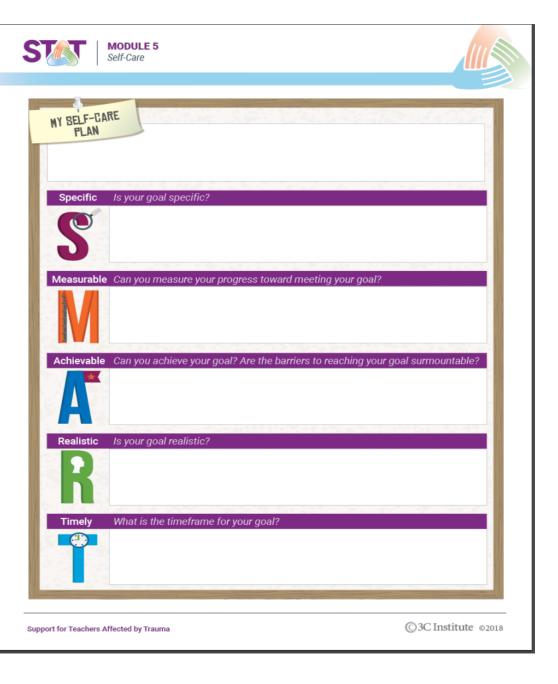


Impact of Secondary Traumatic Stress





Self-Care





THOUGHTS, REFLECTIONS, QUESTIONS



Closing & Looking Ahead



How to maximize impact

- Join as a team.
- Make a plan to have a follow up meeting after webinar to discuss your data and next steps.
- Take a deeper dive with ISF Volume 2.

Organizational Resilience: Reducing the Impact of Secondary Trauma on Front Line Human Services Staff

By Meagan O'Malley, PhD, and Yolo Akili Robinson with Steve Hydon, EdD, James Caringi, PhD, and Maria Hu, MSW Edited by Leora Wolf-Prusan, EdD

Many people experience a traumatic event in their lifetime. In most cases, a person will return to his or her normal functioning by relying on natural support systems and without substantial disruption to their lives.¹ But for people in some professions, exposure to traumatic events can occur regularly, even daily. The experience of prolonged exposure to traumatic events can erode the natural buffers that typically propel people to resilience. When we think of professions for whom trauma exposure might occur regularly, emergency response personnel typically come to mind: emergency medical technicians, fire fighters, and police officers. The public increasingly recognizes that these individuals may be exposed to threats that can cause harm to their physical and psychological well-being. There is increasing recognition of the need to support first responders by preventing, interrupting, and responding effectively to the impacts of traumatic stress.

What is less often acknowledged, however, are the tens of thousands of individuals working on the front lines of the helping professions—teachers, social workers, health care workers, clergy, and the staff that support them whose day-to-day experiences may be punctuated by stories of violence, victimization, and deprivation experienced by members of their communities. Such persistent exposure to the stories of others' suffering can cause physical, emotional, and psychological harm to these individuals serving on the front line. This ReCAST Issue Brief describes the phenomenon of secondary traumatic stress (STS) and provides practical strategies for organizations committed to preventing the onset and/or progression of STS among members of their communities serving on the front lines of human services.

What Is Secondary Traumatic Stress?

Secondary traumatic stress (STS) refers to the emotional strain or tension that one feels as a result of exposure to the trauma that another individual, group, or community, has experienced. One's susceptibility or vulnerability to STS depends upon his or her life experiences and STS after exposure to a single instance of secondary trauma, or following chronic exposure to cumulative instances of secondary trauma. Similarly, a person may be predisposed to experiencing STS in response to only one form of trauma, or many. Although the term "STS" is used here, complementary terms have been used to describe similar phenomena (Figure 1).

The Impacts of STS on Individuals and Organizations

Prolonged exposure to workplace stress has a number of grave consequences for individuals and organizations. Indeed, prolonged stress has been implicated in many chronic and life-threatening diseases⁹⁻¹⁵:

- lowered immune response
- high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, and stroke
- insomnia
- chronic fatigue
- cancer
- obesity
- Type II diabetes headaches
- irritable bowel syndrome
- arthritis
- depression and mood disorders
- anxiety disorders
- smoking and alcohol misuse
- poor nutrition

When their employees—the most valuable assets in human services fields—are suffering from these physical and mental health-related illnesses, organizations pay high costs, in terms of both psychic and material resources⁹⁻¹⁵:

- increased employee absences and related sick leave and disability-related costs
- increased employee turnover and related onboarding and training costs
- increased employee conflict
- decreased employee satisfaction
- reduced productivity

Resource!

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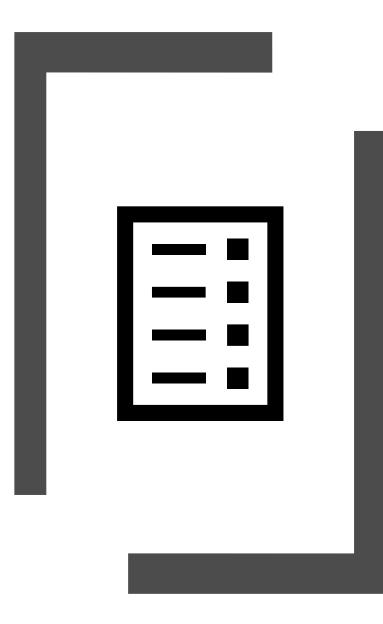
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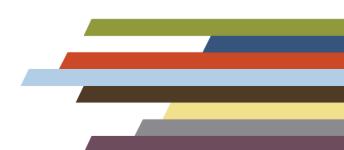
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