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**SEXUAL RISK AVOIDANCE EDUCATION** 

# Promoting the Avoidance of Risky Behaviors Using Trauma-Informed, Self-Regulation Strategies

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### **Live Virtual Training Logistics**

- Please remain muted when not talking
- •Check your computer audio volume & enable speaker (if trouble hearing)
- •If comfortable, share video
- •Training recording and materials will be available

#### **Engagement:**



**Chat box** 





## **Learning Community Agreements:**

- Participate fully
- Delay distractions
- Honor different experiences
- Be brave and explore
- •Intent ≠ Impact
- Others? (Type in chat)







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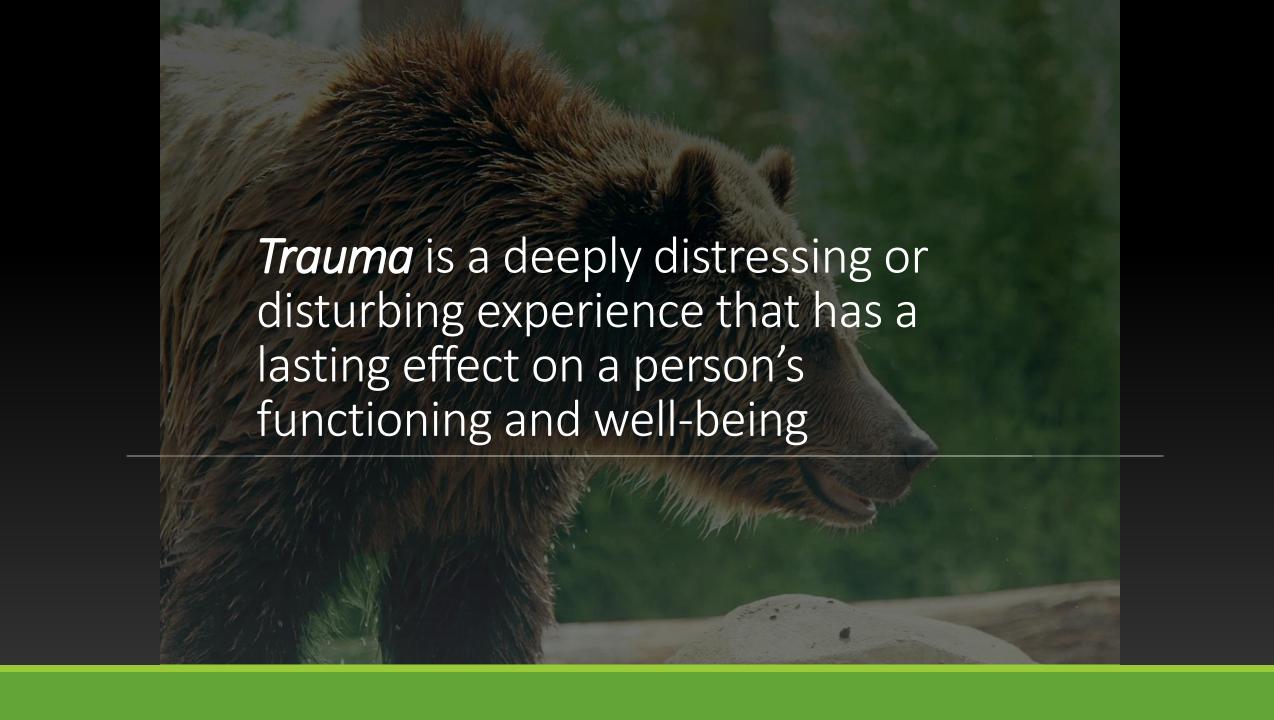
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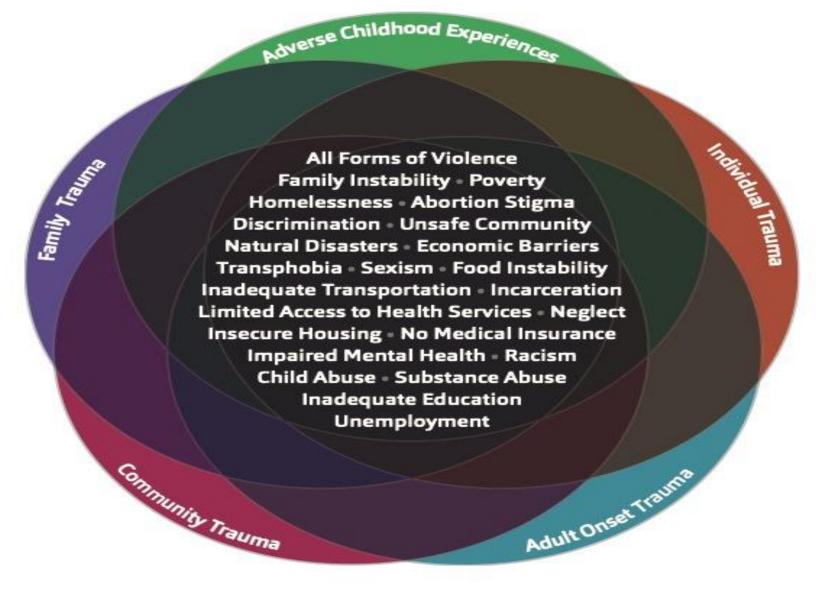
#### **Objectives**

#### By the end of this training participants will be able to:

- Identify the core skills of self-regulation and co-regulation
- Describe three strategies to ensure that SRAE programming is delivered from a trauma informed perspective
- Develop a plan to integrate self-regulation skills building into existing strategies
- Practice providing trauma informed engagement strategies and education on the avoidance of risky behaviors using multi-sensory activities



#### Intersectional Experiences of Trauma



# Trauma can influence

Deficits in executive functioning (working memory, analysis and synthesis, organizational skills, internal speech, emotional and behavioral regulation)

Dysregulated arousal

Maladaptive procedural learning

Impaired sensory processing

**Impulsivity** 

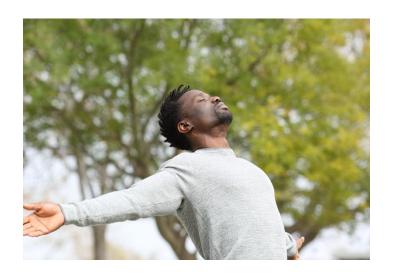
Harm to self and/or others

Risk taking behavior

## Multiple Domains of Impairment 3 or more ACE's

*Neuro-Processing:* cognition, attachment, anxiety, self-regulation, self-concept, social helplessness, aggression

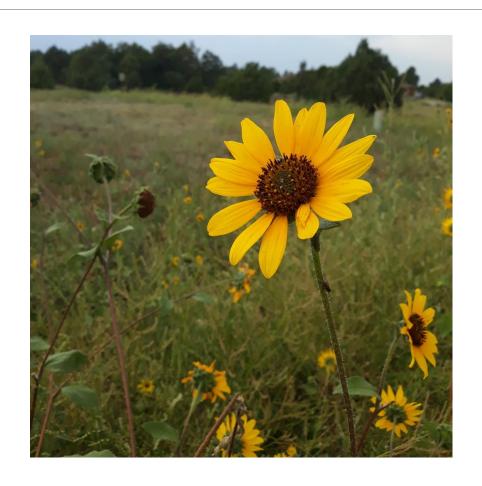
Physiological: cardiovascular, metabolic, and immunological disorders; addiction, eating disorders, and sexual disorders



Inhaling a deep breath activates the sympathetic nervous system (accelerator) which speeds up the heart and results in a burst of adrenaline

EXHALING ACTIVATES THE PARASYMPATHETIC NERVOUS SYSTEM (*BRAKES*) AND SLOWS DOWN THE HEART AND HELPS PEOPLE TO CALM DOWN

## Identifying a calm and soothing place



## **Building Resiliency**



The capacity for self-regulation is probably the single most important contributor to achievement, mental health, and social success

LAWRENCE STEINBERG

Engagement occurs when participants collaborate to stop harm, heal pain, and promote health and well-being for all individuals



Intersectional **Experiences** of Health and Well-being



Portrait of the Person I Want To Be





# Education DOES NOT equal change. Practice does

OUR BRAIN MUST ENGAGE, ORGANIZE, AND INTEGRATE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO SHIFT WHAT WE LEARN FROM WORKING TO LONG-TERM MEMORY

**DEBRA CHRISTOPHER** 

# To change the brain, we must interrupt and inhibit rigid patterns...



## ...and experiment with new amounts and kinds of sensory stimulation

Ogden, Goldstein & Fisher, 2013



#### **Key Factors for Affect Regulation**

Stien & Kendall, 2004



Safety and stabilization



Multi-sensory activities to reduce dysregulation: exercise and body movement, healing touch, expression through art, drama, dance and music



Developmental skill building (competency development)



Self-control requires us to be calm, competent, and confident

# Developing self-control involves 3 factors



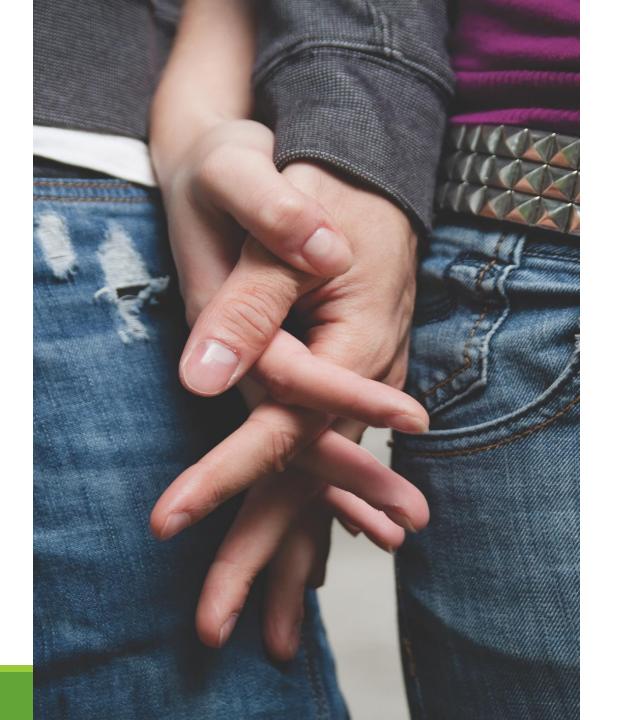
Enough emotional security to move from external control to self-management [calm]



Enough behavior skill to know how to act when they are on their own [competent]



Enough self-assurance to take responsibility for their own behavior [confident]



What's the best thing that might happen if you decide to take good care of yourself and maintain healthy relationships?

WHAT'S THE WORST
THING THAT MIGHT
HAPPEN IF YOU COMMIT
TO MAINTAINING
HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS?



# Personal Shield for Self-Protection

#### World Health Organization Definition of Sexual Health

Sexual health is a state of physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction, or infirmity

Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships, as well as the possibility of having pleasurable and safe sexual experiences, free of coercion, discrimination and violence.

For sexual health to be attained and maintained, the sexual rights of all persons must be respected, protected, and fulfilled.



HOW HAS OUR TIME TOGETHER TODAY BEEN HELPFUL?

WHAT KEY POINTS MIGHT YOU WANT TO REMEMBER?







### Day 2 Evaluation

Please take a few moments to complete a short 8 question survey to give us your feedback on today's training.

To complete the evaluation, scan the QR code or visit <a href="https://t.ly/A1ob">https://t.ly/A1ob</a>.



# We look forward to seeing you for session 2 tomorrow!

