

HOW BEING TRAUMA-INFORMED IMPROVES CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RESPONSES

ABOUT THIS TRAINING

There is consensus that high percentages of justice-involved people have experienced serious trauma throughout their lives. The reverberating effects of traumatic experiences can challenge a person's capacity for recovery and pose significant barriers to accessing services, often resulting in an increased risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system.

OBJECTIVES

How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses is a training program for criminal justice professionals to:

- Increase understanding of trauma
- Create an awareness of the impact of trauma on behavior
- Develop trauma-informed responses

Trauma-informed criminal justice responses can help to avoid retraumatizing individuals and thereby increase safety for all, decrease recidivism, and promote and support recovery of justice-involved people. Partnerships across systems can also help to link individuals to trauma-informed services and treatment for trauma.

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Train-the-trainer
deliveries

35

Direct trauma
trainings delivered

17

Training for judges
and courts delivered

1,793

Individual
trainers trained

49

States trained

TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

This highly interactive training is tailored to criminal justice system professionals (i.e., corrections, court personnel, police, etc.) and behavioral health service providers who work with justice-involved populations.

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

This event is designed to teach participants how to deliver this training in their communities by reviewing the training design and tools, training participants in facilitation skills, and engaging participants in practice sessions.

PLANNING FOR ACTION

This optional addition to the trauma-informed responses training is a guided strategic-planning exercise to assist agencies, jurisdictions, and communities in developing strategies to create trauma-informed systems.



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