Integrating Trauma-Sensitivity into a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Framework

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Who Are We?

The Office of Special Education (OSE) Educational Partnership is a coordinated and cohesive support network focused on enhancing services and improving outcomes for students with disabilities and providing effective support for educational organizations (EOs).

Regional Partnership Centers (RPCs) are located in each of the 12 regions of NYS and provide these supports and services to the EOs within their region.
Participant Introductions

• Name
• Role
• District
• School
• Population Served
Training Expectations

BE RESPONSIBLE
• Take care of your personal needs
• Return on time and quietly
• Sign attendance sheets/ complete evaluation form
• Use electronic devices when necessary

BE RESPECTFUL
• Turn cell phones off or to vibrate
• Listen attentively while others are speaking
• Honor confidentiality when applicable
• Stay on topic

BE ENGAGED
• Be an active participant
• Participate with an open mind
• Take notes
• Make plans to stay until training dismissal
Virtual Training Expectations

**BE RESPONSIBLE**
- Take care of your needs (breaks, water, food, restroom, etc.)
- Return on time and quietly
- Complete evaluation form
- Find a quiet place to participate

**BE RESPECTFUL**
- Mute your microphone when not speaking
- Listen attentively while others are speaking
- Honor confidentiality when applicable
- Stay on topic

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Materials

• Workbook
  - Processing activities for participants to support the learning throughout this training
New York State Education Department Office of Special Education

Blueprint for Improved Results for Students with Disabilities

Self-Advocacy
Students engage in self-advocacy and are involved in determining their own educational goals and plan.

Family Partnership
Parents, and other family members, are engaged as meaningful partners in the special education process and the education of their child.

Specially-Designed Instruction
Teachers design, provide, and assess the effectiveness of specially-designed instruction to provide students with disabilities with access to participate and progress in the general education curriculum.

Research-Based Instruction
Teachers provide research-based instructional teaching and learning strategies and supports for students with disabilities.

Multi-tiered Support
Schools provide multi-tiered systems of behavioral and academic support.

Inclusive Activities
Schools provide high-quality inclusive programs and activities.

Transition Support
Schools provide appropriate instruction for students with disabilities in career development and opportunities to participate in work-based learning.
Training Objectives

1. Describe the ways in which a public health crisis, school crisis and/or types of civic unrest may be significant sources of stress and/or trauma for the students whom we support.

2. Explain the biological, cognitive, emotional and behavioral effects of trauma on student development and the ways they in turn affect a student’s academic and behavioral functioning in the classroom.

3. Use the data, systems, and practices components of a multi-tiered systems approach to behavior to provide differentiated evidence-based supports.

4. Explore and determine if your school-wide Tier 1 practices reflect a trauma-sensitive approach to responding to student behavior.
Agenda

• Welcome
• Establishing a connection: Inclusion activity
• Developing a common understanding
• Implications for learning and behavior
• Strategies to address trauma-sensitive supports
• Example: Trauma-informed Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
• Action planning/closing
Slide Markers

- Activity
- Handout
- Discussion
- Reflection
- Poll
Establishing a Connection
Establishing a Connection:

Journaling Activity

- Emotional uncertainty
- Social dislocation/loss
- Economic impacts
Journaling Activity – Personal Application

• What does this topic mean to me?

• Why am I here today, attending this training?
Journaling Activity School Application

What supports, if any, has your school put in place to navigate a time of crisis?
What supports will your school have in place for members of the community to navigate a crisis and reinstate normalcy?
PBIS is

A framework for enhancing adoption & implementation of a continuum of evidence-based interventions and practices to achieve academic and behavioral outcomes of importance to all students and families.
Three Tiers of Support

Tier 1 – Universal:
Evidence-based school and classroom-wide instruction and support for all students (100%)

Tier 2 - Targeted
Evidence-based, standard protocol, supplemental instruction and support for some students (10-20%)

Tier 3 – Individualized:
Intensive instruction and support for a few students (1-5%)
Paradigm Shift

Moving from:

“What is wrong with you?”

to

“What has happened to you?”

“Fire can warm or consume, water can quench or drown, wind can caress or cut.

And so it is with human relationships; we can both create and destroy, nurture and terrorize, traumatize and heal each other”

“The more healthy relationships a child has, the more likely he will be to recover from trauma and thrive. Relationships are the agents of change, and the most powerful therapy is human love.”

Perry & Szalavitz, 2016
Developing a Common Understanding
What is Trauma?

Trauma is exposure to highly aversive environmental events or experiences. Sufficiently intense and/or repeated exposure to trauma can negatively affect the biological, cognitive, emotional and behavioral development and functioning of the individual. Collectively, these effects are referred to as the toxic stress response.

- **Acute trauma** is exposure to a single, highly distressing event
- **Chronic trauma** is exposure to a prolonged series of highly distressing events such as domestic violence or abuse
- **Complex trauma** is exposure to varied and multiple distressing events, often of an invasive, interpersonal nature
- **Historical trauma** is exposure to chronic and complex distressing events that are experienced over time and across generations by a group of people who share an identity, affiliation, or circumstance (e.g., genocide, racism)

NCTSN, n.d.
What is Stress?

Three-part definition to determine if a person is stressed:

• A measurable physiological response
• A desire to avoid the situation
• A loss of control

Types of stress:

• **Acute stress** boosts cardiovascular performance fueled by bursts of intense adrenaline
• **Chronic stress** is exposure to a prolonged series of highly distressing events, which often affect one’s immune system, ability to learn, retain information and problem solve

Medina, 2014
Why a Trauma-Sensitive Approach is Crucial

- Research indicates, compared to adults, children are more vulnerable to traumatic events that disrupt their daily lives.

- For all students, a public health crisis, school crisis, or civic unrest can precipitate profound disruptions to the structure and predictability of their daily lives.

- There are subgroups of students that might experience a disproportionate threat to their safety that can lead to economic hardship, basic needs going unmet, and sense of loss and grief into their lives.
Why a Trauma-Sensitive Approach is Crucial Continued

• For relatively few students, a public health crisis, school crisis, or civic unrest stressors compounded preexisting trauma and disparities in ways that substantially increased their toxic stress

• Following a public health crisis, school crisis, or civil unrest, schools will almost certainly be substantially different from the settings with which they had become familiar and comfortable. Creating a sense of normalcy is paramount.
PBIS is a Framework of Support

- PBIS provides an effective framework for incorporating the knowledge about childhood trauma into an established system of Social Emotional Behavioral (SEB) support.

- The goals of PBIS and trauma-informed approaches overlap as they are grounded in similar science.

- Trauma literature states, a safe and positive environment coupled with positive and dependable relationships promotes resiliency and healthy brain functioning in children who have experienced trauma.

- PBIS establishes a learning environment that is predictable, consistent, positive, safe, and equitable. All these qualities are important to the healing of students who have experienced trauma.

Horner & Macaya, 2018; McIntosh, Ty, & Miller, 2014; Sciaraffa, Zeanah, & Zeanah, 2018
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

ACEs are traumatic events — such as physical or emotional abuse, chronic neglect, caregiver substance abuse or mental illness, and/or exposure to violence — that happen to young people.
ACEs: Potential Trajectory

Here is the potential trajectory of what may happen over someone's lifetime if ACEs are not supported and/or managed during a child's developmental years...

Kimberg & Wheeler, 2019
ACEs in the Classroom

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

A TYPICAL CLASSROOM OF 30 STUDENTS

> 6 students with no ACE
> 5 students with 1 ACE
> 6 students with 2 ACEs
And importantly -
> 3 students with 3 ACEs
> 7 students with 4-5 ACEs
> 3 students with 6+ ACEs

321 Insights, n.d.; Lanier, 2020
Implications for Learning and Behavior
YOUR TURN

• How might trauma manifest itself in the school/classroom setting?

• How have you seen trauma manifest itself in the school/classroom setting?
Understanding Brain Development

• Our brain regulates the way each of us perceives, thinks, feels, behaves and otherwise biologically functions

• Our brain develops in response to our genetic predispositions, heritage and prenatal/developmental experiences
The Impact of the Social Environment

"Just as a garden grows differently in different climates and with different plants, styles of gardening, and use, a person’s brain develops differently depending on age, predispositions, priorities, experiences, and environment. When given adequate opportunity, support, and encouragement, children naturally think, feel emotions, and engage with their social and physical worlds. And these patterns of thoughts, feelings, and engagement organize brain development over time and in age-specific ways, influencing growth, intelligence, and health into the future"

Immordino-Yang, Darling-Hammond, & Krone, 2018
How Stress Affects Brain Development

The state...

...becomes the trait!

**Functional Stress Reaction**
- Prompt activation—appropriate to degree of stress event
- Full recovery to baseline
- Stress onset
- Stress off-set; active coping mechanisms engaged

**Dysfunctional Stress Reaction**
- Permanent activation—often inappropriate to degree of stress event
- No full recovery to baseline
- Stress onset
- Stress off-set; active coping mechanisms always engaged
Brain States

We all have alarm systems in our brain/body that let us know when we are under threat and mobilizes us to *fight flight, freeze, or fawn* in the face of a threat...

- When children experience continuous threats/trauma, the brain/body is put into a chronic state of arousal, activating the “survival brain” (mid/lower areas of the brain)

- This can create an overactive alarm system in the developing brain. A child’s brain/body that develops within the context of trauma can be more easily triggered into survival brain by “trauma reminders” or “triggers” even when there is no actual threat.
Physical Reactions to Stress

- Increased heart rate
- Sweaty palms/brow
- Increased respiration
- Red face
- Nervous gestures
- Rocking/pacing
How ACEs Affect Brain Development

Changes to Physical Brain:

- **Amygdala** - Part of the brain associated with stress response and arousal over-develops and then over-reacts in response to ensuing stress, real or perceived.

- **Prefrontal Cortex** - Part of the brain associated with language, reason and self-regulation under-develops and shuts down too readily in response to ensuing stress, real or perceived.

- **Hippocampus** - Part of the brain involved in memory and learning decreases in size and performance.

Changes in function:

- Hypervigilance (perceive neutral events as threatening),
- Hyperarousal (agitated easily, emotions and behaviors accelerate quickly),
- Attention Deficits (problems concentrating, processing information)
Results of Trauma

Stress resulting from ACEs can lead to skill deficits in specific areas, including:

- Relationships
- Physical Development
- Emotional Awareness and Regulation
- Behavior Control
- Thinking
Secondary Trauma

Signs that someone is experiencing Secondary Trauma:

- Apathy
- Isolation
- Sleeplessness
- Irritability
- Unexplained anxiety
- Anger
- Headaches
- Stomach problems
- Fatigue
- Mood swings

Secondary traumatic stress is the emotional distress that results when an individual hears about the firsthand trauma experiences of another.

NCTSN, n.d.
The Behavior Pathway
The Behavior Pathway - Definitions

Setting event – Events that affect the reinforcement value of the behavior maintaining consequence, and thereby increases the probability the antecedent will trigger the behavior.

Antecedent – Preceding conditions that trigger or prompt the behavior. These conditions are present in the environment prior to the occurrence of the behavior. There is a direct functional cause/effect relationship between the antecedent event and the behavior.

Behavior:
- **Observable:** The behavior must be an overt action that can be seen
- **Measurable:** The behavior can be counted, timed or otherwise quantified
- **Defined:** The behavior must be stated so clearly that it passes the “stranger test” – that is, it can be accurately documented by a person who is unfamiliar with the student.

Consequences – Are observable and measurable reactions in the environment or create an internal state of pleasure or remove an internal state of discomfort. There is a direct and functional cause/effect relationship between the consequence and the occurrence of a behavior.
Impact of Private Variables

Research on the effects of trauma has identified other private variables matter, too.

Private Variables:
- Attention selectivity
- Cognitive bias
- Attribution bias
- Executive function
- Reflective function
- Emotional regulation
- Self-efficacy beliefs
- Biological processes

Determine the ways an individual perceives, thinks, feels and biologically responds to different environments.
Repairing the Effects of Trauma
Prior to Trigger

Provide Alternative Executive Function

1. Identify feelings and thoughts
2. State the feelings and thoughts are acceptable
3. Prompt use of replacement behavior – emphasize choice
4. Appeal to the student’s controls and goals
5. Affirm your belief in the student

Trauma-Sensitive Adult Support
YOUR TURN AGAIN

Bright Spot/Affirmation...

Question...

New Thought...
Strategies to Address Trauma-Sensitive Supports
Time to Reflect

What's working?

• Think about the top 3 trauma-sensitive strategies you've implemented
Thoughts to Consider

• “The single most common factor for children who develop resilience is at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult. These relationships provide the personalized responsiveness, scaffolding, and protection that buffer children from developmental disruption.

• They also build key capacities – such as the ability to... regulate behavior – that enable children to respond adaptively to adversity and thrive.”

Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University, 2016
Trauma-Sensitive Support – The Four “Rs”

• **Realize** the widespread impact of trauma
• **Recognize** trauma’s signs and symptoms
• **Respond** by integrating knowledge about trauma and the needed pathways to recovery in all facets of the school’s systems
• **Resist** re-traumatization by decreasing unnecessary triggers (trauma and loss reminders) and managing students’ toxic stress response in ways that soothe rather than exacerbate

NCTSN, 2017
10 Core Areas of Trauma-Informed Schools

- Identifying and Assessing Traumatic Stress
- Addressing and Treating Traumatic Stress
- Trauma Education and Awareness
- Partnerships with Students and Families
- Creating a Trauma-Informed Learning Environment
- Cultural-Responsiveness
- Emergency Management/Crisis Response
- Staff Self-Care and Secondary Traumatic Stress
- School Discipline Policies and Practices
- Cross System Collaboration and Community Partnerships

NCTSN, 2017
Implementing the 4 R’s 1.

1. Identifying and Assessing Traumatic Stress

The school recognizes and values identification of students that are vulnerable to traumatic events as an important prevention and intervention strategy with an intentional and transparent plan to use information to help a student attain educational goals.

Examples:
• Systematically assessing school-wide trauma-informed practices
• Standard protocols for considering trauma-exposure
• Trauma screening for behavioral referrals
• Ongoing monitoring of traumatic stress responses

NCTSN, 2017
Adequate supports are available for all school stakeholders who have directly or indirectly experienced traumatic events or are at risk for exposure. Stakeholders include students, families, teachers, administration, and additional school personnel.

Examples:
- De-stigmatized self-referral options
- Early interventions
- Trauma-informed behavior intervention plans
- Trauma-informed special education services
- Referral to and collaboration with community-based service organizations
Implementing the 4 R’s 3.

3. Trauma Education and Awareness

Professional development for educators, administrators, allied professionals and other partners is routinely offered with the goal that the entire community will understand trauma’s impact on learning and will build student coping and protective skills.

Examples:

- School mission and vision
- Professional development
- Universal instruction on the effects of stress and trauma
- Developmentally appropriate trauma-informed responses
Implementing the 4 R’s 4.

4. Partnerships with Students and Families

Trauma can lead to a sense of powerlessness and to isolation. Students and families may not trust school institutions and authority figures or be cautious about participating in trauma recovery programs. Empowering students and family members as genuine partners is essential to creating a trauma-sensitive school.

Examples:
• Education for parents/caregivers
• Education for students
• Engagement in program planning and implementation
• Families are an important source for identifying students in need of more support
• Engaging families in treatment
Implementing the 4 R’s 5.

5. Trauma-Sensitive Learning Environment (Social/Emotional Skills and Wellness)

The school creates a safe environment by promoting healthy interactions among students and staff and teaching social/emotional skills and self-regulation skills. All students and staff feel safe and supported physically, socially, emotionally, and academically.

Examples:
- Promoting a safe school climate and education about trauma
- Predictable and supportive learning environments
- Developing sense of school community
- Teaching social skills
- Safe spaces for students

NCTSN, 2017
Implementing the 4 R’s 6.
6. Cultural Responsiveness

The school recognizes cultural differences in experiences, interpretations and in responses to trauma.

Trauma-sensitive supports are culturally-sensitive supports.

Examples:
• Cultural-responsive approaches integrated school-wide
• Address systemic practices countering cultural-responsiveness
• Adapting interventions using cultural-responsive strategies
Implementing the 4 R’s 7.

7. Emergency Management / Crisis Response

The school has clear and well-communicated procedures to address emergencies before, during, and after an event. Trainings and drills that involve students and school staff must be delivered with special attention to those who have been previously traumatized.

Examples:

- Comprehensive emergency operations plan
- Staff and partners informed of emergency procedures
- Threat-assessment
- Recovery services
Implementing the 4 R’s 8.

8. Staff Self-Care and Secondary Traumatic Stress

The school trains staff in social/emotional skills that promote the physical, social, emotional, and academic wellness of all teachers and staff, and support school climate of physical and psychological safety

Examples:

- Prevention and awareness of secondary traumatic stress in educators
- In-school supports for educators
- Support services and employee assistance programs availability
Implementing the 4 R’s 9.


The impact of traumatic life experiences on students’ behavior and home life is considered when administering discipline.

Examples:

- Standard discipline procedures are trauma-sensitive and equitable
- Disciplinary actions accompanied by trauma-sensitive interventions
- Restorative practices embedded in disciplinary protocols
Implementing the 4 R’s 10.

10. Cross System Collaboration and Community Partnerships

The school routinely collaborates with family and community partners for trauma-informed approaches. Staff collaborate to ensure continuity of trauma-sensitive practices across student services.

Examples:

• Developing and sustaining trauma-informed policies and practices
• Resource mapping and service access
• Multidisciplinary team-based approaches
• Consultation and partnership with school staff and community members
Action Planning

• Using the note catcher, review key takeaways

• Take some time to pull action items from the list

• Prioritize action items
Where Do We Go from Here?

• Although schools are investing heavily in professional development about trauma, a recent analysis of the literature found no rigorous evaluations or evidence of the impact of these efforts in educational settings

• As with other interventions focused on improving student social-emotional-behavioral functioning, trauma-focused interventions are unlikely to work without ongoing analysis of implementation and corresponding refinement of strategies

Kelly et al., 2010; Maynard et al., 2019; Reinbergs & Fefer, 2018
Revisiting PBIS is a framework for enhancing adoption & implementation of a continuum of evidence-based interventions and practices to achieve academic and behavioral outcomes of importance to all students and families.
Layered Continuum of Supports:
An Individual Student Perspective

Adapted from the OSEP TA Center for PBIS
System Integration

PBIS – Data, Practices & Systems that Lead to **Equitable** Student Outcomes

- **CULTURAL EQUITY**: Equitably Supporting Social Competence & Academic Achievement for **All** Students
- **CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE**: Supporting Adult Learning/Behavior
- **CULTURAL RELEVANCE**: Supporting Student Behavior and Learning
- **CULTURAL VALIDITY**: Supporting Decision Making

OSEP Center on PBIS, 2015
What Does this Look Like in Schools?

• PBIS provides an effective multi-tiered framework for incorporating the knowledge about childhood trauma into an established system of social-emotional-behavioral support, rather than focusing on trauma as a separate and perhaps competing initiative.

• The PBIS framework focuses not only on externalizing types of problem behaviors, but also includes preventative measures to address internalizing behaviors such as anxiety and depression.

Weist et al., 2018
School itself may be a source of significant stress for many students, but PBIS makes the school environment more consistent and predictable, which can reduce students' stress.
Importance of Family-School Collaboration for Parents and Teachers

- Parent-teacher relationships
- Parent knowledge of PBIS and related activities/supports
- Use of effective strategies at home and school
- Family-school engagement

Connell et al., 2007; Fan & Chen, 2001; Garbacz et al., 2021; Sheridan & Wheeler, 2017
# Trauma Informed PBIS Core Features

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<th>Trauma Enhancement</th>
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<td><strong>1. Teams</strong></td>
<td>• Do district and school-based teams include an individual who has knowledge, expertise, and the ability to provide coaching/support about the impacts of trauma?</td>
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<td><strong>2. Use of Data</strong></td>
<td>• Do all staff know what data sources to use to determine which trauma-informed interventions are needed at which Tier?</td>
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<td>• Is community data and student and family perception data used to provide cultural context?</td>
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<td><strong>3. Ensuring Early Access</strong></td>
<td>• Does the team use a formal screening process to identify children and youth needing additional support?</td>
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<td>• Does the team review community/neighborhood data to determine the magnitude of needs?</td>
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<td><strong>4. Formal Process for Selecting Interventions</strong></td>
<td>• Does the team use a formal process to select trauma-informed evidence-based practices, and determine if they can be implemented effectively?</td>
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<td><strong>5. Measuring Fidelity and Outcomes</strong></td>
<td>• When trauma-informed practices are added to the menu of available supports, does the team use the progress monitoring system to inform fidelity, effectiveness, and to guide improvement to implementation?</td>
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<td><strong>6. Ongoing Professional Development and Coaching</strong></td>
<td>• Does the district’s professional development plan include opportunities for all staff to learn about trauma, its impact on youth, and the evidence-based practices that will be integrated across Tiers?</td>
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<td>• What types of supports are available for staff who have experienced trauma or are experiencing secondary trauma?</td>
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Eber et al., 2020
Teams

Expand teams to ensure trauma expertise guides and informs PBIS systems:

• Merged teams should include community providers and family/youth representation

• To increase capacity, include team members that are knowledgeable about trauma, its prevalence, its impact on students, and related evidence-based practices

• Consider community context to ensure appropriate experts are included as part of the team

Eber et al., 2020
Use of Data

Use data sources that identify the scope of trauma:

• Teams should expand the data sources used to identify students that are exhibiting typical trauma responses
  - Time out of class data may indicate the flight response
  - Teacher requests for support and office discipline referrals may indicate fight response
  - Refusal or disengagement may indicate freeze response

• Teams may want to review community ACEs data to assess the prevalence of trauma in the community

Eber et al., 2020
Ensuring Early Access

Ensure early access through universal screening:

• Universal screeners are essential for identifying students in need of support
• Leadership teams select screener and develop procedures and routines
• Trauma-informed school teams carry out the screening and response system
• Teams should be prepared with qualified personnel to provide additional assessments and higher-level trauma informed intervention for students identified through the screening process

Eber et al., 2020
Formal Process for Selecting Interventions

A formal process for selecting trauma-informed evidence-based practices:

• District and school teams need to determine if current practices can be expanded or repurposed to address the impacts of trauma before adding new practices
• If a new practice is necessary, they need to follow the established procedure for selection (i.e., The Hexagon Tool)
• Use data to guide teams in the selection of interventions

Eber et al., 2020
Measuring Fidelity and Outcomes

Decide how to assess fidelity and impact before implementing:

• Teams need to be prepared to progress monitor the impact and fidelity of each intervention accurately

• Teams are encouraged to consider the data used to identify students as needing trauma-informed interventions as possible progress monitoring points

• Teams need to measure fidelity to assist the team in establishing the routines for reviewing the quality of effort, effectiveness of the intervention, and adjustments to trainings/coaching needed to meet staff needs

Eber et al., 2020
Ongoing Professional Development and Coaching

Professional development and coaching:

• Professional development focuses on building fluency and accuracy with new practices

• Professional Development content on trauma should be introduced using the same team-based logistics and the principles of adult learning used in PBIS

• Teams need adequate time to action plan how to integrate trauma-based strategies within their current system

• As part of their professional development, the teams should crosswalk Tier 1 practices and the trauma-informed features and expand on their teaching matrix

Eber et al., 2020
# Crosswalk Tier 1 Practices with Trauma-Informed Features

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<td>Tier 1 Components</td>
<td>Creates Safe, Predictable, Environment</td>
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<td>Defined and teaching school-wide expectations</td>
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<td>• Expand teaching to include coping skills (e.g., identifying feelings, expressing feelings, &amp; managing feelings)</td>
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<td>• Teach social-emotional and behavior lessons in a circle and embed with academic lessons</td>
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<td>• Use morning circle routine across all classrooms to practice new skills and build classroom community</td>
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<td>Feedback and acknowledgement system</td>
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<td>• Use feedback to increase the use of new skills across locations</td>
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<td>• Teachers model calm response when providing feedback</td>
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<td>• Use the system to prompt all staff to increase positive greetings and positive social interactions across the day</td>
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<td>Active Supervision (scan, move and interact with students during transitions and non-classroom locations)</td>
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<td>• Team members and coaches conduct direct observations and collect counts of staff interacting with students and during transitions and cafeteria provide data to staff during grade-level meetings</td>
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# Tier 1 Teaching Matrix Including Trauma-Informed Competencies

**FIGURE 4: Sample Tier 1 Teaching Matrix with Trauma-informed Competencies**

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<td><strong>Respectful</strong></td>
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<td>• Raise hand</td>
<td>• Walk quietly</td>
<td>• Greet the teacher and classmates</td>
<td>• Listen to understand</td>
<td>• Ask for a break</td>
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<td>• Track the speaker</td>
<td>• Keep hands and feet within your bubble</td>
<td>• Talk in soft voices</td>
<td>• Take turns speaking</td>
<td>• Express feelings by making “I statement”</td>
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<td>• Follow directions</td>
<td>• Start on opener assignment</td>
<td>• Say, “I like that idea, AND...”</td>
<td>• Consider the feelings of others before posting</td>
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<td><strong>Organized and Achieving</strong></td>
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<td>• Stay on task</td>
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<td>• Clean up the area when time is up</td>
<td>• Turn on privacy controls</td>
<td>• Ask my teacher to break down the assignment into smaller chunks.</td>
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<td>• Offer to help</td>
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<td>• Talk to someone if it will make you feel better</td>
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<td>• Apologize for mistakes</td>
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<td><strong>Responsible</strong></td>
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<td>• “Jump in” to help others</td>
<td>• Double check sources before I post</td>
<td>• Use the face chart to identify what you are feeling “I feel...”</td>
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<td>• Manage time carefully</td>
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Additional Examples
YOUR TURN / ACTION PLANNING

• Using the note catcher, review key takeaways

• Take some time to pull action items from the list, and

• Prioritize action items
Establishing a Connection Revisited:
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• Emotional uncertainty

• Social dislocation/loss

• Economic impacts
“Relationships matter: the currency for systemic change was trust, and trust comes through forming healthy working relationships. People, not programs, change people.”
Review of Objectives

1. Describe the ways in which a public health crisis, school crisis and/or types of civic unrest may be significant sources of stress and/or trauma for the students whom we support.

2. Explain the biological, cognitive, emotional and behavioral effects of trauma on student development and the ways they in turn affect a student’s academic and behavioral functioning in the classroom.

3. Use the data, systems, and practices components of a multi-tiered systems approach to behavior to provide differentiated evidence-based supports.

4. Explore and determine if their school-wide Tier 1 practices reflect a trauma-sensitive approach to responding to student behavior.
Questions and Answers
Evaluation Survey

Link here (if applicable)