THE EVOLUTION OF TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE COMMUNITIES

STORIES FROM THE LIVING ROOM

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1990’s

  - Quakertown Community Hospital
  - Northwestern Institute
  - Friends Hospital
  - Horsham Clinic

- Children’s Crisis Treatment Center – outpatient rx child survivors (Tony Valdez)
- Women Against Abuse – shelter and legal services (Carol Tracy et al.)
- Women Organized Against Rape – first rape crisis center in U.S. (Carol Johnson)
- Support Center for Child Advocacy – train lawyers for pro bono (Frank Cervone)
- Trauma specialists: Bloom & Foa
• ISTSS scientific advances – “trauma theory” being articulated

• PSR: First RADAR training – Domestic Violence – Trauma Theory as underpinning

• First ever DV training to 350 medical students

• Philadelphia Bar Association and Support Center for Child Advocacy sponsor training in trauma theory

• Carol Tracy: Women’s Law Project – litigation for survivors of sexual abuse; Working Group for Chemically-dependent Women: trauma training

• Kalma White: BHTEN Begins Cycles of Violence trainings – over fifteen years trained more than 10,000 in trauma theory, TREM, VT, etc.

• Suzanne Daub at Delaware Valley Community Health began integrating co-located behavioral health into primary care (Patty Deitch
• Community Behavioral Health became non-profit manager for Medicaid dollars
• Estelle Richman actively supports trauma training
• RADAR trainings for medical schools, federally qualified health clinics, other providers (until 2009 will train 32,000 people)
• Creating Sanctuary published
• PSR: Bearing Witness: Violence and Collective Responsibility – violence as a public health issue
• ACEs Study results published
• Pennsylvania State Task Force on Domestic Violence – trauma theory as underpinning
• Trauma Study Group – Sanctuary, Friends Hospital
• Philadelphia Inquirer exposes police scandal re: rape statistics
• Women’s Law Project do case reviews and help change police practices for victims

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• Institute for Safe Families continue RADAR trainings, Men Can campaign, CHANCE – early childhood, First ever “screening for DV” for 400 Philadelphia Health Department staff, Funded by DHS to convene DV Collaborative
• Institute for Safe Families incorporates – continuing focus on trauma theory
• ISF urges Mayor Street to proclaim “Health Cares about DV” – now annual
• With ISF support PDPH adopts DV Policy for Adult Medicine
• 9-11 – Trauma awareness increases nationally
• Community Legal Services training and retreats
• Development of S.E.L.F. curriculum
• Deb Freedman and Liz Thul at CLS urge DHS to fund instituting S.E.L.F. curriculum in various settings
Women’s Law Project, funded by CBH, with support from Estelle Richman develops report on “Unmet Needs of Pregnant and Parenting Chemically Dependent Women”

Trauma theory as organizing framework – recommend system interventions:

“Philadelphia’s health and human service delivery system does not address the specific needs of women, does not integrate the linkage of trauma, violence, and substance abuse in service delivery, lacks cross-system training, and fails to fully comprehend the long term needs of families affected by trauma, violence and substance abuse.

The key recommendation of the report was that Philadelphia must develop a trauma-informed system of care.
• Behavioral Health, MR, SA, and CBH combined under one lead organization within Philadelphia City Government with aim of service integration
• Mayor John Street creates Domestic Violence Task Force, headed by Women’s Law Project Director, Carol Tracy, and Task Force trained in trauma theory and included police, DA’s, DV advocates, social service advocates
• Arthur Evans become Director of DBHIDS – supports trauma initiative and recovery framework – transformation
• First trauma course (elective) Penn SW
• Children’s services professionals representing DHS, DBH, School District, Public Health in City of Philadelphia began meeting as a Steering Committee
• ISF, PDPH, and CHOP Care Response to IPV” – 300 people attend
• DHS Funds ISF: “Parenting After Violence”

• Believing in Recovery Creating Opportunity Fostering Hope. Mental Health Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA

• Training for monitoring staff of CBH

• Mural Arts and ISF support Men Can mural

• Sanctuary Institute begins as training arm for the Sanctuary Model – organizational change approach
• Institute for Safe Families brings Rob Anda to PHL
• DBHIDS forms first Trauma Task Force
• Bryn Mawr SW starts continuing ed trauma course
• Philadelphia Inquirer exposes Daniael Kelly case and DHS problems
• Child Welfare Review Panel formed and included Carol Tracy, well-versed in trauma theory
• Health Federation creates Multiplying Connections Initiative to develop a Cross System Training Institute, created the foundational Becoming Trauma Informed training curriculum and trained children's services professional, core competencies for trauma informed practice for young children
• Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice, Drexel School of Public Health and with Drexel Med, Healing Hurt People, in ER
• PA Department of Public Welfare funds Sanctuary Model training for 30 PA child welfare/juvenile justice residential settings
• Anne Marie Ambrose, formerly in juvenile justice services for the state, becomes Commissioner of DHS Institute
• Institute for Family Professionals starts first trauma courses - have trained over hundreds teachers, early childhood specialists, clinicians
• John Rich’s book, Wrong Place, Wrong Time: Violence in the Lives of Young Black Men is published
• ISF brings Linda Chamberlain to discuss Amazing Brain – 400 people attend
• Healing Hurt People expands to St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and regularly begins convening other city service representatives
• DBH hires manager for trauma-informed services, Ava Ashley
• Philadelphia adopts legislation providing unpaid leave for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
• Family Court Training
• Institute for Safe Families convenes “Spare the Rod”, first large conference (over 600 people) on corporal punishment of children with Geoffrey Canada
• DBH creates Practice Guidelines including “trauma-informed care”
• Destroying Sanctuary: The Crisis in Human Service Delivery Systems is published
• Healing Hurt People becomes one of three collaborators including CHOP and FIPC at Penn for the National Network of Hospital-based Violence-Intervention Programs
• DBH funds the Sanctuary Institute to train 17 MH programs in Sanctuary Model, Prolonged Exposure and/or TFCBT
• Office of Supportive Housing funds Sanctuary Institute to train 20 shelters
• United Way sponsors conference of 250 to hear about Bruce Perry’s neurosequential approach for evaluating traumatized children
• Scattergood funds several conferences with Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma
• ISF develops and launches Partnering with Parents funded by Barra Foundation
• Inquirer keeps pressure on schools
• Philadelphia Inquirer keeps up the pressure on bringing issues to the forefront of local attention

• Various programs at WHYY give coverage to issues surrounding trauma, violence, violence prevention

• Sanctuary Institute trainings for DBH Executive Team, PIP Teams, DHS

• Report due from Drexel SPH Master’s students on using Sanctuary as an systems integration platform

• Stoneleigh funds several fellows in trauma-informed work, Jody Greenblatt, Ted Corbin

• Bruce Perry training initiated through Suzanne O’Connor at United Way and Diane Wagenhals at Institute for Family Professionals

• Scattergood funds WHYY to hire behavioral health reporter Maiken Scott
• ISF convenes ACEs Task Force
• ISF with RWJF convene National Collaborative on Adversity and Resilienc (NCAR) and ISF produces the Community Resilience Cookbook

• International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies holds annual meeting in Philadelphia

• ISF transitions its work to CCTC, Health Federation, Lutheran Settlement House
• Health Federation continues with Philadelphia ACEs Project under Leslie Lieberman – many people involved, pediatric leadership – Joel Fein and Roy Wade, CHOP; Lee Pachter – St. Chris

• PHMC and Urban ACEs Study

• Stephen and Sandy Sheller 11th Street Health Clinic, trauma-informed health care, Patti Gerrity, Director

• Films made in Philadelphia:
  • *Pull of Gravity* – about re-entry
  • Part IV – *Wounded Places* – of larger *Raising of America* series
  • *Caregivers* – about all kinds of professional caregivers
• Trauma-Informed Philadelphia

• Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice

• Healing Hurt People

• Center for Hunger-Free Communities

• SMASH Strawberry Mansion: A Sanctuary for Hope
  • U.S. Attorney’s Office
  • Department of Justice
  • Widener School of Social Work

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• Stoneleigh Foundation
• United Way
• Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
• Barra Foundation
• First Hospital Foundation
• Claneil Foundations
• Fels Fund
• CHG Charitable Trust
• The Fourjay Foundation
• Valentine Foundation
• Pew Charitable Trust

Advocates

• CCTC
• Women’s Law Project
• Support Center for Child Advocacy
• Institute for Safe Families
• PSR
• Community Legal Services
• Health Federation
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Local Foundations

• Passion
• Knowledge
• Leadership
• Creativity
• Connections
• Small nonprofits become «key nodes» in a network
• Agile and innovative

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