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NEW RESOURCES

Check out these great resources on coping, advocacy and support options during social distance

CHAMPION'S CORNER

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Carly Belmonte

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WELCOME

TO THE NEW YORK STATE TRAUMA-INFORMED NETWORK

We're here to connect you with other organizations around NYS, bringing you resources and events on a variety of topics that promote trauma-responsive practices.

Our goal is to support champions of trauma responsive practices across the state with improved connection and access to quality resources. Together we can increase the collective understanding of trauma, improve practice, and support resilience throughout New York State.

FOCUS ON: Advocacy Actions in Social Distance

Focus

Advocacy in April: Actions in an Environment of Social Distance.

April marks many key initiatives such as child abuse prevention, sexual assault awareness, and recognition of crime victimization to bring awareness to incidences of trauma that impact individuals and families. The goal is to decrease occurrences while also increasing action to support and recover. The pandemic has increased stress while decreased our ability to *directly* connect, support, and advocate. We can consider the unique challenges of this context, while also finding unique solutions to intervene, support, and foster action.

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Additional Resources

ZERO TO THREE
Early connections last a lifetime

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join Zero to Three for a series of webinars for multiple stakeholders to address abuse and neglect during COVID-19.

Finding ways to manage stress and anxiety during this unprecedented time can reduce the risk for verbal or physical outbursts. Here are some ideas for Coping Skills to use while Social Distancing.

There are essential services available for victim's of violent crimes in NYS. Learn more about the Office of Victim Services and the array of resources that can be made available here.

Search Resources at the NYS Trauma-Informed Network for more

Champion's Corner

This month we acknowledge the contributions of Carly Belmonte, NYS TI Network Advisory Council member. Ms. Belmonte is currently the Infant Toddler Mental Health Director at the Early Care & Learning Council (ECLC), which

has taken a leadership role in improving equitable access to quality early care and education in New York State. In this role, she is responsible for collaborating with a statewide network of Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) organizations and other key partners to coordinate the implementation of an infant toddler mental health consultation service. Ms. Belmonte is also working on supporting the agency's statewide membership in improving knowledge and practice around adverse childhood experiences and trauma-informed care. In addition to her role at ECLC, she is an adjunct professor at Siena College, where she teaches a course about the impacts of childhood trauma. Carly also serves on the Advisory Board for the Social Work Department at Siena College. Prior to her time at ECLC and Siena College, she worked in direct service, and therapeutic roles to support survivors of violent crime in hospital-based, counseling, educational, and non-profit organizations, in both domestic and international settings. Ms. Belmonte earned her Master's in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania, and her Bachelor's degree from SUNY-Buffalo, which included an internship in Botswana, Africa, and a semester abroad at the University of Limerick, Ireland respectively.

Connect with the work of the Early Care and Learning Council of NY.

TIPS

Here are some suggestions to help you get the most out of the NYS Trauma-Informed Network. Add a resource, share an event, help us spread the word and drive change in NYS.

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