# Safe and Supportive Schools: A Journey

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# Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better. "

Maya Angelou

# TODAY'S PURPOSE www.josephfantigrossi.com

- Understand the impact
- Trauma awareness with current systems
- Resources and practices
  - http://bit.ly/trauma-informed-education
- Action step

### Turn and Talk with a partner

What does a Safe & Supportive school look like, sound like, and feel like?

#### Trauma-Informed Care



# Think, Pair, Share

# How would you define trauma?

## Trauma is not the event.

# Trauma is the response.

# Each individual responds differently.

STOP ASKING: What is wrong with this student?

AND START ASKING: What has happened to this student?

#### Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

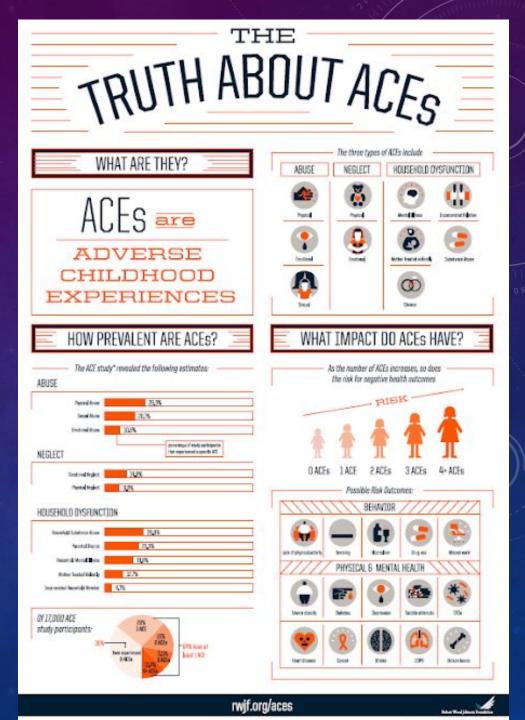


### ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES:

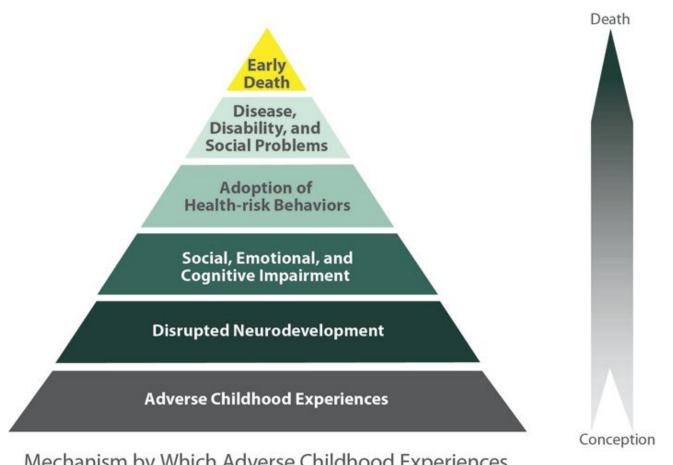
#### • ABUSE

#### • NEGLECT

DYSFUNCTION (Family)



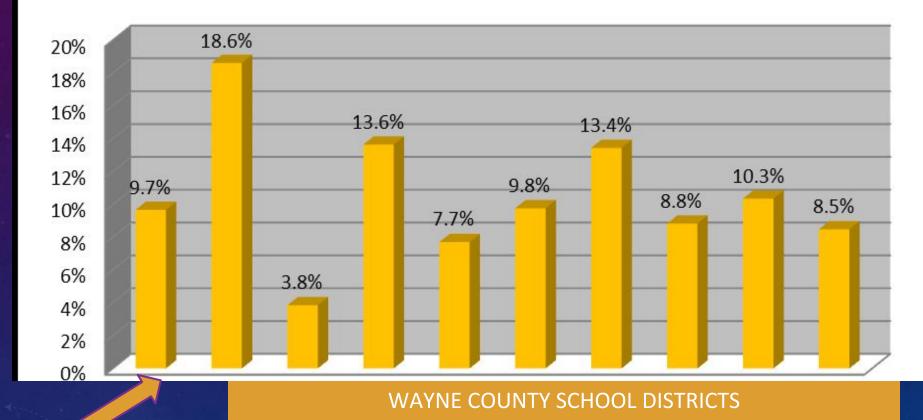
# WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?



Mechanism by Which Adverse Childhood Experiences Influence Health and Well-being Throughout the Lifespan

# ACE'S REPORTED BY KINDERGARTEN PARENTS AT SCREENING:

#### **Two or More Trauma**



K READY SURVEY- Wayne County 2016 554 out of 1007 Kindergarten Students

10% Wayne Co. Avg

LOCAL K SCREEN: CHILDREN WITH 2 OR MORE "ACE" \*:

- 3 times <u>more</u> likely to not calm down when upset.
- <u>Twice</u> as likely to not be able to independently button or zipper clothing.
- 13 times <u>less</u> likely to be able to focus on activity other than TV or computer.

### LOCAL K SCREEN: CHILDREN WITH 2 OR MORE "ACE" :

- 5.7 times <u>more</u> likely to ignore rules at home.
- 4.3 times <u>more</u> likely to never read with parent/adult.

### CHILDHOOD TRAUMA

Evalumetrics Youth Survey - 2017	2017	ACE 2 or less	ACE>2	Ratio
Used Alcohol in Past 30 Days	20.6%	15.3%	31.5%	2.1
Smoked Cigarettes in Past 30 Days	6.6%	4.1%	12.4%	3.0
Used Any Other Drug in Past 30 Days	2.0%	1.1%	4.2%	4.0
Felt Sad/Depressed	41.2%	29.0%	68.1%	2.3
Self-injury	17.7%	13.2%	42.0%	3.2
Planned Suicide	10.4%	4.7%	25.3%	5.3

#### POVERTY ASIDE

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TEACHING WITH

What Being Poor Does to Kids Brains and What Schools Can Do About It

You can be poor and feel: -Safe -Loved -Proud

### POVERTY & TRAUMA

RISK FACTOR/BEHAVIOR	ACE 2 OR MORE	FOOD INSECURE	вотн
Anti-social Behavior	4.1X	1.4X	4.2X
Friends Use Drugs	7.8X	5.9X	58.8X
Lack Attachment To Family	3.4X	3.4X	5.3X
Plan Suicide	6.6X	3.7X	9.8X
Alcohol Use	4.8X	3.6X	8.0X
Marijuana Use	4.3X	3.6X	8.0X
Other Drugs (Opioids, Cocaine etc)	4.8X	11.6X	8.8X

# **SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS**

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### ADAPT, NOT ADDITIONAL



 DON'T THINK "MORE"– THINK "ADAPT CURRENT PRACTICE"

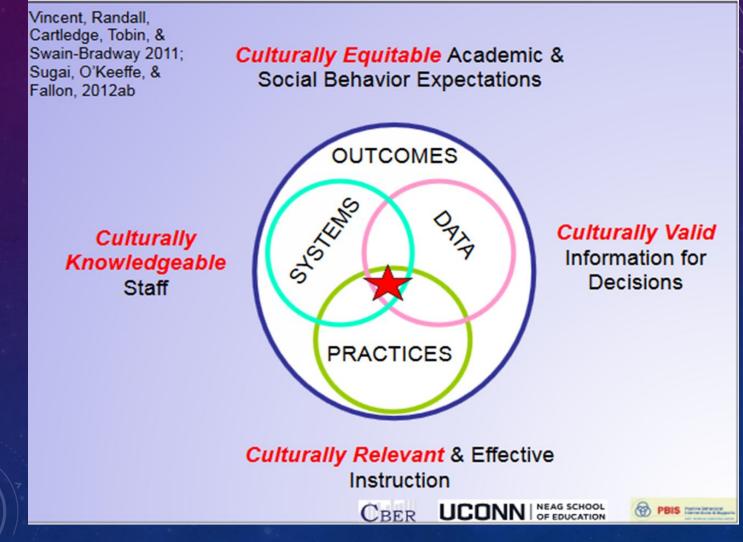
### **TIERED INTERVENTION**

Intensive

Targeted

Universal

#### WE BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND TO BE "CULTURALLY EQUITABLE, VALID, KNOWLEDGEABLE & RELEVANT" MEANT WE HAD TO BE TRAUMA INFORMED.....



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

- At your tables, quietly readthe handout provided at your table (Reading 1 or Reading 2)
- After finishing the reading, discuss the points you felt were most important or meaningful to you with 1 or 2 other people at your table
- Next, find someone from a table that read the other handout and share the most important points with them
- Finally, return to your original seat for a whole group debriefing exercise

# A FRAMEWORK TO HELP

Regulation

Attachmen

Competency

# ATTACHMENT

# REGULATION (SELF)

# COMPETENCY

#### **ATTACHMENT:**

TIER 1: ALL Positive relationships between all staff & students (clear expectations help!)

Opportunities for clubs, sports & other extracurricular activities

Involvement in learning!

TIER 2: SOME Check In/Check Out

Check & Connect

Small groups formed for particular students

**Peer Mentoring** 

TIER 3: FEW Counseling

**Individual Plans** 

#### **REGULATION:**

TIER 1:

A few clearly stated expectations with explicit instruction consistently shared among all staff

Second Step taught universally to all students

Model "how to" for self-regulation adults & peers

TIER 2: Check In/Check Out

Check & Connect

Small group re-teach ( can use Second Step)

TIER 3: Counseling

Individual Plans (FBA/BIP)

#### **COMPETENCY:**

TIER 1: Strong and engaging classroom instruction for all students

**Differentiated instruction** 

Skill based clubs (strategy games, gardening, cooking!)

Music & Art Classes!

PERSONALIZED LEARNING & INNOVATION

TIER 2: Check In/Check Out

Small group re-teach ( can use Second Step)

After school programs

TIER 3: Counseling

Individual Plans (FBA/BIP)

# **Small Group Discussion**

What is one thing you are currently doing in your school/district that helps students with attachment, regulation, or competency?

# BUILDING CAPACITY FOR STAFF

### BOOK STUDIES & PLC'S HELPED START CONVERSATION: Helping Traumat

### Reaching and Teaching Children Who Hurt

Strategies for Your Classroom

Susan E. Craig

#### Helping Traumatized Children Learn

supportive school environments for children traumatized by family violence

A Report and Policy Agenda

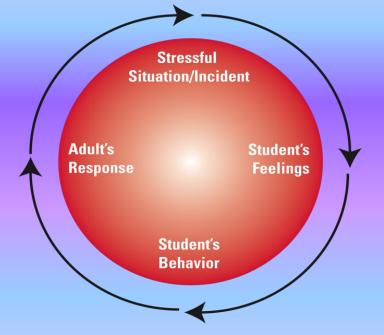


Massachusetts Advocates for Children: Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative In collaboration with Harvard Law School and The Task Force on Children Affected by Domestic Violence

(Both of these are on your resource handout)

# Therapeutic Crisis Intervention for Schools (TCIS)

#### THE POWER STRUGGLE





#### WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?



www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org

# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TAKE A COURSE. SAVE A LIFE.

ANYONE, ANYWHERE CAN **#BETHEONE** TO **MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE** OF SOMEONE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE USE CHALLENGE!

#### SELF- CARE HOW DO YOU RECHARGE & HEAL?

# WHO IS "THAT PERSON" FOR YOU TO GO TO WHEN YOU NEED HELP?

MENTAL/ PSYCHOLOGICAL	SOCIAL/ BEHAVIORAL	PHYSICAL/ HEALTH
REFLECTION	BOUNDARIES	REST
BOUNDARIES	USE VACATION	NUTRITION
SOLITUDE	PEER SUPPORT	EXERCISE
READING	HUMOR/LAUGH	SUNSHINE

Find a partner you have not worked with yet today

Discuss one action step you can take in the near future to make your school/district more responsive to trauma.

### ADAPT, NOT ADDITIONAL



 IN SCHOOLS, MUCH OF WHAT IS ALREADY DONE CAN BE Integrated INTO A TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACH!!

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# THANK YOU!

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