

National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Restraint and Seclusion
(NCTIC)

Save-the-Dates
***Webinar Series: Communities Addressing Trauma and
Community Strife Through Trauma-Informed Approaches***

**April – September 2017 (4th Monday of each month) 1:00 – 2:30 PM
(EDT)**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint (NCTIC) is pleased to announce the opportunity to participate in an upcoming Webinar Series: “***Communities Addressing Trauma and Community Strife Through Trauma-Informed Approaches.***” The series will run from April – September 2017 on the 4th Monday of each month, from 1:00 – 2:30 PM (EDT).

SAMHSA recently [awarded eight communities](#) a ReCAST grant, to help local community entities work together to improve behavioral health, empower community residents, reduce the effects of trauma, and sustain community change in response to civil unrest/community strife. In addition to the grants awarded, SAMHSA would like to reach more communities (city/town/county/municipality) to help heal and recover from community strife.

To that end, SAMHSA/NCTIC is offering a virtual webinar series highlighting communities working to improve the resiliency of its members and responsiveness to community incidents. The series framework follows SAMHSA’s six principles of trauma-informed approaches as described in [SAMHSA’s Concept of Trauma and Guidance for Trauma-Informed Approaches](#). Participants will also be asked if they would like to participate in a follow-up dialogue on their unique challenges with national experts and presenters.

SAMHSA’s NCTIC is tasked with the design and implementation of a technical assistance strategy to assist publicly funded systems, agencies, and organizations across the country in preventing the use of restraint, seclusion, and other forms of aversive practices through trauma-informed approaches.

NCTIC supports SAMHSA's Trauma and Justice Strategic Initiative goal of implementing trauma-informed approaches in health, behavioral health and related systems. Specifically, this series addresses SAMHSA's objective to develop a framework for community and historical trauma and a trauma-informed approach for communities, and is open to all interested in addressing community trauma and healing.

Webinar Series Schedule

1. Monday, May 22, 1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT
Introduction of SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach to Healing Communities: The Six Principles for implementing trauma-informed approaches in communities will be presented. The values-based concepts of Safety, Trustworthiness and Transparency, Peer Support, Collaboration and Mutuality, Empowerment, Voice and Choice, and Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues will be illustrated through examples from within communities. This will be followed by: **Peer Support: Creative Approaches to Safe Streets and Developing Community Self-Determination:** William Kellibrew will discuss the creative approaches being implemented by the Baltimore Department of Health's Office of Youth Violence Prevention. Williams's passion for his work comes from his personal story of witnessing violence and trauma. John Comer of Communities United and Baltimore City Health Department will discuss mobilizing communities to take charge of their own healing from community trauma. The presentation will feature a powerful tool to increase the community's self-determination.
2. Monday, June 26, 1:00 – 2:30 3-4 PM EDT
Trustworthiness and Transparency: Handle with Care: Andrea Darr, Director, WV Center for Children's Justice, WV State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit. This unique collaboration between the educational system and law enforcement is designed to prevent further traumatization of youth witnessing violence. Handle with Care supports school age children returning to the classroom upon experiencing a stressful home event where police were involved. This informative discussion will present program highlights and provide guidance on replication for interested communities.

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3. Monday, July 24, 1:00 – 2:30 3-4 PM EDT
Collaboration and Mutuality: San Jose, CA Mayor's Office of Prevention of Gang Violence; This collaborative model successfully developed and implemented will focus on prevention of gang violence and facilitating community healing through effective collaborations with grassroots

stakeholders, including the faith based community, gang members, community providers, etc. Mario Maciel, Division Manager Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services will present.

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4. Monday, August 28, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT

Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues: Understanding the Impact of Historical Trauma on Communities: Samuel Simmons uses a broad range of unique and innovative strategies that include educational and culturally sensitive trauma-informed initiatives to promote healthy communities. Mr. Simmons will address historical trauma in our communities and identify strategies that work to address the importance of understanding intergenerational trauma.

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5. Monday, September 25, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT

Empowerment, Voice and Choice: The Holistic Life Foundation will present on creating safe spaces and tools for healing. Ali Smith and Atman Smith, co-founders of Holistic Life will present on their project of helping children and adults through body healing practices. They will start with their [TED talk](#) then discuss how they are implementing this in different systems in the city.

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6. To Be Scheduled:

Safety: Maurissa Stone from The Living Well will provide an overview of community-based, innovative healing opportunities in Baltimore City.