

At the Intersection of SUD, HIV and COVID-19: Why Trauma Informed Care Matters



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Who We Are

Strengthen & support implementation of jurisdiction Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Plans to contribute to achievement of reduction in new reported HIV cases by 75% by 2025



Technical Assistance Provider
innovation network

Tip: Get TAP-in TA and Training by Contacting TAP-in@caiglobal.org

TAP-in Partnership Structure



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Overview

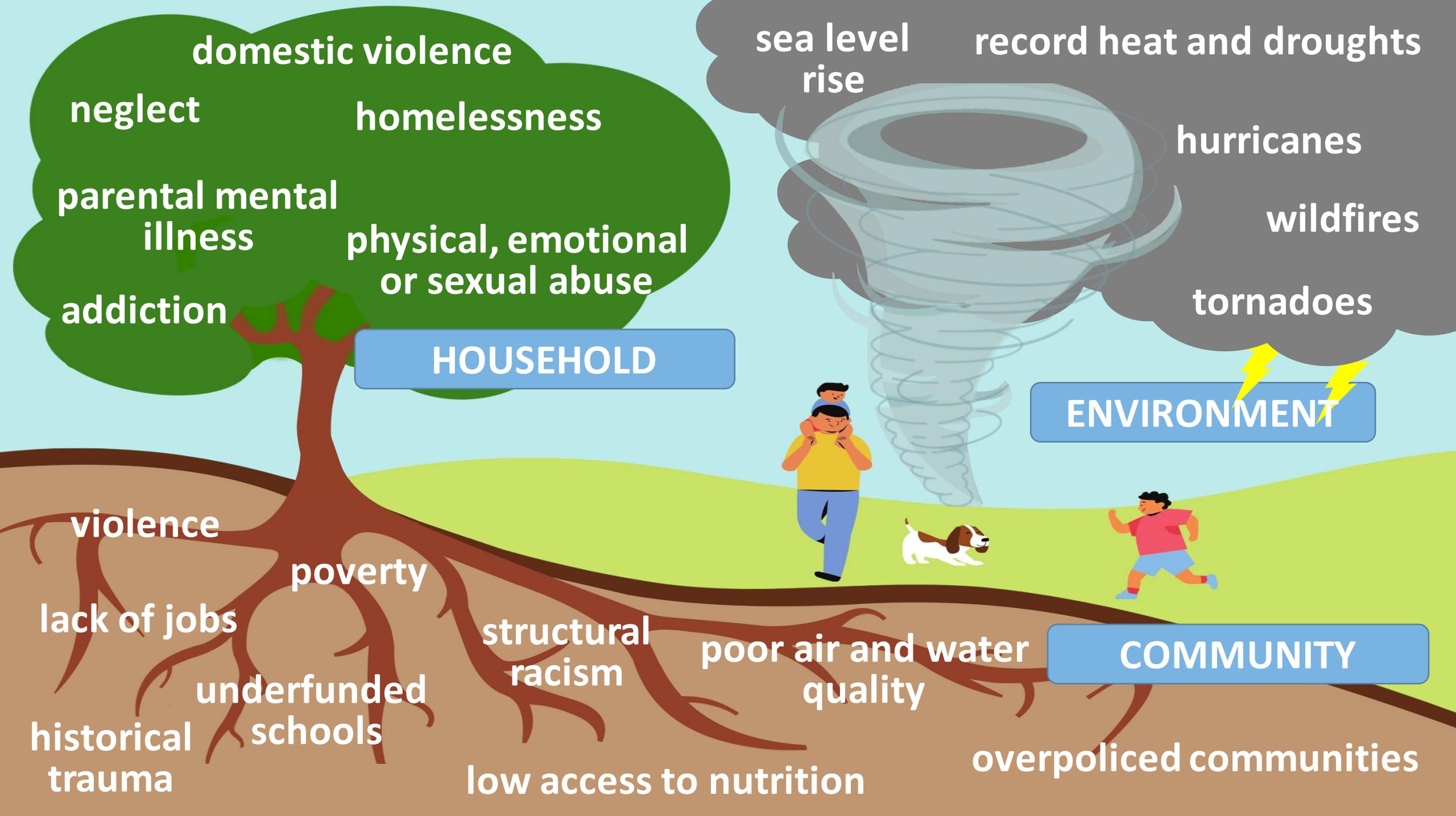
- Why Trauma Informed Care?
- Trauma: Its Prevalence and Impact
- The Importance of Addressing Trauma in Primary Care Settings
- CAI's Trauma Informed Care Implementation Model
- How to Receive Support for Your Jurisdiction

Why Trauma Informed Care?

What is Trauma?

An **event**, series of events, or set of circumstances that is **experienced** by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life-threatening and that has lasting adverse **effects** on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.

- SAMSHA, Trauma Informed Care Initiative, 2014



domestic violence

neglect

homelessness

parental mental illness

physical, emotional or sexual abuse

addiction

HOUSEHOLD

sea level rise

record heat and droughts

hurricanes

wildfires

tornadoes

ENVIRONMENT

violence

poverty

lack of jobs

structural racism

poor air and water quality

COMMUNITY

historical trauma

underfunded schools

low access to nutrition

overpoliced communities

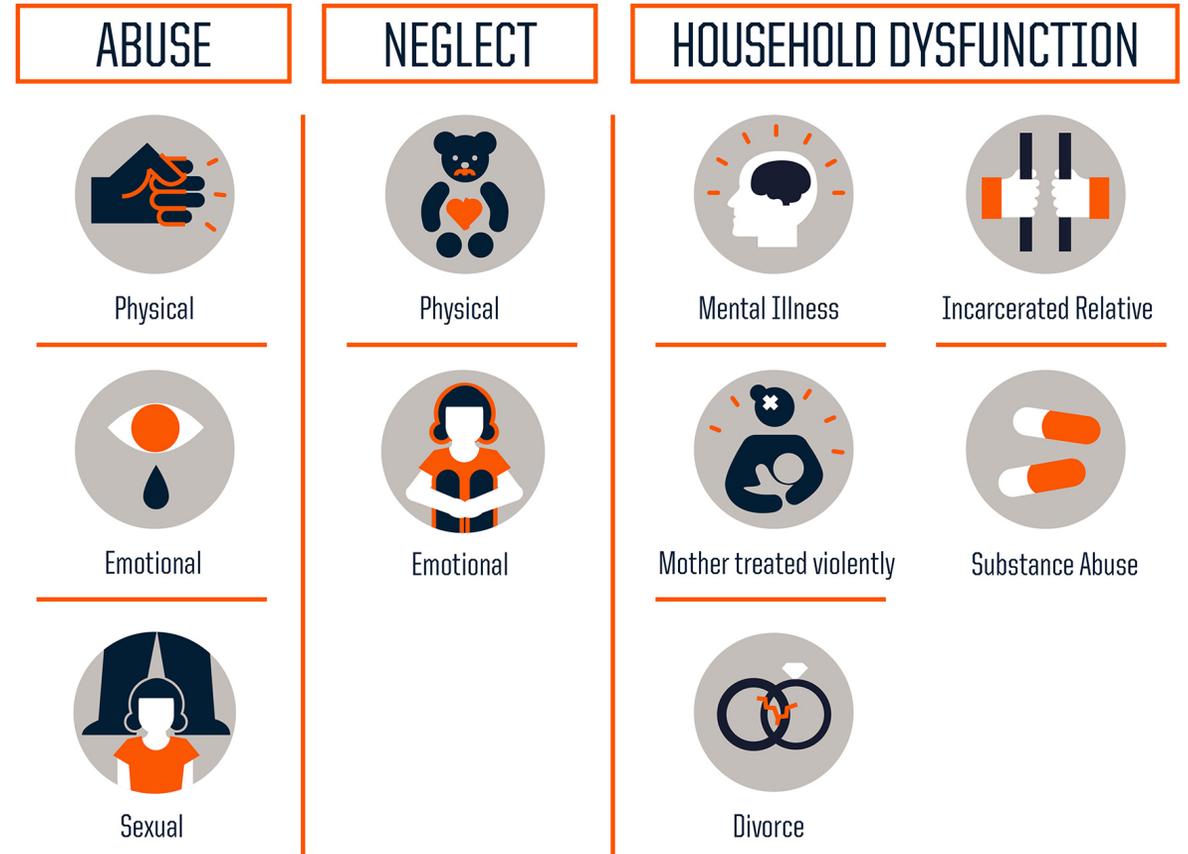
The ACE Study

CDC-Kaiser Permanente
Adverse Childhood
Experiences (ACE) study

17,000+ adult participants

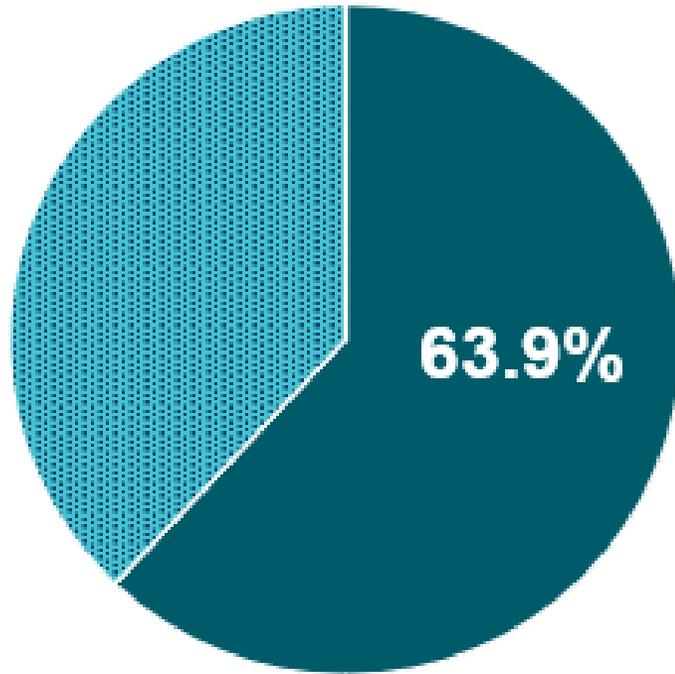
Mostly white, older, middle or
upper-middle class, 75% had
some college level education

Asked about their history with
10 specific adverse childhood
experiences



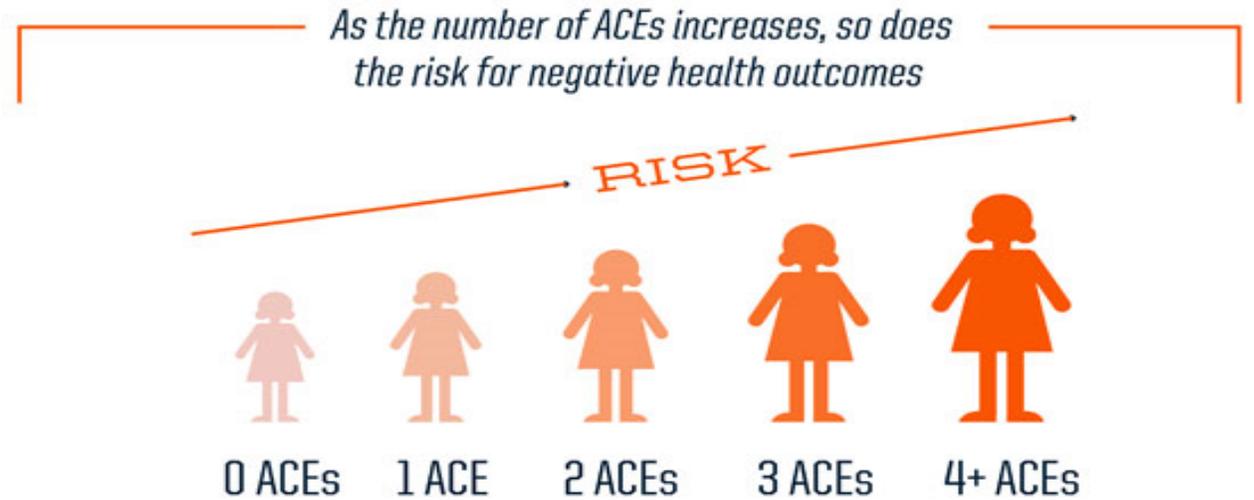
(Felitti, V., Anda, R., 1998)

Prevalence of Trauma – Overall Population

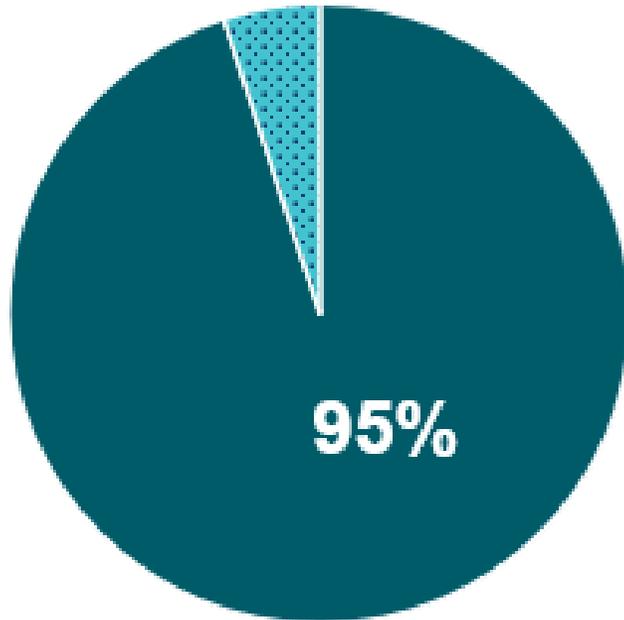


 Reported at least 1 adverse childhood experience

(Felitti, V., Anda, R., 1998)

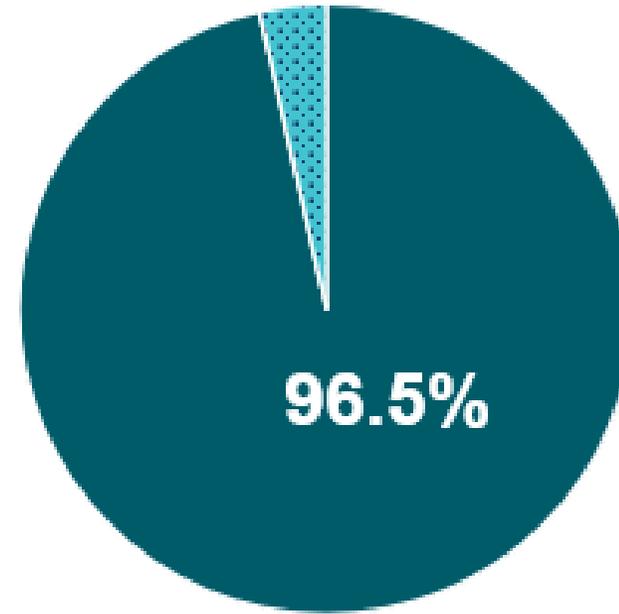


Prevalence of Trauma – HIV and SUD



 People living with **HIV** who report 1+ traumatic event

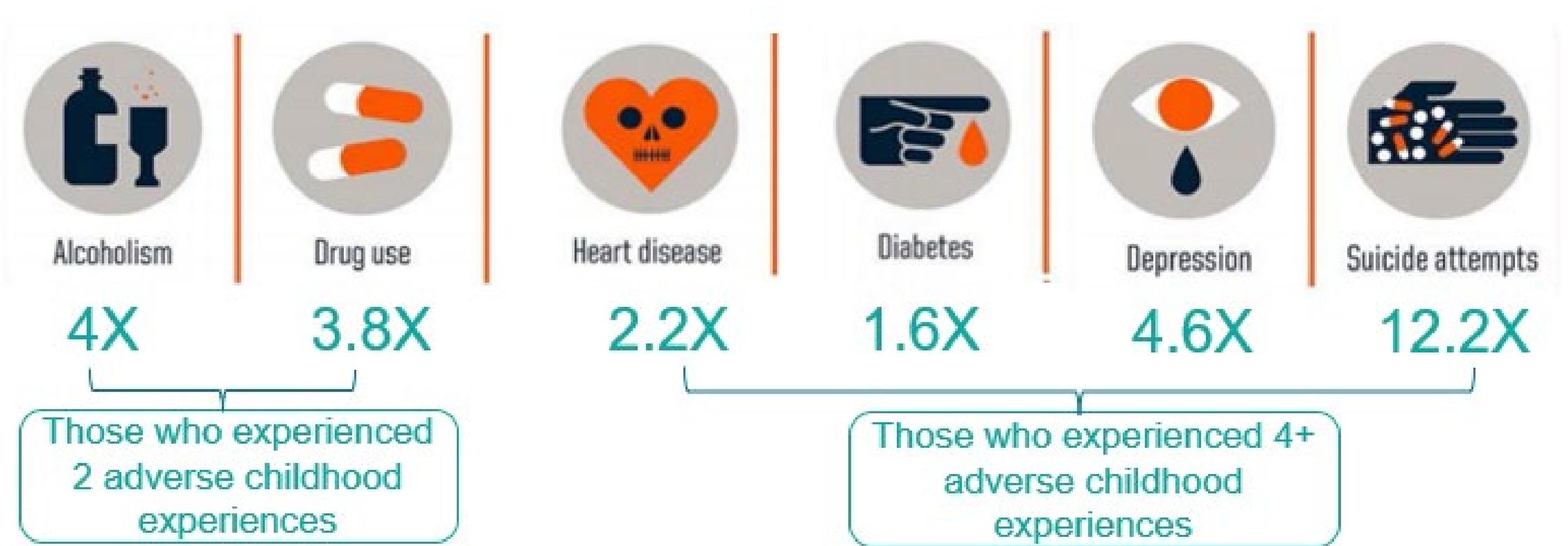
Pence, et al, 2007; Kalichman, et al, 2004



 People living with **SUD** who report 1+ traumatic event

Lawson, et al, 2013

The Impact of Trauma – Overall Population



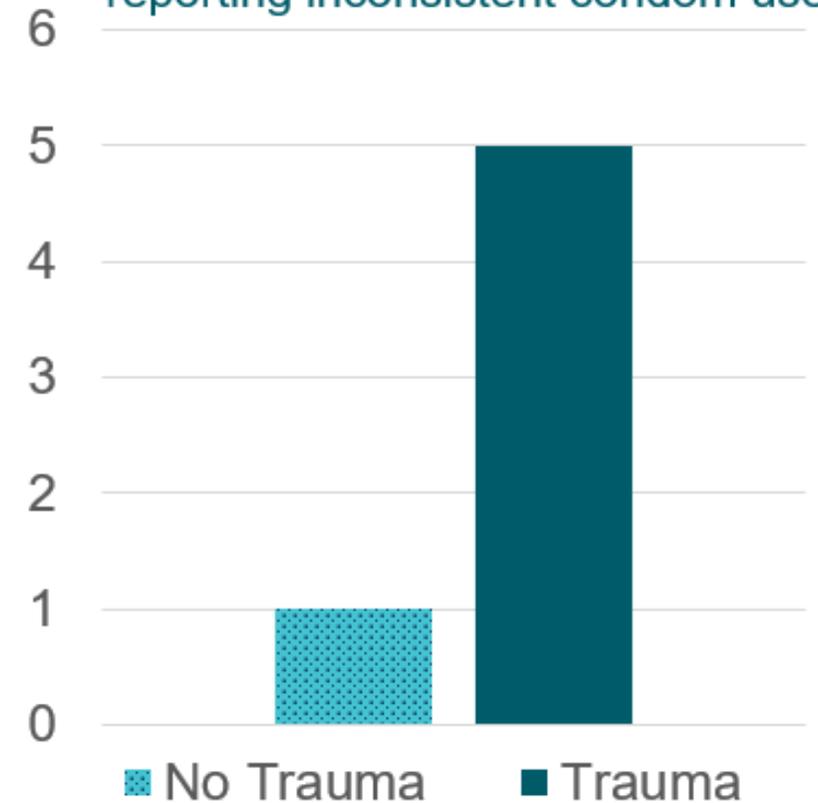
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The Impact of Trauma – HIV

People who experience trauma are more likely to engage in risk behaviors that increase their risk of HIV:

- Early onset of sexual activity
- High risk sexual activity
- Poor relationships with others
- Higher rates of isolation
- Alcohol and drug use

Women who experience adult physical abuse: Likelihood of reporting inconsistent condom use



(Machtinger et al., 2012).

Sequelae of Trauma & HIV

Young (20-29 years) HIV-positive MSM with PTSD are

Over
12x
more likely to

Engage in risky sexual behaviors
(compared to their counterparts without PTSD)

(O'Cleirigh et al., 2013)

The Impact of Trauma – HIV Disease Progression

“Substantial and consistent evidence that chronic depression, stressful events, and trauma may negatively affect HIV disease progression in terms of decreases in CD4 T lymphocytes, increases in viral load, and greater risk for clinical decline and mortality.”

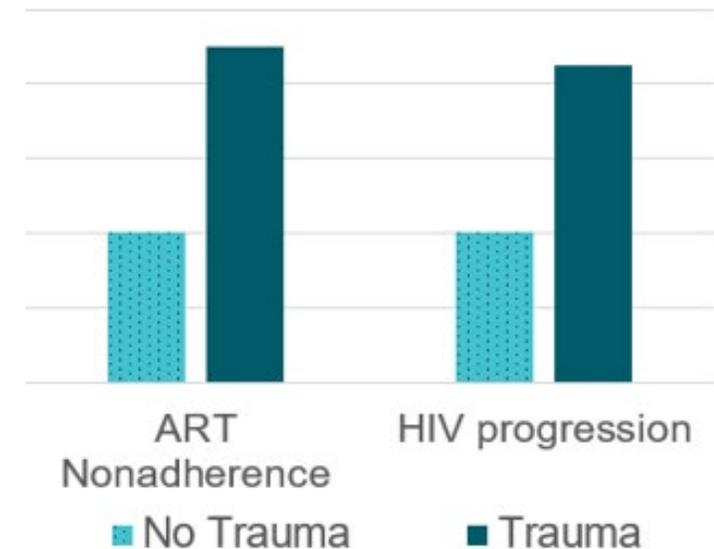
(Leserman, J. 2008)

The Impact of Trauma – HIV Self-Management

Among HIV+ individuals, experiences of trauma are associated with:

- Poor mental health
- Diminished adherence to HIV care and antiretroviral therapy
- More frequent opportunistic infections
- Higher risk of AIDS-related mortality

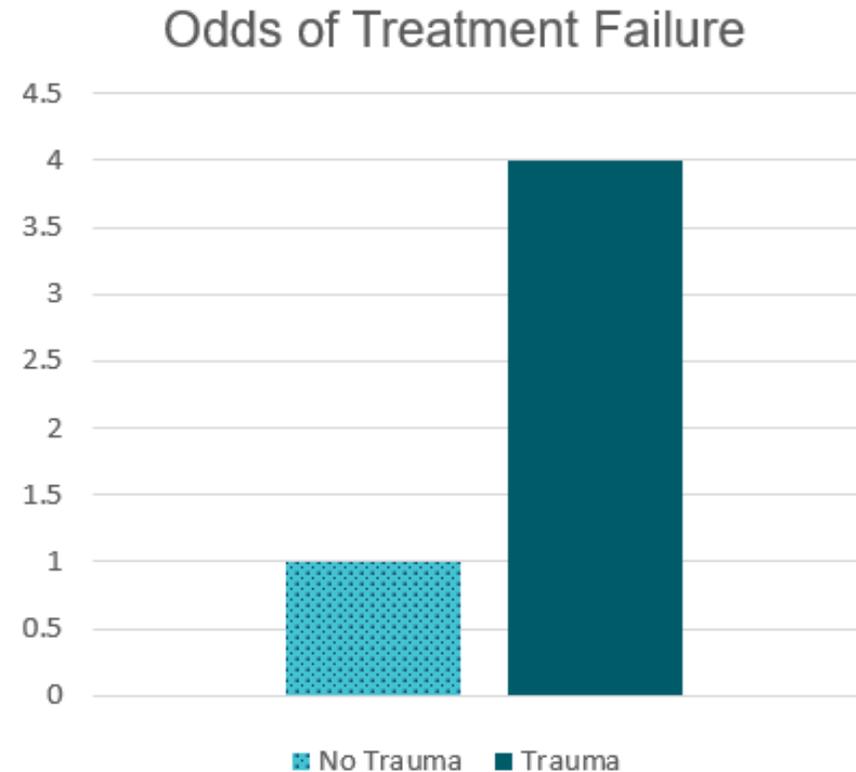
Association Between Trauma and ART Adherence and HIV Progression among PLWHA
(Pence et al., 2012)



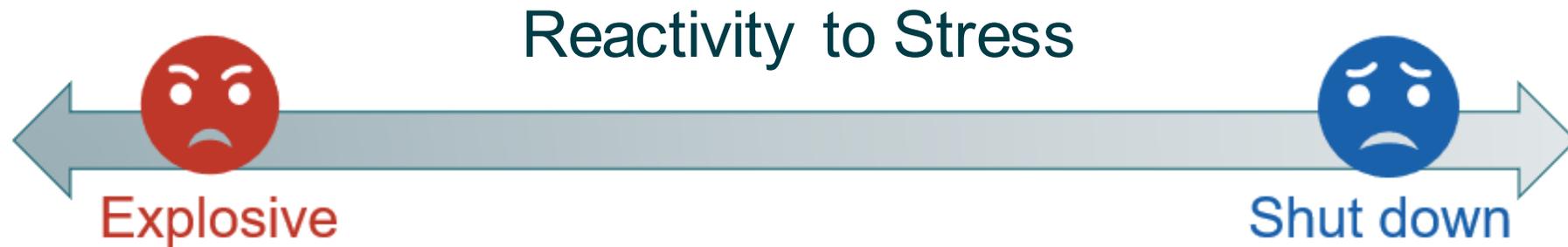
The Impact of Trauma – HIV Treatment Failure

HIV-positive women
with recent trauma are
four times more likely
to experience ART
failure

(Machtinger et al., 2012)



The Impact of Trauma – Emotional Dysregulation



- Trauma can impact a person's reactivity to everyday stress
- Individuals can be extremely sensitive to stress and situations that are perceived as threatening or disrespectful

CAI's Model of Trauma Informed Care Implementation

If Not Us, Who? If Not Now, When?

Don't touch it!
You'll make it worse.

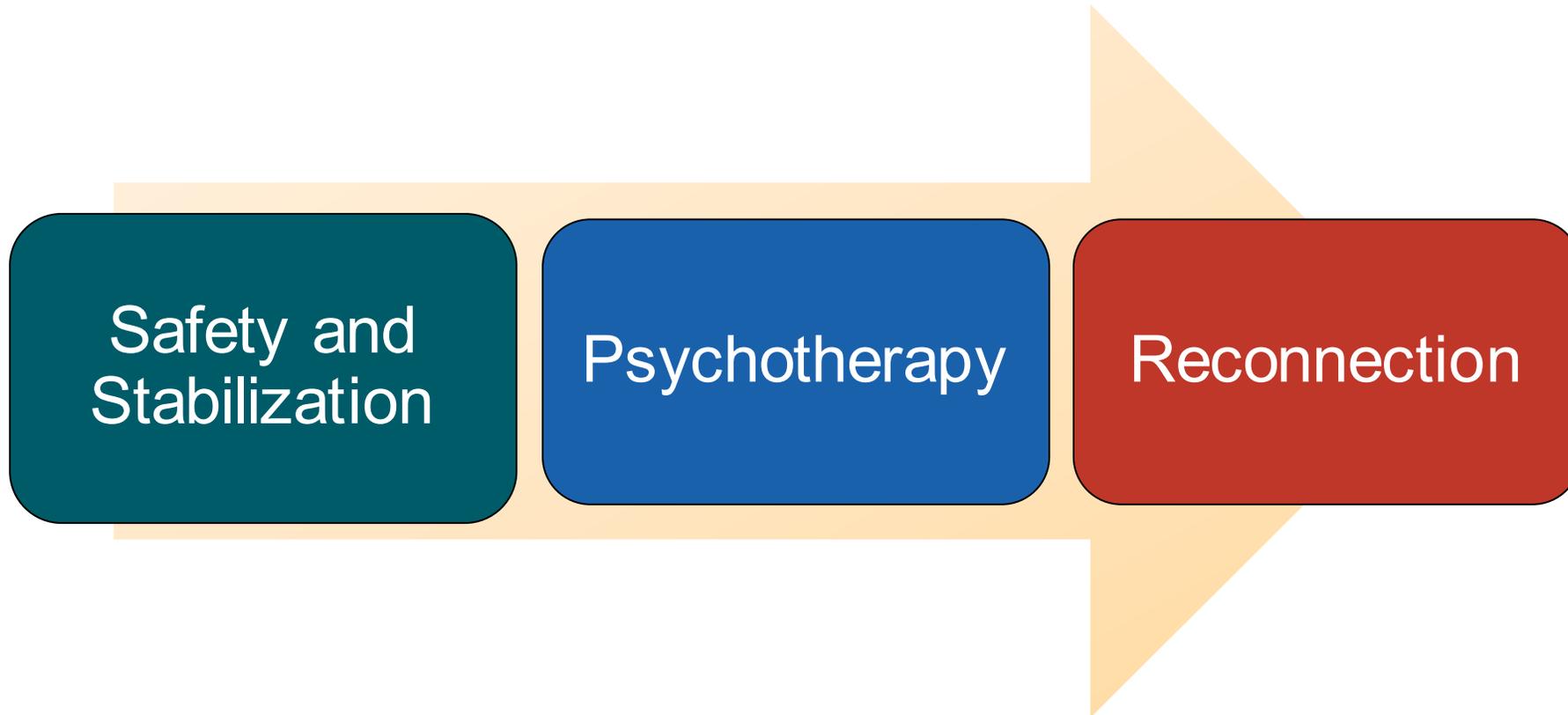
How can I best help
my clients?



Trauma? Isn't that a
mental health issue?

How is this going to
help my agency?

The Three Phases of Trauma Healing



ISTSS, 2012; Herman, J., 1992; Ford, J., Courtois, C, et al, 2005, Saxe, G., Ellis, B.H., 2006, 2017

Multi-disciplinary Teams Work With the Individual and Social Environments

Safety and Stabilization

(Cloitre, Courtois, Ford, et al, Int'l Society for
Traumatic Stress Studies, Expert Consensus
Guidelines for Complex PTSD, 2012)

TASKS:

Protect from Harm

Reduce Risk

Increase Health Behaviors

TOOLS

Screening and Assessment

Awareness of symptoms and impact

Education

Self-Regulation Skill Building Safety Planning

Establishing a Culture of Trauma Informed Care and Offering Skill-Based Trauma Informed Services

PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING TRAUMA INFORMED CARE

ESTABLISHING A CULTURE

- Leadership Engagement
- Staff Engagement
- Culture & Policy
- Consumer & Community Engagement
- Information Systems

SKILL-BASED SERVICES

- Screening
- Consumer Education
- Referring
- Psychoeducational Services to Reduce High-Risk Behavior

EXPLORATION

PLANNING & PREPARATION

INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION

Leadership Meetings

Goal: Obtain buy-in to participate in trauma informed care project

- Engage leadership
- Educate leadership on trauma informed care (TIC)
- Provide overview of TIC project and required commitments
- Elicit input suggestions
- Finalize project implementation plan

MAY 2019

Provide Technical Assistance (TA) & On-site Education

Goal 1. Work with leadership and appropriate staff to establish integration of TIC through a systems approach

Goal 2. Establish openness to providing trauma informed services

Goal 3. Assist FQHC sites to define roles and responsibilities, coordinate services, and structure meetings to achieve a culture & environment of TIC

- Meet with leadership and agency point persons
- Provide education to all staff about TIC
- Provide overview of project including establishing a trauma informed culture and providing psychoeducation skill-based services
- Identify importance of multi-disciplinary team
- Develop key benchmarks for implementation
- Revenue
- Finalize measures and elements of a trauma informed culture
- Identify integration of TIC into policy & protocols
- Create real-time database
- Develop trauma screening protocol
- Strengthen referrals for trauma
- Role of multi-disciplinary team to include peer/navigators or other staff
- Finalize a plan to include consumers for input, involvement and feedback

JUNE 2019 - FEBRUARY 2020

Second Leadership Meeting

Goal 1. Finalize the plan and preparation for implementation

Goal 2. Peer to peer sharing with each other

- Finalize the strategic implementation plan
- Share strategic implementation plans and support for each other
- Identify potential gaps and challenges
- Identify ongoing technical assistance support needs

Provide Skills-Based Training & TA

Goal: Establish competencies to provide trauma informed services

- Develop skills to screen and educate patients on trauma
- Skill-based psychoeducational TIC (individual) for reduction of high-risk behaviors
- Follow-up to training to support utilization of skills
- Role of navigations/peers for referrals, other tasks
- Training for supervision of TIC services

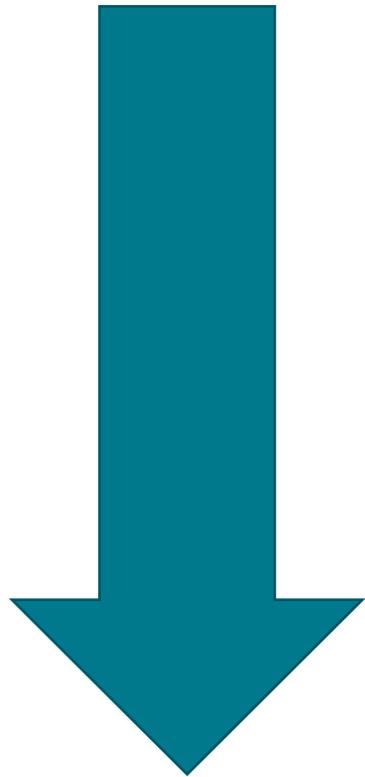
Implementation of TIC

Goal: Initiation of trauma informed services to clients

- Implement screening and brief patient education
- Initiate referrals
- Provide psychoeducation services on individual or group level for managing symptoms of trauma and developing safety plans
- Track - monitor - coach - supervise

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Measurable Benefits of Trauma Informed Care

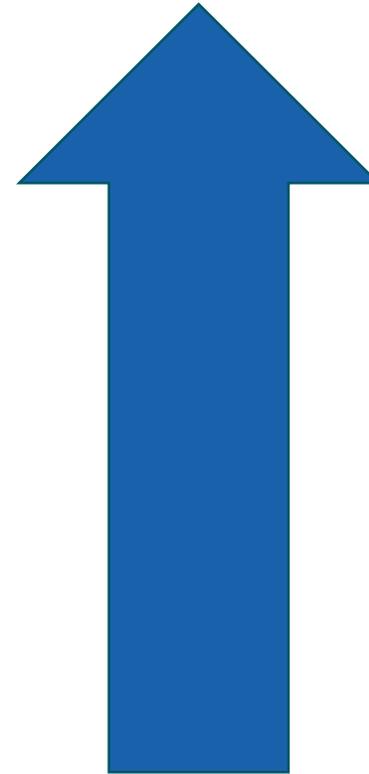


Disparities

Costs

Alcohol and drug use

Risk of hospitalization



Workplace
participation

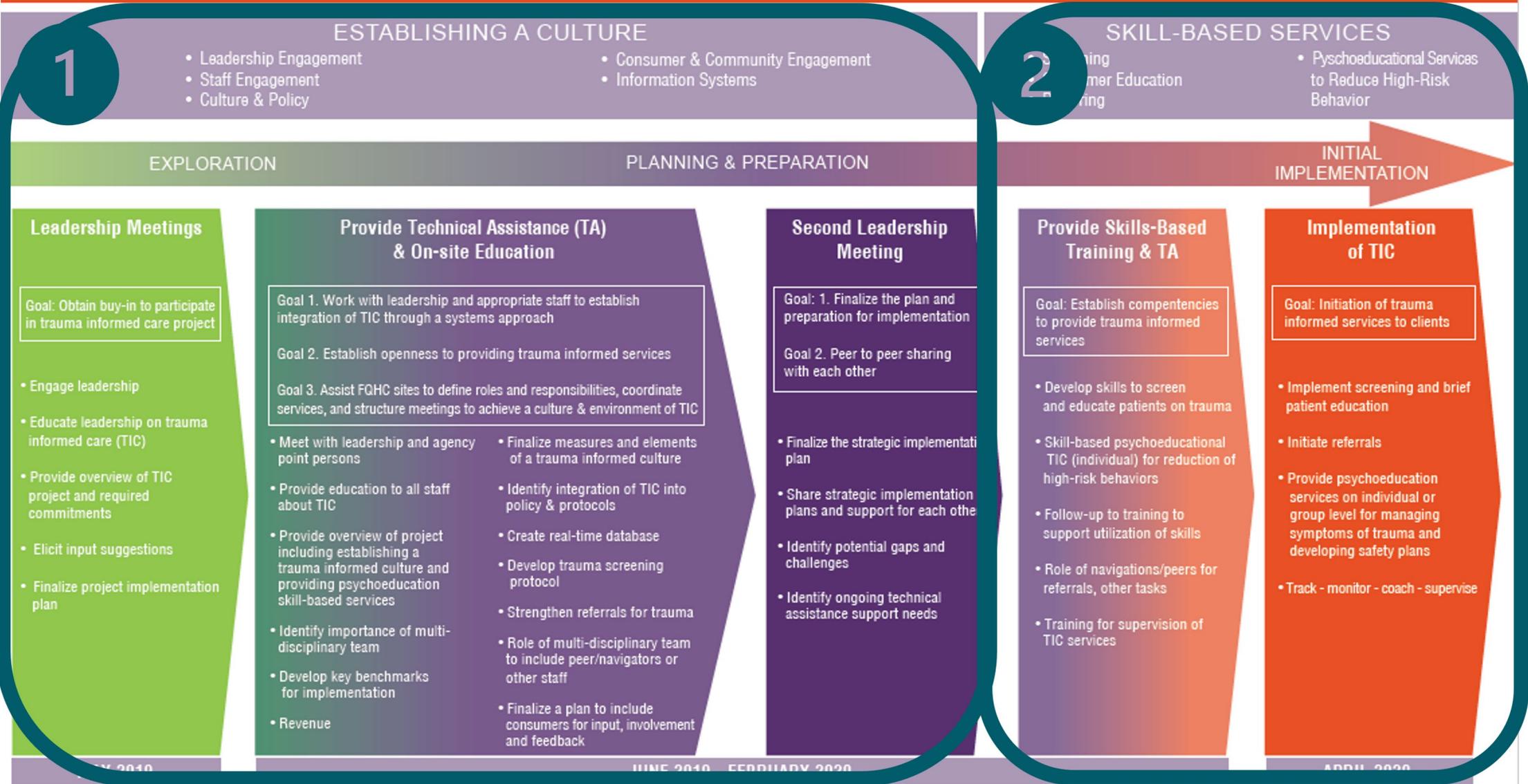
Client engagement

(NASMHPD Quantitative Benefits of Trauma-Informed Care _ 2017)

CAI's Model of Trauma Informed Care Implementation

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PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING TRAUMA INFORMED CARE



Establishing a Trauma Informed Care Culture

1 Leadership Engagement

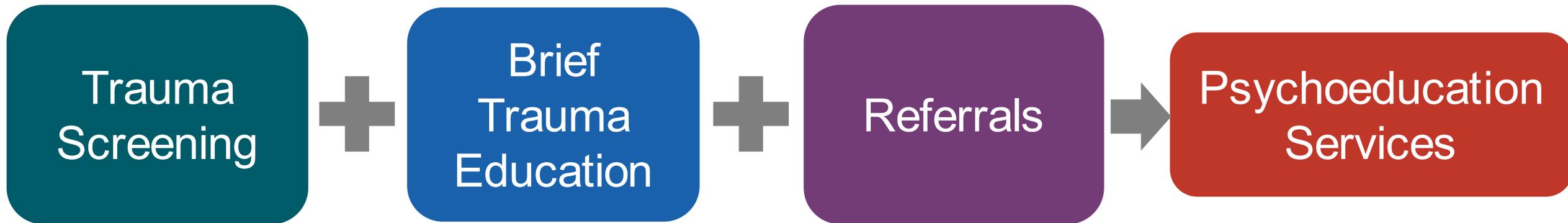
2 TIC Culture, Organization, Environment Assessments

3 Policies and Procedures

4 Staff Trainings

5 Implementation of Services, Targets, Real-time Data

Trauma Informed/Trauma Responsive: Skills-Based Services



Organizations We've Worked on TIC Implementation



Who Have We Reached with Training and TA?

To date...



23 agencies have participated in technical assistance



581 in-person, phone, and virtual TA meetings



121 trainings



2459 individuals have participated

New Jersey, 2018 to present

Trauma Informed Care Assessments

596 staff and clients at 20 agencies have completed **32** TIC Cultural Assessments and Reassessments

178 staff and clients at 20 agencies have completed **23** TIC Physical Facility Assessments and Reassessments



Results Reports are created at the conclusion of each assessment, which then inform the **Key Action Plans** agencies complete to determine their next steps for integrating TIC into their culture and environment

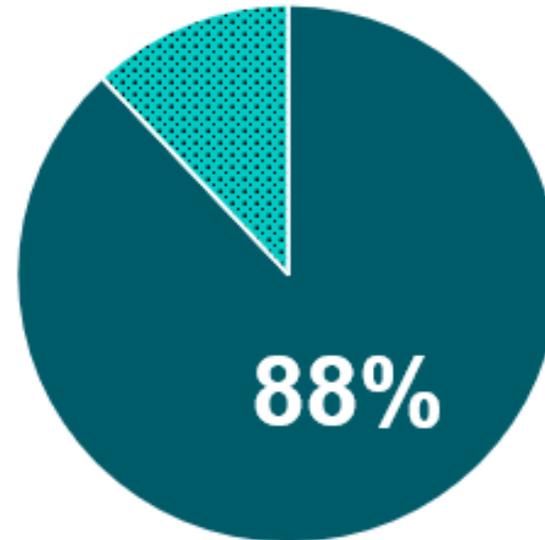
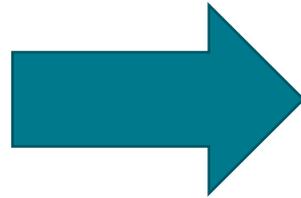
New Jersey, 2018 to present

Emerging Results From CAI's TIC Implementation Model - Clients

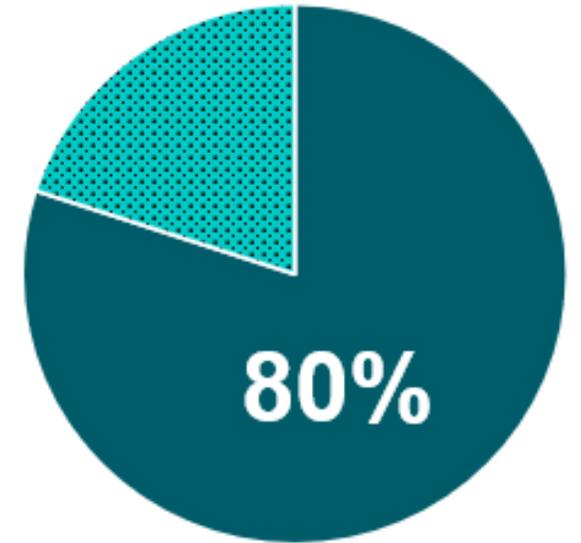

2,670 clients



3,747
encounters



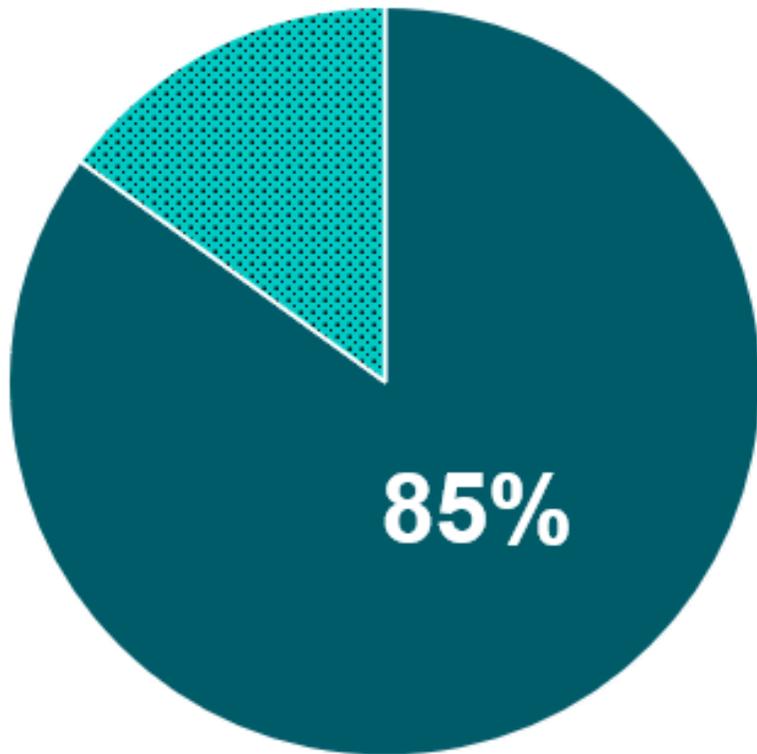
 Maintained viral suppression



 Retained in medical care

New Jersey, 2018 to 2021

More Emerging Results of CAI's TIC Implementation Model – Clinic Staff



■ Staff who agreed or strongly agreed that the trauma training series increased their knowledge of TIC



Increase in self-efficacy (confidence) in staff to integrate TIC

New Jersey and New York, 2018 to 2021

Leveraging TIC Skills During COVID-19

Take 5 (brief webinars) reminded staff to use and leverage their TIC skills.
Some topics covered include:

GRIEF

**SOCIAL
ISOLATION**

COVID FATIGUE

HELPFUL SELF-TALK

SUBSTANCE USE

**GROUNDING
EXERCISES**

THE TRAUMA LENS

**SAFER SEX
DURING COVID**

DE-ESCALATION

**VICARIOUS
TRAUMA**

Ingredients for Success



Leadership buy-in



Consistent technical assistance



Multi-disciplinary team



Flexibility



Training



Real-time Data

TIC Model in Services Other Than HIV Primary Care

- Harm Reduction
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Teams
- Health Homes
- Substance Use Providers
- Family Justice Centers
- Outpatient Mental Health
- Maternal Mortality Review Teams
- Maternity Health Workers

Implementing TIC in Your Jurisdictions



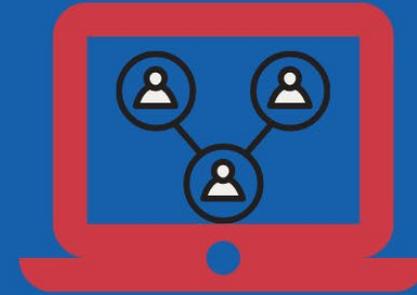
TAP-in Can Help You Integrate a Trauma Informed Care Approach

- Provision of TA for integration of TIC into your EHE plans
- Our TA may include:
 - Providing training and tools to increase staff's trauma knowledge and skills
 - Sharing best practices for integrating trauma informed services into current practices, including client screening and education
 - Assessing readiness of HIV provider networks to integrate TIC
- Trauma Informed Care Learning Collaboratives

Virtual Learning Collaborative



**Trauma
Informed Care**





How to Request TA

Ending
the
HIV
Epidemic



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Questions?





Closing and Evaluation

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