Trauma Informed Care (TIC) - An Introduction to the Seven Essential Ingredients
Part 1: Prevalence And Impact

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Learning Objectives

• To appreciate the frequency of adverse experiences in people’s lives and gain a better understanding of the social, emotional, physiological and developmental effects of trauma on people, families and communities
• To understand and respond to behavior from a trauma informed perspective
• To understand the value of developmentally informed activities to enhance regulatory capacity
• To understand techniques that can enhance relational well being for clients who have experienced adversity
• To understand ways to inspire a sense of purpose, belonging and safety with our clients
• To understand techniques that can enhance the capacity to care and appreciate the connection between caregiver capacity and client outcomes
• To be motivated to start putting ingredients together in practice to enhance services to clients who have experienced adversity
Introduction

• Introduction
• History
• Housekeeping

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• Social Media: @SaintAorg #7ei
• Join our mailing list: www.sainta.org/trauma-informed-care/inquiry-form
• Visit our website: www.sainta.org
• Additional Training: www.sainta.org/trauma-informed-care/community-training
• Become a 7ei trainer: www.sainta.org/trauma-informed-care/train-the-trainer
• Foster /Adopt: www.growhope.net
“Trauma is to mental health as smoking is to cancer”

-Dr Steven Sharfstein

*Former President, American Psychiatric Association*
Is there any data?

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# Table 1: TSCC Mean Scores: Treatment versus Comparison

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<th>Time 1: Mean (n)</th>
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<td>0.79 (136)</td>
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<td>Positive Critical Values</td>
<td>2.41 (64)</td>
<td>1.88 (69)</td>
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*Statistically significant mean differences between groups within same time point. Highlighted areas show trends indicating that the treatment group is doing better than the comparison group over time. Trends are only observed visually, not tested statistically here.
Outline

• Introductory Concepts
• The 7 Essential Ingredients (7ei) & How to Use Them
• Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT)
• Questions/Closing
Trauma Definition

1) Exposure to an event that threatens/harms physical or emotional integrity of the individual or someone close to them

2) Overwhelms the person’s ability to respond

3) Creates significant difficulty in functioning
Stress

Unpredictable
  - Severe
  - Uncontrolled
  - Vulnerability

Predictable
  - Moderate
  - Controlled
  - Resiliency
Differential Diagnosis: Paul, Age 13

• Axis I:
  • ADHD
  • Mood Disorder NOS
  • PTSD
  • RAD
  • Intermittent Explosive Disorder
  • Disruptive Behavior Disorder NOS
  • Depressive Disorder NOS

• Axis II:
  • Sensory Processing Disorder – Deferred
  • Learning Disorder
  • Other Health Impairment
  • Mixed Expressive receptive/ Language Disorder
  • Executive skills dysfunction
  • Developmental coordination disorder

Medications
• Vyvanse
• Seroquel
• Intuniv
• Zyrtec
• Flonase
• Buspar
• Also tried….39 other medications

• “In my 30 years of practice as a board certified and adolescent psychiatrist, Paul ranks as one of the top 10 most disturbed children I have treated in an outpatient basis. His adoptive parents, on the other hand rank as one of the most educated, caring and devoted parents in my practice”
Historical/Intergenerational Trauma

- Boarding Schools
- Slavery/Jim Crow
- Holocaust
- Others?
Trauma Informed Care

7 Essential Ingredients

1. Prevalence
2. Impact
3. Perspective Shift
4. Regulation
5. Relationship
6. Reason To Be
7. Caregiver Capacity
#1 Prevalence Overview

- How often does this happen?
- For whom?
- How does it compare?
- What about your population?
## Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study

### Household dysfunction

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<td>Parental separation/divorce</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>Mental illness</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<td>Violence between adults</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Incarcerated household member</td>
<td>5%</td>
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### Abuse

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<td>11%</td>
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### Neglect

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* Center for Disease Control and Prevention 1995-97  
** WI CTF, 2012-2014  
***SaintA, 2014
High ACE Scores Among Those with Specific ACE Types

- Household Member Incarcerated: 63%
- Domestic Violence: 63%
- Physical Abuse: 59%
- Sexual Abuse: 53%
- Mental Illness In Household: 52%
- AODA: 46%
- Emotional Abuse: 44%
- Divorce: 39%

Percent with an ACE Score of 4 or More

Wisconsin ACE Interface 2014
ACE Study – A Comparison

- 0 Aces:
  - Kaiser: 33
  - Wisconsin: 44
  - SaintA ILS: 8

- 4+ Aces:
  - Kaiser: 16
  - Wisconsin: 14
  - SaintA ILS: 65
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) – Context

**YES**
- Exposure
- Home
- Retrospective
- High scores increase risk for outcomes

**NO**
- Frequency
- Intensity
- Support
- Timing
- Community/other events
- Pre-existing factors (epigenetics, etc.)
Prevalence

- What is the cost?
  $500,000,000,000* (Half- Trillion)

- How does it compare?
  - Autism**
  - Childhood Obesity***
  - Toxic Stress

*Fang et al, 2012**CDC***JAMA
#2 Impact Overview

- Toxic stress/Physiological Impact
- Triggers/Epigenetics
- Impact of ACEs
- Stress Response
- World View
Trauma Triggers

• Rats at play*
• Epigenetics?

*Panksepp, 1998
ACE Score and Drug Abuse

Dr. Robert Anda – CDC

ACE Score

Percent With Health Problem (%)

Ever had a drug problem

Ever addicted to drugs

Ever injected drugs

Impact
ACE Score and Rates of Prescribed Antidepressant Medications by Age, 1997-2004

Relative rates are adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity, and education. Adults with an ACE Score of 0 are the referent.

Dr. Robert Anda – CDC
The ACE Score and the Prevalence of Severe Obesity (BMI >35)

Dr. Robert Anda – CDC
ACE Attributable Problems

- Adolescent pregnancy
- Alcoholism and alcohol abuse
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Depression
- Fetal death
- Health-related quality of life
- Illicit drug use
- Ischemic heart disease (IHD)

- Liver disease
- Risk for intimate partner violence
- Multiple sexual partners
- Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Smoking
- Suicide attempts
- Unintended pregnancies
- Early initiation of smoking
- Early initiation of sexual activity

CDC, 1995-1997
Impact of Trauma over the Lifespan

Effects of childhood adverse experiences:

• neurological
• biological
• psychological
• social
Arousal Signs

- Increased vigilance
- Impulsive actions and reactions
- Defiance
- Aggression
- Anxiety
- Exaggerated response

- Increased sympathetic response (HR, muscle tone, breathing)
- Eye blink
- Pupils dilate
- External focus – threat
- Internal cues – not prioritized
- Increased peripheral circulation
Dissociative Signs

- Withdrawal
- Compliance
- Detached from present (reenacting experiences/engaging with internal world/talking to self)
- Losing time, memory or skills
- Seeming “spaced out” or in a fog
- Lack of connection to body or feeling pain
- Cutting/ Self harming

- Increased parasympathetic activity (vagal) – HR decreases
- Eye blink & eye roll
- Pupil constriction
- Internal focus – minimize injury
- Decrease in peripheral circulation
Evident in clues from the body
Impact on Worldview

Typical Development vs. Developmental Trauma

• Humans = safe
• Relational tolerance
• Bad things – “accidents”
• Risk is + reinforced
• Prioritize opportunities to thrive

• Humans = threat
• Relational sensitivity
• Bad things – “on purpose”
• Risk is – reinforced
• Prioritize safety

THESE ARE ADAPTIVE!
Assessing Trauma and/or Neglect

Relevance: ReMoved

• Are there any adverse experiences in Zoe’s life that you think are relevant to the behavior that you see in the movie? What are they?
• Give examples of Zoe’s “arousal” stress response that you see in her behavior.
• Did you see Zoe engage in dissociation? Give examples.
Impact on Worldview

• What are some of the impacts of trauma that you see in the people that you work with? Write down at least two that you see often.
Credits

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