

## LICKING/KNOX TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

As a party to this Agreement, \_\_\_\_\_ joins with the Licking/Knox Trauma Informed Care Leadership Committee in my understanding that:

- A high correlation exists between the occurrence of early life trauma and medical, psychological and behavioral problems that severely impact both individuals and society. These problems often manifest as debilitating illnesses, addictions, depression and other mental or emotional disturbances, as well as developmental disorders, joblessness, poverty, domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, homelessness, prostitution, incarceration, early death and suicide;
- It is necessary to address the causes and consequences of previously unrecognized and unaddressed trauma through coordinated and comprehensive community efforts that provide citizens with trauma-related resources: education, guidance, prevention and assistance with healing.

As a party to this Agreement, the Organization/Service Provider referred above joins with the Licking/Knox Trauma Informed Care Leadership Committee to:

- Promote community-wide trauma awareness, sensitivity and healing;
- Support a continuum of care that recognizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths of healing;
- Recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma in staff, clients, and others involved with the system;
- Respond by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices and settings.

To further accomplish a trauma-informed continuum of care, the Organization/Service Provider referred above commits to (check those that apply):

- Adopt a trauma informed culture: values, principles and development of a trauma informed system of care ensuring safety and preventing re-traumatization.
- Engage in organizational self-assessment of trauma informed care
- Discuss their organization assessment and plan for implementing change and measures of success.
- Adopt approaches that prevent and address secondary trauma of staff
- Provide trauma-specific screening, assessment and services for our customers using evidence-based practice(s) (EBPs); or evidence informed practice(s) are provided in addition to EBPs
- Join with community organizations to support the development of a trauma informed community that promotes healthy development of children and reduces the likelihood of adverse childhood experiences.
- Choose representatives to serve on the Licking/Knox Trauma Informed Care Leadership Committee.
- Participate in a minimum of 2 Licking/Knox Trauma Informed Care Leadership Committee meetings per year and serve on at least one related Work Group or Committee participating in projects and programs that address the mission.
- Network with other Committee members to build a learning community.
- Provide TI care training for those working with children & youth.
- Provide TI care training for parents/caregivers (kinship, foster care) of children exposed to trauma.

AGREED TO AND SIGNED on the dates below and in effect until either party terminates the Agreement upon written notice to the other.

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Service Provider/Organization Representative	Date	Licking/Knox Trauma Informed Care Leadership Committee Representative	Date
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