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PROJECT BROADCAST

PROMISING RESULTS & LESSONS LEARNED SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

PROJECT OVERVIEW



HISTORY

- 2009 CCFH, NC DSS, and Wilson County DSS participate in a Breakthrough Series Collaborative on trauma-informed child welfare facilitated by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN).
- 2010 NC DSS applied for and received a grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services to develop a five-year pilot project on trauma-informed child welfare in nine NC counties.
- 2011-2016 Pilot project period. Project grant from US DHHS concludes in 2016.
- 2016-present Under contract with NC DSS, CCFH continues providing project resources and support to original pilot counties and additional counties.



GOALS

- Increase the trauma-informed nature of the nine local child welfare systems
- Increase access to and quality of evidencebased mental health practices for children in out-of-home care due to maltreatment
- Effect systems and policy changes to sustain trauma-informed programming



COUNTIES

- Buncombe
- Craven
- Cumberland
- Hoke
- Pender

- Pitt
- Scotland
- Union
- Wilson



ACTIVITIES

- Trauma-related needs assessment for county-level Departments of Social Services
- Training for DSS leadership and child welfare personnel in trauma-informed child welfare practices
- Disseminating a trauma screening tool designed specifically for child welfare contexts



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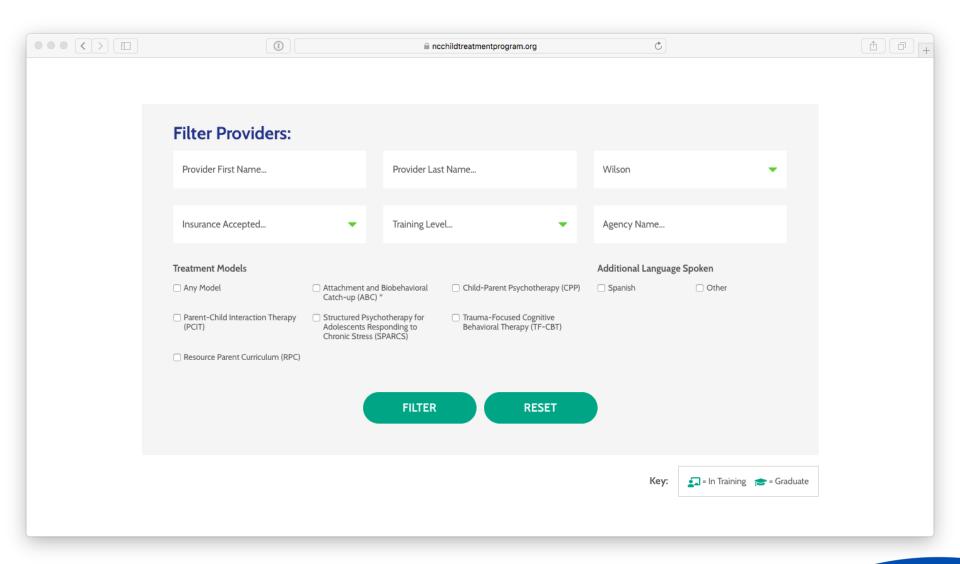
- Training staff to facilitate NCTSN's Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents [Resource Parent Curriculum (RPC)]
- Training licensed therapists in evidence-based clinical treatment models for child traumatic stress and related conditions [under NC Child Treatment Program (NC CTP)]



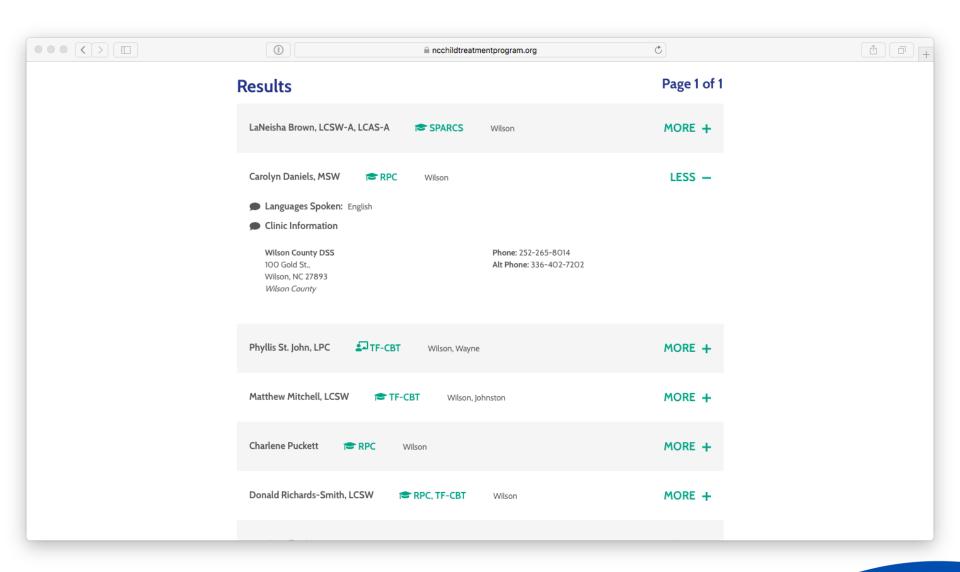
PROMISING RESULTS

- 19,000+ children entering foster care have been screened for trauma indications.
- Child welfare services in the demonstration counties became more trauma-informed.
- The availability and quality of evidence-based trauma treatment improved over time.











PROMISING RESULTS

- Children in foster care in the nine demonstration counties had more appropriate placements and less repeat maltreatment.
- Foster caregivers showed increased understanding and competency in addressing the effects of trauma, resulting in greater placement stability for children in their care.



LESSONS LEARNED: CHALLENGES IN REPLICATION



SUCCESSES

- 2016-2018: 32 county DSSs attended at least one of three trauma-informed child welfare learning collaboratives based on Project Broadcast.
- 2018: Those participants were invited to apply for ongoing training and support:
 - 20 responded
 - 15 were assessed as ready
 - 10 received training and support



SUCCESSES

- NC DSS developed new trauma-informed courses and embedded trauma information in existing courses on ncswLearn.
- Partnering for Excellence incorporated the Project Broadcast screening tool in its Rowan County pilot model for traumainformed child welfare.
- NCCADV implemented the screening tool in shelters with robust children's programs.

IMPEDIMENTS TO SUCCESS

- Diffuse Ownership of Project Information
- Constraints in Project Staffing and Leadership
- System Readiness
- Initiative Fatigue
- The True Cost of System Change



CLOSING THOUGHTS



ROLES FOR THE COUNCIL

- Become the locus of institutional memory for child welfare reform in NC.
- Protect the space and time that existing initiatives need to take root, mature, and propagate.



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