Outline

Trauma in Students: What to Look For Fight, flight or freeze responses: How it manifests in school Wired for fear: Impact on the whole child

ACEs – Adverse Childhood Experiences study and survey The role of poverty and mental health challenges

Trauma Therapy Benefits Limitations of the Research Potential Risks

Discipline in a Trauma-Informed Classroom

Changing your mindset: Punitive vs. collaborative Strategies to foster intrinsic motivation 3 steps to implement a collaborative approach Case study: How you respond

Neuroplasticity: Activities to Establish & Strengthen Neural Pathways

Strategies to develop new ways of responding Slow down, stop and think Respond rather than react Social stories

Techniques to incorporate the 4 R's: Rhythmic Repetitive Relational Rewarding

Relationships as a Protective Factor

Techniques to form positive relationships and increase students' likeliness to: Stay in school longer Work harder Increase test scores & grades Increase their self-confidence

Techniques to help students feel connected to

school making them less likely to: Smoke or drink Have sexual intercourse Develop emotional problems Experience suicidal thoughts or attempts Carry weapons Be involved in violence or dangerous activities

Objectives

Upon completion of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- 1. Analyze the ways in which poverty and mental health contribute to trauma responses thus informing your approach to working with all students.
- 2. Determine how trauma impacts a child's development and develop strategies for meeting his or her needs.
- 3. Explore how exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) determines the likelihood of developmental trauma and its impact on level of functioning across the lifespan.
- 4. Establish a collaborative approach to discipline and demonstrate how this fosters intrinsic motivation for behavior change in the child.
- 5. Practice techniques to establish positive relationships and build trust with hard-to-reach students thus increasing their social and academic success.
- 6. Explore mindfulness activities that foster student self-awareness, self-regulation and the ability to focus as it relates to impulsive behaviors and attention

Case study: Strengths-based, solution-focused approach Mindfulness and Self-Awareness Activities To: Help with transitions Reduce impulsive behaviors Strengthen empathy, kindness and compassion

Social and Emotional Learning Techniques to Increase: Focus and concentration Impulse control Conflict resolution skills

Calm and focus attention

Mindful Communication Tools to Improve Student Engagement Lead with presence Attention Intention

Mindful Strategies to Increase **Connection, Empathy & Community** Gratitude Heartfulness

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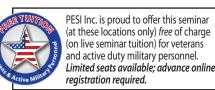
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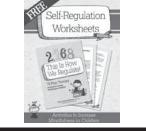
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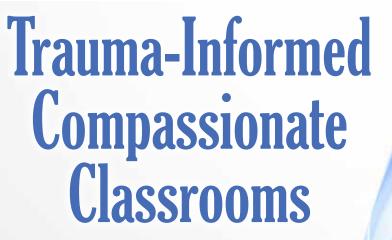




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Join Dr. Reese and learn how a trauma-informed approach will greatly reduce challenging behavior, improve student engagement and increase learning outcomes. Leave this seminar with new strategies, tools and resources to reduce students' impulsiveness, aggressive behaviors and inattention and increase their focus, attention and compassion. While this positive approach is absolutely essential for students with trauma, it will also greatly benefit each and every student in your classroom. Return to your school with:

- Research-based practices to establish a trauma-informed classroom
- A plan to develop positive relationships and build trust with your hard-to-reach students
- Proven techniques for communicating more effectively and collaboratively with challenging students
- Cognitive skill-building strategies which incorporate the science of neuroplasticity and the strengthsbased perspective of neurodiversity

Sp<u>eaker</u>

Christina Reese, LCPC, Ph.D., has been working with children impacted by trauma for over 15 years. She helps children and their families impacted by a variety of traumas, providing both in home and in school therapy to these children. Over this time, Dr. Reese has partnered with schools in Baltimore County and Baltimore City to help teachers find interventions that get results in the classroom. A passionate advocate for children and their families, she has worked with children in court ordered drug treatment at the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, as well as in residential treatment centers and in the community.

Dr. Reese, a recognized attachment and trauma professional has created a comprehensive guide that explains attachment over a lifetime. Her book, Attachment: 60 Trauma-Informed Assessment and Treatment Interventions Across the Lifespan released in October 2018 offers trauma-informed strategies to facilitate connection, rebuild trust and restore positive emotions.

Dr. Reese is a licensed clinical professional counselor in Maryland and Pennsylvania as well as a licensed clinical supervisor. She received her Master's Degree in community counseling from McDaniel College in Westminster, MD and her Ph.D. in counselor education from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Past work experiences include being director of a mental health clinic and the case manager of the Howard County Cold Weather Shelter, working with homeless individuals and families. Additionally, Dr. Reese is very passionate about her work focusing on attachment and has extensive experience adoptive families and with children in foster care.

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By Mona M. Delahooke, PhD



Beyond

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