

SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Restraint and Seclusion (NCTIC)

Introduction of SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach to Healing Communities: Creative Approaches to Safe Streets and Developing Community Self-Determination

(The first in a 6-part webinar series on Communities Addressing Trauma and Community Strife Through Trauma-Informed Approaches)

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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Center for Trauma-Informed Care and Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint (NCTIC) is pleased to announce the first webinar in a 6-part series titled: "***Communities Addressing Trauma and Community Strife Through Trauma-Informed Approaches***."

This webinar will include a brief introduction by SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (NCTIC) staff to SAMHSA's six principles of a trauma-informed approach as described in SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for Trauma-Informed Approaches <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SAMHSA-s-Concept-of-Trauma-and-Guidance-for-a-Trauma-Informed-Approach/SMA14-4884>, and their relevancy to healing communities. William Kellibrew will discuss the creative approaches being implemented by the Baltimore Department of Health's Office of Youth Violence Prevention. Williams's passion for his work comes from his personal story of witnessing violence and trauma. John Comer of Communities United and Baltimore City Health Department, will discuss his approach to mobilizing communities to take charge of their own healing from community trauma.

**** Please note: The April 24 Introductory Webinar had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances - more information to follow on when it will be rescheduled.***

Presenters Bios

Joan Gillece, Ph.D. has thirty-five years of experience working in the behavioral health field with twenty dedicated to trauma and eleven in prevention of seclusion and restraint. Dr. Gillece works across agencies to promote the use of trauma-informed care in multiple settings including mental health, substance abuse, adult and juvenile justice and homeless services.

Prior to joining the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD), Dr. Gillece served as Director of Special Populations for Maryland's Mental Hygiene Administration where she oversaw all aspects of state mental health planning and delivery of services and development of collaboration across agencies serving individuals with psychiatric diagnoses. As current project director for SAMHSA's National Center for Trauma-Informed Care (NCTIC), she has championed the cause of full consumer integration and development of culturally competent programs. Including survivors in all aspects of trauma work, Dr. Gillece has coordinated and provided technical assistance, conference presentations, and consultations to multiple systems across the country. Commitment to strength-based support by implementing trauma-informed values with the overarching theme of healing has been her focus.

William Kellibrew is a global advocate for human, civil, children and victims' rights. He is currently the director for the Office of Youth Violence Prevention (OYVP) at the Baltimore City Health Department. He also works as a consultant with the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Center for Trauma Informed Care project, discussing the prevalence of trauma in communities and systems and how they might implement practices that address trauma in every part of a system or setting, bringing his own personal story of healing and recovery to the forefront of his work. His story of resilience has been featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell Reports, CNN In Session, CNN HLN Newsmakers, BBC Worldwide, The Daily Beast, Washington Post, Sunderland Echo and various news and media publications and outlets throughout the world. He studied business at the University of the District of Columbia and University of Sunderland in England.

John P. Comer, MPA has over 12 years' experience in community organizing and policy reform. He is a proud graduate of North Carolina Central University. His expertise in organizing has specifically influenced family members of murder victims, death row exonerees, and impoverished communities across the nation. John currently resides in Baltimore, MD where he started the first chapter of the grassroots organization Maryland Communities United. The organization has thrived through recruiting, empowering, and organizing people in Baltimore's public housing communities. John has taken on inequality in Baltimore on many levels. It is due to his unwavering ability to incite the belief that your voice is powerful that John, spearheading the charge, gathered hundreds of ex-felons and supporters to veto the law that banished their right to vote for decades. John also created the outreach model that brought relief to public housing residents, as well as a \$9 million settlement for women negatively impacted by unjust practices within the local housing authority. In addition to organizing policy reform, John has worked closely with students at Renaissance Academy High School encouraging and liberating youth through music production and hip-hop. Due to John's work ethic and influence he is now

the CEO of the consulting group that echoes the name given to him by those closest to him - Architects of Justice.

About the Series

SAMHSA/NCTIC is offering this virtual webinar series highlighting communities working to improve the resiliency of its members and responsiveness to community incidents. The series framework follows SAMHSA's six principles of trauma-informed approaches as described in SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for Trauma-Informed Approaches <http://store.samhsa.gov/product/SAMHSA-s-Concept-of-Trauma-and-Guidance-for-a-Trauma-Informed-Approach/SMA14-4884>. Participants will also be asked if they would like to participate in a follow-up dialogue on their unique challenges with national experts and presenters.

SAMHSA's NCTIC is tasked with the design and implementation of a technical assistance strategy to assist publicly funded systems, agencies, and organizations across the country in preventing the use of restraint, seclusion, and other forms of aversive practices through trauma-informed approaches. NCTIC supports SAMHSA's Trauma and Justice Strategic Initiative goal of implementing trauma-informed approaches in health, behavioral health and related systems. Specifically, this series addresses SAMHSA's objective to develop a framework for community and historical trauma and a trauma-informed approach for communities, and is open to all interested in addressing community trauma and healing.

Each webinar will be archived on SAMHSA's and NASMHPD's website – links will be provided following this first webinar.

Please note: The Adobe Connect platform will allow 300 people to call in using telephone lines and an additional 1,000 listening on their computers. We advise people to listen in groups as much as possible due to the expected audience size.

Upcoming Webinars in the Series

Monday, June 26, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT

Empowerment, Voice and Choice: The Holistic Life Foundation will present on creating safe spaces and tools for healing. Ali Smith and Atman Smith, co-founders of Holistic Life will present on their project of helping children and adults through body healing practices. They will start with their TED talk then discuss how they are implementing this in different systems in the city. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBJ7MUJzvZc>

Monday, July 24, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT

Collaboration and Mutuality: San Jose, CA Mayor's Office of Prevention of Gang Violence. This collaborative model successfully developed and implemented will focus on prevention of gang violence and facilitating community healing through effective collaborations with grassroots stakeholders, including the faith based community, gang members, community providers, etc. Mario Maciel, Division Manager Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services will present.

Monday, August 28, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT

Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues: Understanding the Impact of Historical Trauma on Communities: Samuel Simmons uses a broad range of unique and innovative strategies that include educational and culturally sensitive trauma-informed initiatives to promote healthy communities. Mr. Samuelson will address historical trauma in our communities and identify strategies that work to address the importance of understanding intergenerational trauma.

Monday, September 25, 1:00 – 2:30 PM EDT

Trustworthiness and Transparency: Handle with Care - Andrea Darr, Director, West Virginia (WV) Center for Children's Justice, WV State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit. This unique collaboration between the educational system and law enforcement is designed to prevent further traumatization of youth witnessing violence. Handle with Care supports school age children returning to the classroom upon experiencing a stressful home event where police were involved. This informative discussion will present program highlights and provide guidance on replication for interested communities.