

Toward a trauma-informed city: Challenges and opportunities in Philadelphia



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After many months of interviewing, editing, more interviewing and more editing, "Toward a Trauma Informed City: Challenges and Opportunities in Philadelphia" will be launched next week.

A group of leaders who have adopted trauma-informed practices were interviewed about their experiences recognizing trauma as an issue, what they decided to do about it, and the change they have seen from the work of their organization. These 27 leaders come from public health, behavioral health medicine, education, child care, and criminal justice.

Toward a Trauma-Informed City (teaser)



They include Dr. Kenneth Ginsberg, professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Arthur Evans, commissioner of the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Service; Carol Tracy, executive director of the Women's Law Project; Dr. John Rich, professor of health management and policy, Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health; Dr. Patricia Gerrity, associate dean for Community Programs, Drexel University College of Nursing & Health Professions; Altovise Love-Craighead, captain, Philadelphia Police Department, 16th District.

As a way of bringing some of that knowledge and history—and future—to a broader audience, the Dornsife School of Public Health, through the HRSA-funded Mid-Atlantic Regional Public Health Training Center, put together the video and a webinar to introduce it.

The project will officially launch with a webcast on May 31 hosted by [Dr. Sandra Bloom](#), psychiatrist and associate professor at Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health, and creator of the [Sanctuary Model](#). The webcast will provide an overview of trauma, the history of making Philadelphia a trauma-informed city, and motivation for the interviews.

The experts provide insight on what changes still need to be made in public policy and advice for service providers in other cities and communities that would like to get involved in trauma-informed care.

Register for the [the webcast here](#). The final product will be hosted on a website whose link will be provided after the webcast. It will include the teaser, montage videos of each of the

five questions, and links to all 27 of the edited videos.

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