



Safe & Secure Tennessee Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding

Background

According to the most recent State of the Child in Tennessee report, children in Tennessee experience household and community adversity more than other children in our nation (tn.gov/tccy/stateofthechild). Exposure to these types of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are having a significant impact on our children's development and functioning. Research suggests that a community approach to mitigating these effects is not only warranted, but necessary.

In response to this need for community systems of care, SSTN aims to inspire compassion and collaboration through healing centered coaching and training. The Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development (KPICD) at Texas Christian University has selected SSTN as one of seven Ambassador programs across the country to support the implementation of trauma-informed care. KPICD's research based and empirically validated program, Trust Based Relational Intervention®, forms the basis of our training, coaching, and collaborative services.

Safe & Secure TN Collaborative

Partnership with local and statewide organizations is instrumental in building capacity for trauma-informed care across communities and systems. SSTN initially piloted the Shelby County Collective to support the implementation of trauma-informed practices in the local community. Members of SSTN Collectives receive training in Trust-Based Relational Intervention®, coaching in support of implementing new strategies, and opportunities to connect and collaborate with like-minded organizations. Each collective is led by a local Champion Organization that has demonstrated their commitment to their community and approved by SSTN. These organizations also receive ongoing coaching and support by SSTN to facilitate the provision of high quality services.

MOU Description

SSTN, Champion Organizations, and Collective Participating Organizations share a common commitment to the provision of high quality, trauma-informed care to the children and families of Tennessee. This MOU serves as a means of strengthening the partnership between SSTN, Champion Organization, and the Collective Participating Organizations. Further, it is designed to clarify the roles and responsibilities of both parties for the overall good of the collaborative.

SSTN Responsibilities

- Model Implement TBRI® principles and practices within the organization
- Support Champion Organizations through
 - Biweekly coaching and support meetings
 - 3 in-person visits
- Support Collective Participating Organizations through
 - Connection to mentors at similar organizations implementing TBRI®
 - Resources that support implementation of TBRI®
 - Access to TBRI® Practitioner Training for 2 leaders at each organization

Champion Organization Responsibilities

- Support SSTN's shared goals through
 - Implementation of TBRI® principles and practices internally
 - Participation in coaching and support meetings
 - Hosting 1 - 2 day TBRI® training for their local community
- Support Collective Participating Organizations through
 - Provide ongoing TBRI® training
 - Facilitate monthly implementation support
 - Facilitate 4 community meetings
 - Conduct at least 1 site visit with each collective organization

Collective Participating Organization Responsibilities

- Implement TBRI® as an organization through
 - Designation of an implementation team
 - Provision for 1-2 leaders to participate in TBRI practitioner training
 - Collaboration with champion organization for implementation
 - Participation in community meetings
- Support SSTN's shared goals through
 - Completion of required surveys and data collection
 - Provision of TBRI® informed practices to TN children and families

Funding for Services

SSTN is committed to raising outside funding to offset the cost of training, coaching, materials, travel and meeting expenses in order to reduce the cost to Collective Participating organizations to \$500/year. Empowerment scholarships may be available to assist with the cost of participation. For more information, please contact the SSTN Program Manager at rachel@empoweredtoconnect.org.

The services and costs outlined in this MOU are dependent upon receipt of funding through the Building Strong Brains grant. If the grant is not awarded, this MOU becomes null and void. A negotiation of services and costs can be reconsidered at that time.

Organization Name

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