

The Impact of Child Trauma

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Child Trauma disrupts normal development and can lead to challenging behaviors. This presentation will review several definitions of trauma, prevalence data, assessment tools, and promising practices for treatment. It will address the approaches to challenging behaviors used by public sector child serving systems, including child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice. It will also explore some current controversies around diagnosing child trauma and several recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions on juvenile sentencing.