



How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System Responses

Location:

Amarillo Civic Center Complex, Heritage Room B
401 S Buchanan St., Amarillo, TX 79101

Wednesday, October 4th, 2023
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

or

Thursday, October 5th, 2023
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Via Hope, in partnership with the City of Amarillo and the Panhandle Behavioral Health Alliance, invites you to join a half-day discussion and interactive training. The training was developed by SAMHSA's GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation, operated by Policy Research Associates, Inc. (PRA). It includes videos of personal stories and practical tips for interacting with people in a variety of environments who are in distress or susceptible to encounters that may trigger past traumatic experiences.

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This workshop is **free** and open to anyone working with justice-involved people or programs, and specifically tailored to community-based criminal justice professionals including:

- Police
- Community corrections (probation, parole, and pre-trial services officers)
- Court personnel
- First responders
- Healthcare professionals
- Anyone interacting with people who have experienced trauma

CEU credits will be provided to SW, LMFT, LPC, LCDC, CFP, MHPS, RSPS, PSS, and **TCOLE credits** will be provided by Amarillo College - Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

Overview

The GAINS Center is known nationally for its work regarding people with behavioral health needs who are also navigating the criminal justice system. Although prevalence estimates vary, there is consensus that high percentages of justice-involved individuals have experienced serious trauma throughout their lifetime. The reverberating effects of traumatic experiences can challenge a person's capacity for recovery and pose significant barriers to accessing services, often resulting in an increased risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system, as well as the negative impact to the health of the community. Trauma-informed responses can help to prevent re-traumatizing individuals, and thereby increase safety for all, decrease recidivism, and promote recovery by justice-involved persons with serious mental illness. Partnerships across systems can also help to link individuals to trauma-informed services and treatment for trauma.

For questions or accommodations, please contact lytton@panhandlebehavioralhealthalliance.org or call (806) 350-5271.