



**VISION: A CERTIFIED  
TRAUMA INFORMED CARE BEXAR COUNTY**

## **2021 Consortium Quarterly Meetings Schedule**

**Save the dates for the year:**

**January 27**

**April 28**

**July 28**

**October 27**

**All meetings are 2:00pm-4:00p**

**[register for the January 27th Consortium meeting](#)**

**[Organizational Structure of the STTICC](#)**

**[Consortium descriptions](#)**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE TRI-CHAIRS:**

We are excited and honored to have Jenny Hixon (City of San Antonio/Domestic Violence Prevention) and Officer Doug Greene (Public Information Officer, "Success Through Respect") present on the very important topic of Violence Prevention at our January 27th meeting. As a result of the pandemic and community unrest, this issue is more urgent than ever.

Please join us for this presentation and meeting.

**[register to get the 01/27 meeting link](#)**



**current list of meetings scheduled-always being updated**

## **Please note this important addition to the newsletter**

**In collaboration with the South Texas Trauma Informed Care Consortium, Drs. Monica Lawson and Megan Piel from UTSA are conducting a survey to better understand trauma-informed practices and the the impact of COVID-19 on child and family serving agencies in Bexar County. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and no personally identifiable information will be collected.**

**We hope you consider participating** as your feedback will inform our efforts to create a trauma-informed community of support for children and families in Bexar County. **Please also share this survey link with colleagues both at your agency and at other agencies that would be interested in participating.**

Please click on the link below to participate in this survey: [https://utsa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2mKTfG2OpFcyrvn](https://utsa.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2mKTfG2OpFcyrvn)

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## **Updates from the Institute for Trauma Informed Care**

**ITIC January Newsletter**

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### **Updates from the Certifying Entity**

1. The three TIC certification pilot organizations continue to make progress. At this time, the certifying body, The Ecumenical Center, is providing technical assistance and consultation to each of the pilot organizations. The Ecumenical Center is looking forward to beginning the certification document review process in the near future.
2. The total number of organizations who have submitted an interest form for TIC certification is 25. These organizations range from small (1-9 FTEs) to the largest (499 FTEs)
3. TIC Certification Team Expansion:

The Ecumenical Center is proud to introduce our new Program Director for the Trauma Informed Care Certification Program, Ms. Jennifer Forbes. Ms. Forbes brings tremendous expertise in child serving organizations, trauma and trauma informed care, and program sustainability. Jennifer worked for 10 years as a Criminal Justice Program Administrator for AACOG (Alamo Area Council of Governments) and, for the past two years has worked

as the Development Director for Girls, Inc. Jennifer received her Bachelor's degree from The University of Texas-Austin and completed her Master's degree at Purdue University. Jennifer lives with her husband and two teenage children, a boy and a girl, just outside of Boerne.

Mary Beth Fisk will continue to serve as point person for The Ecumenical Center's Trauma Informed Care certification program along with Jennifer.

Stephanie McClain continues to serve with the Trauma Informed Care certification team in a consulting capacity. We are glad to have had her skills in the initial design of the Level one structure and beyond. Sandra Preininger and Lejla Cenanovic will continue to serve as liaisons to the TIC Certification program as well as the CEO's new part-time executive assistant, Alec Chapa.

You can contact Mary Beth Fisk at [mbfisk@ecrh.org](mailto:mbfisk@ecrh.org) or on her cell phone at 210-364-1459 or call 210-616-0885 to connect by phone. In addition, Jennifer Forbes may be reached at [jforbes@ecrh.org](mailto:jforbes@ecrh.org).

## **ONLINE INTEREST FORM TO SIGN UP FOR TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**

[click here to get more information and fill out the form](#)

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### **FOCUS ON THE FIELD**

Have an agency or a local leader you want to recognize? Please send [Cheryl Weise](#) an email about agencies and leaders in the field. I'd like to interview you and highlight your agency about the good work being done in the Bexar County area.

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### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT AND UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Reminder!**

May 2021 is Trauma Informed Care Awareness Month in Bexar County

Look for upcoming events and if your agency has events and trainings to share, please let [Cheryl Weise](#) know so we can share it with the Trauma Informed Care community

### **MONTHLY OBSERVANCES**

#### **JANUARY**

- Martin Luther King, Jr Observance--01/18/21
- National Blood Donor Month

- National Hot Tea Month
- National Mentoring Month
- National Human Trafficking Awareness Month



Saturday, Jan. 23rd | 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 LIVESTREAM Early Care & Education  
 Professional Development  
 on Childcare Business Practices  
[www.voicessa.org](http://www.voicessa.org)

**Registration is  
 Now Open!!!**

## **Voices for Children Early Care and Education Professional Development Event**

Join us on Saturday, **January 23rd, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM** for a free Zoom webinar. Generously sponsored by Thrivent.

- Registration is free open to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.
- **REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT CLOSES January 22nd at 12:00pm!**
- Four (4) professional development hours will be given if you attend the whole event and once you have completed the post event survey. The post survey will **ONLY** be available in the Live Stream Webinar Event. You must attend all sessions to receive a Training Certificate. You will be sent a code Friday, January 22nd to your registered email in order to join the Saturday event.
- Please Note: Each person must be registered with their own email address. Otherwise, they will not receive the Zoom link or any other reminder or follow-up emails. Contact Ellie Escamilla, [eescamilla@voicessa.org](mailto:eescamilla@voicessa.org) for more information.
- Please Note: Each attendee must sign in to the Live event with their full name and email address as participation in the Live event will be verified with Zoom. Zoom tracks minute to minute attendance and training certificates can only be issued to those who attend the whole event. If you are watching as part of a group please, contact Ellie Escamilla at least 24 hours before the event. Full names and email addresses of all attendees watching as a group, must be submitted to track attendance accordingly.
- Training certificates are for child care providers and teachers and those who must submit documentation of attendance. We follow the Texas Health and Human Services Child Care Licensing requirements for professional development.
- Social work and counseling CEUs available upon request.\* (CEU = A continuing education unit (CEU) or continuing education credit (CEC) is a measure used in continuing education programs to assist the professional to maintain their license in their profession. We only offer CEUs for Counseling and Social Work).

**Please note:** There will be a \$10 fee for any Certificate Requests February 5th.

**Register here**

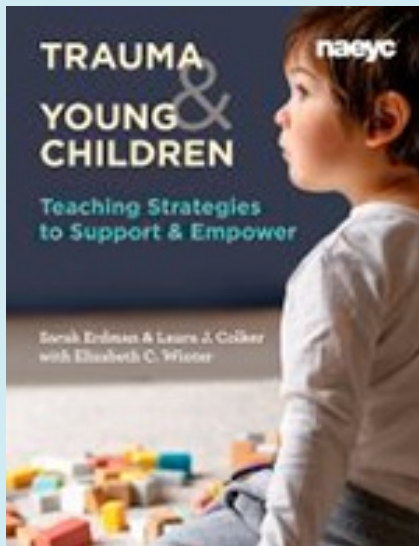
# Texas Lawmaker Wants Required Trauma Training for Attorneys and Judges

[Click here for the article](#)



## The Trauma Aware Educator

Understanding the Science of Childhood Trauma and Its Impact on Students  
[tipbs.teachable.com](http://tipbs.teachable.com)



## Trauma and Young Children: What Every Early Educator Needs to Know, by Sarah Erdman - Early Childhood Webinars

Early Childhood Educators in every setting are becoming more aware of the presence of trauma and its wide-reaching effect on children. Well, trauma is in the lives of young children.

[click here to watch recorded webinar](#)

What are ACEs?

What is Epigenetics?

## CONSORTIUM MANAGEMENT TEAM

Interested in joining a workgroup? Contact a consortium manager listed below:

**Angelica Valle** (The Children's Shelter). [click to email](#)

She provides support to the full consortium in concert with the other team members.

**Connie Soria** (The City of San Antonio/COSA). [click to email](#)

She works with:

- Medical/Hospitals workgroup
- Government/Strategic Communications workgroup
- Higher Education workgroup
- Mental Health/Behavioral Health workgroup

**Miranda Cushman** (Voices for Children) [click here to email](#)

Will work with:

- Education PreK-12 workgroup
- Early Care and Education workgroup

- Youth Development/Afterschool workgroup
- Faith Based workgroup

**Cheryl Weise** (The Children's Shelter) [click to email](#)

She works with:

- Child Welfare/Foster Care workgroup
- Family Support Services workgroup
- Philanthropy workgroup
- Justice Systems workgroup
- Newsletter/Website/Twitter

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