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# Trauma: The Hidden Scars of Healthcare Treatment

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Despite high prevalence rates of trauma exposure, PTSD, and other posttraumatic sequelae in community health settings, the impact of trauma in this context is often unrecognized, under-diagnosed, and rarely treated. Furthermore, little to no research has systematically examined how to properly implement trauma-informed care in community health organizations beyond the provision of extensive specialty training and supervision in empirically validated protocols for trauma exposure and PTSD. The current study sought to understand the integration of trauma-informed care culture and practices into community health organizations through the administration of trauma-informed care training at participating local public health agencies and subsequent program evaluation at the organizational and provider levels.

Preliminary analysis of pre-training assessment data in a sample of community mental health providers \((n = 118)\) indicated that only 52.5% \((n = 62)\) of employees received instruction about traumatized populations during their education. Fewer \((42.4\%, n = 50)\) received instruction regarding trauma-informed care. This rate was somewhat consistent with personnel whom received instruction in trauma-focused interventions during their education \((43.2\%, n = 51)\). A minority of participants received supervised training with traumatized populations \((33.9\%, n = 40)\), in trauma-informed care \((23.7\%, n = 28)\), and with trauma focused interventions \((20.3\%, n = 24)\) during their education prior to employment. These results suggest that 1) a minority of agency personnel received prior education on trauma-informed care, 2) the responsibility of preparing personnel for working with traumatized populations is falling heavily on public health service organizations in comparison to educational institutions, and 3) knowledge of trauma-informed care is not broadly distributed across all agency personnel.

Analysis of participant perceptions of training effectiveness indicated that participant knowledge improved across the domains of consequences of trauma on self \((t = -12.31, p < .001)\), consequences of trauma on others \((t = -11.02, p < .001)\), and trauma-informed principles \((t = -13.54, p < .001)\). Post-assessment data collection of objective outcomes is ongoing, and these results will be available for presentation. Results from this project will highlight the educational and training needs of public health service providers regarding trauma-informed patient care and inform the development of an evidence-based model for trauma-informed care implementation.

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2. Kaelyn Keane, Slippery Rock University, Christopher Niebauer – Faculty Advisor. Association between Moral Judgments, Personality, and Handedness

3. Jakara Carr, Zachary Craddock, Elizabeth Myers & Kristen Thomson, Edinboro University, Ron Craig – Faculty Advisor. Perceptions of False Confessions Based on Suspect’s Age and Gender


5. Allyssa Geer, Dan Cohen, Chris Pagley & Connor Sullivan, Slippery Rock University, Chris Niebauer – Faculty Advisor. Personality and College Politics


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48. Carolyn Kirby, Jacelyn Alberts, Allegheny College, Allison Connell Pensky – Faculty Advisor. The Effect of Spatial Attention on Self-Control with a Possible Factor of Sleep Quality

49. Margaret Dunlap, Bryce Chong, & Dylan Buffington, Penn State Behrend, Charisse Nixon – Faculty Advisor. Fixed and Variable Factors Influencing Growth Mindset in College Students

50. Brea Walker, Tiffany Eichler & Kiara Copeland, Penn State Behrend, Charisse Nixon – Faculty Advisor. Effects of Learning Styles on Working Memory, Planning, and Organization

51. Madeline Archer & Gabrielle Griffin-May, Chatham University, Allison Connell – Faculty Advisor. Correlational Study of GPA and Self-Control during an Ego Depletion and Attention Task

52. Hannah Smith & Alex Zielinski, Allegheny College, Allison Connell Pensky – Faculty Advisor. Effects of Self-Reported Stress on the Relationship between Attention and Self Control

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8. Maria Mervine, Allegheny College, Patricia Rutledge & Robert Hancock – Faculty Advisors. Before the Transition: Can Sibling Alcohol-Related Attitudes, Behaviors and Alcohol Use Predict Transitioning College Student Alcohol Use?

9. Jordan Dilts, Allegheny College, Lauren Paulson & Patricia Rutledge – Faculty Advisors. Childhood Experiences and Health Behaviors in College

10. Sarah Shaheen, Allegheny College, Lydia Eckstein-Jackson & Joshua Searle-White – Faculty Advisors. The Effect of Hearing a Foreign Language on Willingness to Communicate


12. Katherine Clark, Slippery Rock University, Elizabeth Boerger – Faculty Advisor. Effect of Early Bereavement on Social and Psychological Adjustment in Early Adulthood


14. Emma Olsen, Kimberly Mosher, & Theresa Guarriello, Edinboro University, Sharon Hamilton – Faculty Advisor. Competitive Collegiate Runners and Social Problem Solving Thinking: Run Difficulty, Flow, and Changes in Feeling States

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42. Joseph Crouse, Allegheny College, Lauren Paulson & Patricia Rutledge – Faculty Advisors. Effects of Smartphone Applications on Anxiety Symptoms in College Students

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44. Amanda Bricker & Ryleigh Hawkins, Penn State Behrend, Lisa Jo Elliott – Faculty Advisor. Gender Effects on Spatial Performance

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45. Adam Tartaglia, Edinboro University, Thaddeus Rada-Bayne – Faculty Advisor. Relationships between Student Achievement, Work Responsibilities, & Personality Traits

Social & Health & Developmental

46. Chelsea Ptak, Christina Murzynski, Julia Gabrys, Erin Skelly, Dominik Dodds, Danielle Mann & Adrienne Pauline, Penn State Behrend, Charisse Nixon & James Hodge – Faculty Advisors. Assessing the Effects of Peer Mentoring on Academically At-Risk College Freshman

47. Michelina Astle, Allegheny College, Christopher O’Brien – Faculty Advisor. Is Smart Sex Safe sex? The Influence of Self-Efficacy and Sexual Knowledge on Risky Sexual Behavior Among Adolescents
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15. Kimberly Mosher & Emma Olsen, Edinboro University, Sharon Hamilton – Faculty Advisor. Social Anxiety and Social Media Usage in College Students

16. Kiersten Fielding, Edinboro University, Joyce Jagielo – Faculty Advisor. Assessment of the effectiveness of equine assisted learning


Biological


20. Hayley Dufala, Lauren Buynack, Deandra Mosura, Gina Thornberg, & Clayton Dingle, Edinboro University, Wayne Hawley – Faculty Advisor. Intermittent Exposure to non-receptive females and testosterone modulates male rat sexual behavior

21. Lauren Kapp, Deandra Mosura & Gina Thornberg, Edinboro University, Wayne Hawley – Faculty Advisor. Validating a Recognition Memory Test in Female Rats

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Social & Health & Developmental

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37. Lucie Shiffman, Allegheny College, Lydia Eckstein-Jackson – Faculty Advisor. Effects of Greens Spaces on First Impressions

38. Anthony Franco, Allegheny College, Lydia Eckstein-Jackson – Faculty Advisor. What Would You Do?: The Effect of Gender and Raising Consciousness on Speaking Out Against Racial Oppression

39. Danielle Mann, Dominik Dodds, Mason McGuire & Raven VanderVeen, Penn State Behrend, Lisa Jo Elliott – Faculty Advisor. Individual Receptiveness to a Mindfulness Technique in Relation to Personality

40. Emily Ferraro, Anna Downey, Erin Fedorko Elysa Guerrero, Kailey Lewis, Megan Palko, Penn State Behrend, Kimberly Corson and Carol Wilson – Faculty Advisors. Family Influence on Math Attitude in the School of Science, School of Engineering,

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23. Caitlin Driscoll, Allegheny College, Lauren Paulson & Ryan Pickering – Faculty Advisors. Relationship Between LGBTQ+ Individuals, Norms, Emotions and Their Expression

24. Emily Reagan, Chatham University, Nichole Bayliss – Faculty Advisor. Perceived Threats to Gender Conventionalism in United States Citizens

25. Delaney Gordon, Chatham University, Nichole Bayliss – Faculty Advisor. Impact of the "Big Five" Personality Traits on Social Dominance Orientation

26. Kayce Kovach, Danielle Perrone, Stephanie Seeley & Jaaiz Julian Stephen, Slippery Rock University, Christopher Niebauer – Faculty Advisor. Attitudes Toward Feminism and Gender Expression

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31. Tyler Mull, Thiel College, Shannon Deets – Faculty Advisor. Cooperative Inquiry and Peer Leadership in the Classroom

32. Joseph Ray, Edinboro University, Ronald Craig – Faculty Advisor. Reexamination of Polygraph Use to Detect Deception in Juveniles

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2. Abigail Gore, Westminster College, Mandy Medvin & Sandra Webster – Faculty Advisors. Observing Pediatric Sensory Integration Therapy: Tactile Defensiveness, Attention, and Parent Perceptions

3. Shelly Hanner, Eve Schell, Lauren Swindlehurst, Josh Deck & Hope Buerk, Penn State Behrend, Charisse Nixon – Faculty Advisor. Assessing Parenting Styles and the Relationship with College Adjustment

4. Chelsea Ptak, Christina Murzynski & Sarah Sickert, Penn State Behrend, Charisse Nixon – Faculty Advisor. Mentoring in the College Setting: The Positive Effects of Mentoring Adolescent Students on College Mentors
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9. Allison Westley, Penn State Behrend, Lisa Jo Elliott – Faculty Advisor. Video Games’ Effects on Working Memory
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12. Megan Conley, Matthew Weaver, Emma Preston & Jin Ho Yoon, Mercyhurst University, Matthew Weaver – Faculty Advisor. Relations between Trolling, Social Distance, and Impulsivity
13. Dominik Dodds, Penn State Behrend, Sharon Gallagher – Faculty Advisor. Why Is Transpersonal Psychology Not More Common