

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training & Technical Assistance Center

Trauma Informed Care FAQs

How is Trauma Informed care different from a Culture of Care? The primary difference is that Trauma Informed Care focuses on those individuals and families participating in services while a Culture of Care operates from a broad perspective that emphasizes individualization, compassion, strengths-based, and responsive interactions between all participants of an organization, whether the person is a client, visitor, volunteer, staff member, or anyone else who enters the sphere of influence of the agency.

Is there a link with Youth Development? There are clear overlaps and, for TIC to be successful with youth, it must be done from a youth development perspective that values principles of partnering with youth. Organizations are encouraged to train all staff on youth development and to engage youth in meaningful youth-adult partnerships. In fact, such activity is now a mandated part of RHY legislation for Federal grantees.

How do I learn more? You can visit the Center for Trauma Informed Care as www.samsha.gov for a list of articles and other resources. RHYTTAC has sponsored a series of Trauma Informed Care trainings in various locations around the country and will be sponsoring more. Visit www.rhyttac.net to keep up to date with new training dates and locations.