

Sustainability

Staunton Farm Foundation Trauma-Informed Care Collaborative Training Project Sustainability Plan

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In its 21-year history [REDACTED] has established a proven record of projects that have been sustained beyond their original funding. [REDACTED] commitment to trauma-informed treatment and support services originated with a similar project, when [REDACTED] hosted a comprehensive trauma training by Dr. Stephanie Covington in 2006.

Since that initial training, [REDACTED] has continued to emphasize the importance of trauma-informed care, integrating trauma services across its full continuum of treatment and support programs, and incorporating trauma-oriented trainings into individual staff training plans and agency-wide education and policies. [REDACTED] has always valued training across all programs, devoting a significant portion of its budget to training. In fact, in anticipation of budget cuts, the agency recently conducted a targeted appeal to support the staff training fund.

Based on Dr. Covington's continuum model, attention to trauma in an agency setting begins with "trauma-sensitive" services, which indicate an awareness of the need to collaborate with community experts in treating trauma. The next step on the continuum is "trauma-informed" care, which describes an agency-wide sensitivity to trauma in survivors, in which all components of the service system have been evaluated within the context of a basic understanding of the role of violence in the lives of individuals seeking services. The final step is "trauma-specific" treatment, which is designed to treat the actual symptoms of trauma. Since its initial training in 2006, [REDACTED] has grown and steadily progressed across the continuum, and the 2013 training will allow [REDACTED] to move towards its ultimate goal of trauma-specific care.

[REDACTED] anticipates that the planned 2013 training in trauma-informed care will allow staff to expand and enrich its practices to encompass trauma-specific care. It will also allow the agency to educate staff from other organizations in these evidence-based practices, strengthening a wide range of social services delivered to populations who have experienced trauma.

[REDACTED] has strong staff leadership in the area of training [REDACTED], our Associate and Clinical Director, has an extensive background in trauma and evidence-based program delivery. [REDACTED] and Executive Director [REDACTED] have witnessed the additional measure of treatment effectiveness that comes with staff training, particularly trauma and evidence-based training.

[REDACTED] is fully committed to becoming trauma-specific and we welcome the opportunity to share what we have learned to benefit other area agencies.

Comment [SFF1]: Sustainability Plan: Specify your plans for financing the project at the termination of the grant. List other financing sources or strategies that you are developing.