Healing Together: Community-Level Trauma: Its Causes, Consequences, and Solutions

April 20, 2015
Turner Auditorium
Johns Hopkins University East Baltimore Campus

OBJECTIVES

1. To create a learning opportunity that will bring faculty, administration, and students from Baltimore’s area colleges and universities together with local community-based organizations, city agencies, engaged community residents, service professionals and community leaders to increase awareness of the impact of chronic exposure to trauma and stress on the health in Baltimore.

2. To bring together experts (researchers and practitioners) from all relevant sectors to share evidence-based strategies and innovative practices that decrease the effects of chronic exposure to stress and trauma on individual and community health.

3. To encourage innovative partnerships for collaboration and practice in the area of trauma-informed communities between Hopkins, area colleges and universities, service organizations and local residents.

4. To identify opportunities and priorities for Baltimore during the next few years to alter existing policies, strengthen service systems, and promote awareness of trauma as health issue.

CONSIDERATIONS AND APPROACHES

1. Engage people at the personal as well as the professional / cognitive level

2. At the conclusion of each session (as the panels are switching) ask one question to which people can respond to by email/Facebook/Twitter or just contemplate

3. Use ACES questionnaire as survey lead-in to the program

4. Have a clear call to action at the end and link with policy
AGENDA

8:30 a.m.  Welcome
Robert Lieberman, PhD, Provost, Johns Hopkins University
Robert Blum, MD, PhD, MPH, Director, Urban Health Institute

8:40-9:25 a.m.  Keynote: The Shame of the Nation: The Toxic Effects of Hyper-Segregated and Unequal Education in an Era of Obsessive Testing
Jonathan Kozol, National Book Award–winning author of Savage Inequalities, Death at an Early Age, The Shame of the Nation, and Amazing Grace

9:25-9:30 a.m.  Spoken Word
Derick Ebert, Baltimore City Youth Poet Laureate

9:30-10:30 a.m.  Panel 1: Context: What is Trauma? Who Experiences It? What Are the Root Causes? What is Required to Heal?
Christina Bethell, PhD, Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Moderator/Presenter
James Garbarino, PhD, Professor, Loyola University Chicago
James Hudziak, MD, Professor, University of Vermont, College of Medicine

10:30-10:45 a.m.  Break

10:45 -11:55 a.m.  Panel 2: Creating Trauma-Informed Systems: Police, the Community and the Courts
Phil Leaf, PhD, Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Moderator
Sam J. Abed, JD, Secretary, Department of Juvenile Services
Anthony Batts, PhD, MBA, Commissioner, Baltimore City Police Department
Gary Dittman, Pastor, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

12:00-1:00 p.m.  Lunch and Roundtable Discussions

1:00-1:05 p.m.  Spoken Word
Khadijah Butler, “Fatherless”

1:05-2:35 p.m.  Panel 3: Trauma-Informed Schools
Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, PhD, Professor, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Johns Hopkins University, Moderator
Susan Cole, JD, Director, Trauma and Learning Policy Initiative, Harvard Law School
Christopher Blodgett, PhD, Child and Family Research Center, Washington State University
Tamar Mendelson, PhD, Associate Professor, Center for Adolescent Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Godwin Higa, Principal, Cherokee Point Elementary School, San Diego
2:35-3:40 p.m.  Panel 4: What Has Been the Impact of Trauma-Informed Initiatives in Other Cities? What Lessons Can Be Learned?
Robert Blum, MD, PhD, MPH, Director, Urban Health Institute, Moderator
Steve Berkowitz, MD, Director, Penn Center for Youth and Family Trauma Response and Recovery
Tony Iton, MD, JD, MPH, Senior Vice President for Healthy Communities, California Endowment
Ivan Juzang, Founder and President, MEE Productions

3:40-3:45 p.m.  Spoken Word
Mary Bowman, Poet, Singer, Advocate for people living with HIV/AIDS, “Honest Poem”

3:45-5:00 p.m.  Panel 5: Trauma Informed Clinical and Support Services
Tina Cheng, MD, MPH, Division Chief and Professor, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Moderator
Victor Garcia, MD, FACS, FAAP, Founding Director, Trauma Services, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
Laurel Kiser, PhD, MBA, Associate Professor, Family Informed Trauma Treatment Center, University of Maryland School of Medicine
Annette March-Grier, RN, President, Roberta’s Place
Leana Wen, MD, MSc, Commissioner, Baltimore City Health Department

5:00-5:15 p.m.  A Call to Action
The Honorable Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Mayor, City of Baltimore

5:15-5:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks
Robert Lieberman, PhD, Provost, Johns Hopkins University
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