WORKING MODEL as of 1/20/16

Problem:

- There is a lack of understanding that trauma in early childhood affects behaviors and health outcomes in the present and later in life. This lack of understanding results in inappropriate or ineffective responses to children and youth who have had traumatic or adverse child experiences (ACEs).
- Barriers to addressing ACEs include: lack of knowledge about, access to, and use of community resources. These barriers are cultural, practical (e.g., costs, transportation, location, childcare), and related to a challenge itself (e.g., stigma).

Resources:

- Pottstown School District & relationships within the community
- Pottstown Trauma-Informed Steering Committee
- Pottstown families and caregivers
- Established community partnerships & connections
- Pottstown Early Action for Kindergarten Program
- Police Department and Community Health Services-Collaborative
- Tri County Health Council (Community Health Services, Community Health and Dental Care, Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, & Hospital)
- Cluster of Religious Organizations
- Salvation Army & SA Homeless Shelter
- Family Advisory Committee
- Institute For Family Professionals
- Montgomery Early Learning Center Professional Development Dimensions
- Funders: W.K.Kellogg Foundation Community Innovation Zone Grant. Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation, United Way GPSWNJ, United Way Montgomery County
- Strong Kids In Pottstown
- Pottstown Family Center (Bilingual **Outreach Specialists**)
- The Library

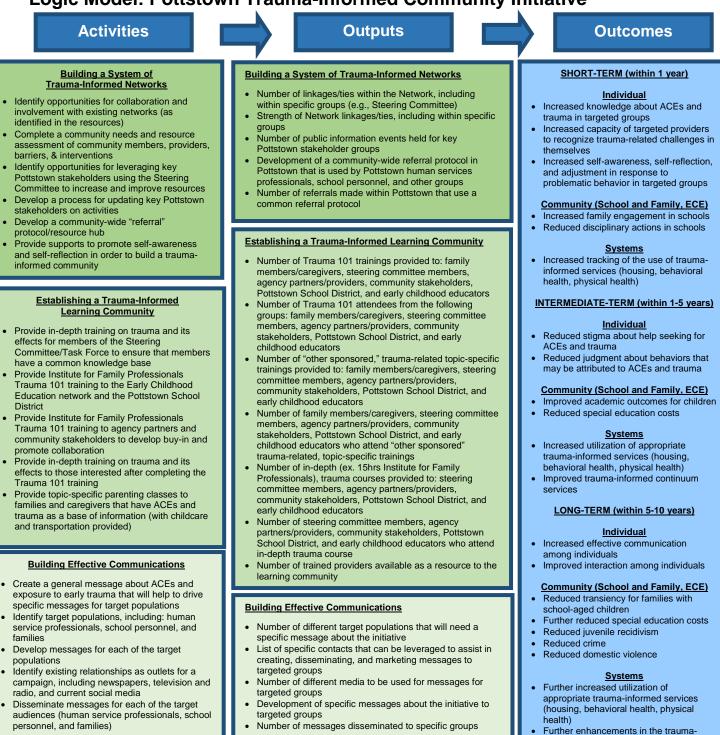
Objective:

To create a culture of safety, understanding, and care in the community that addresses the short and long-term impact of ACEs.

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- To establish a comprehensive network that includes learning communities, communications, and a network of providers that offer education and supports to address the barriers to effective responses to ACEs.
- The network should include first responders, professionals that spend time with children, family members, providers and resource networks, and general community members.

Logic Model: Pottstown Trauma-Informed Community Initiative



informed continuum services