

Creating a Trauma-Informed Legal System

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Trauma-Informed Focus

There is an increasing focus on the impact of trauma and how service systems may help to resolve or exacerbate trauma-related issues. These systems are beginning to revisit how they conduct their business under the framework of a trauma-informed approach.



A program that is trauma-informed:

- Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery;
- Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system; and
- Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices, and seeks to actively resist re-traumatization.



Six Key Principles of a Trauma-Informed Approach

1. Safety
2. Trustworthiness and Transparency
3. Peer Support
4. Collaboration and Mutuality
5. Empowerment, Voice and Choice
6. Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues



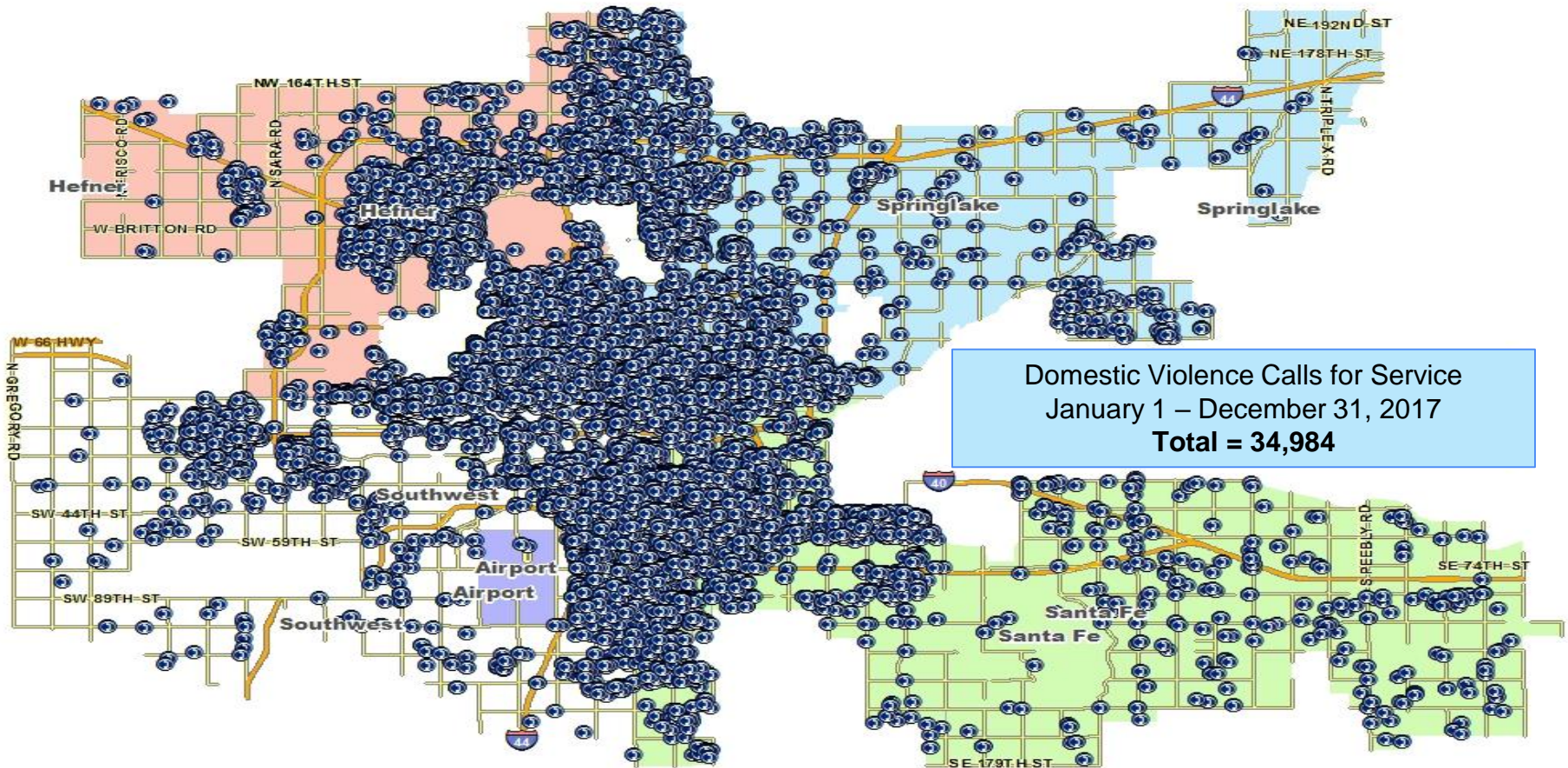
Ten Implementation Domains



1. Governance and Leadership
2. Policy
3. Physical Environment
4. Engagement and Involvement
5. Cross Sector Collaboration
6. Screening, Assessment, Treatment Services
7. Training and Workforce Development
8. Progress Monitoring and Quality Assurance
9. Financing
10. Evaluation



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Brings together multi-disciplinary teams of professionals who work TOGETHER, in one location, to alleviate the obstacles for victims to access medical, legal, therapeutic, and social services.

- Collective Impact
- Enhancing Connection
- Best practice model (DOJ, 2014)

*“What used to take **seven weeks** now takes **seven minutes.**”*

- Sara Wray, Advocate



On-Site Partners



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Engage Survivors

- VOICES Activism Committee
- Portraits of Courage
- Create a community for after the crisis
- Focus Groups
- Evaluation
 - Online
 - When Clients Leave



“Where were you 40 years ago?”

Examine Your Process As a Survivor

- How are questions being asked?
- If we _____, then _____.
- Is information available?
- Do survivors understand and feel a part of the process?
- Are professionals approachable and knowledgeable? (dress, hours of operation, etc.)
- How do professionals respond to behavioral indicators of trauma exposure?
- Allow support systems

Reduce Barriers

- Childcare
 - Children's Sanctuary
- Food
- Transportation
- Bilingual Information
- Computer Access
- Partners provide free services:
 - Access to health and wellness checks
 - Civil legal assistance
 - Housing
 - Counseling



Provide an environment that says to survivors: “You’re worth it!”



Implement Evidence-Based Initiatives: Camp HOPE



Kid's HOPE Coordinator:
Kellen Mack, 405-552-1006

It's Time....

What resonated with you today?

What can you implement? Assess the pros and cons

(Please do NOT start administering ACEs without a comprehensive plan for what happens next)

Build an Army of allies

Develop a Strategic plan



Thank You!

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