

Trauma-Informed

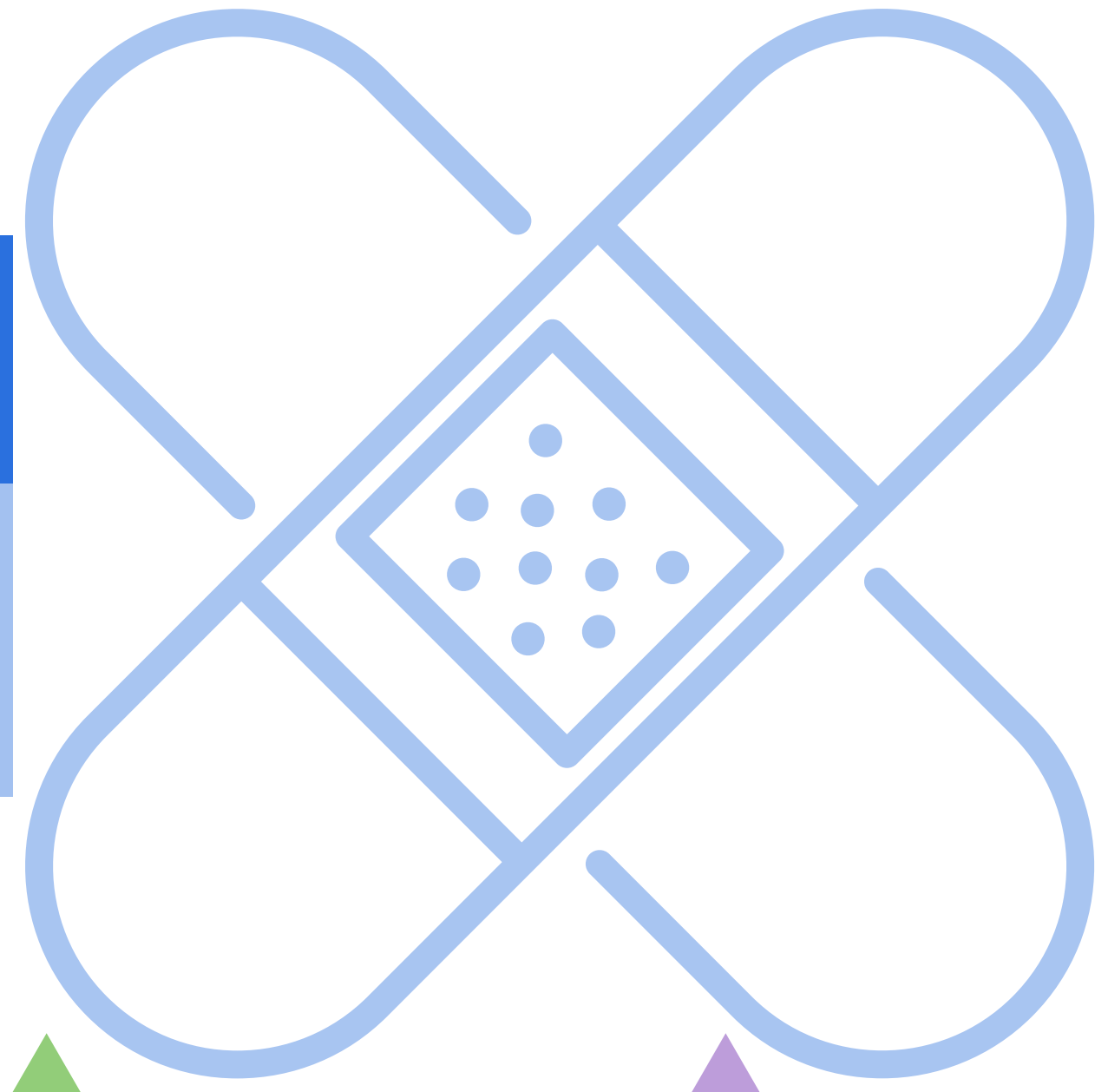


Definition

Trauma is any experience that is extremely frightening, harmful, or threatening, either emotionally, physically, or both. Trauma-informed care is an approach defined by treating the whole person, considering past trauma and resulting behaviors and health outcomes.

Trauma-Informed Approach

The trauma-informed approach is a continuum that progresses through stages. The stages of becoming trauma-informed are:



Trauma Aware

For example, asking "what happened to you" rather than "what's wrong with you."

Trauma Sensitive

Creating an environment where people are respectful, competent, sensitive and culturally aware.

Trauma Responsive

Recognizing that challenging behavior is often a result of adverse childhood experiences and past trauma.

Trauma Informed

Responding by using knowledge about trauma to inform everyday practices.

Why It Matters

Child and family-serving organizations, programs and businesses can build trauma-informed awareness, knowledge, and skills into their everyday cultures, practices, and policies. When they work together to prevent and address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), they improve physical and mental health for children and families, and support their ability to thrive.



Take Action

- Increase your knowledge and understanding of trauma by taking a training.
- Develop an empathetic attitude that focuses on asking "What Happened To You?" versus "What's Wrong With You?" when interacting with others.
- Explore how to incorporate a trauma-informed approach into your workplace.

Resources

- [What is Trauma-Informed Care?](#)
- [\(SAMSHA\) Trauma-Informed Approach](#)
- [Resilient Georgia Training Roadmap](#)
- [Project GRIT](#)

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