

WACC's Annual Conference "CHILDREN of TRAUMA: Building Resilience in a Traumatic World," Friday, April 19, 2013, 9 AM – 12:30 PM

Washtenaw Intermediate School District's Teaching and Learning Center, 1819 Wagner Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

School shootings, terrorist attacks, domestic abuse, peer vicitmization, and physical and sexual assaults – our children live a violent and traumatic world, both globally and personally.



 Research suggests that approximately 25% of American children will experience at least one traumatic event by the age of 16. (26% before the age of four) (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2011)

When children and adolescents are exposed to traumatic events or traumatic situations, this exposure overwhelms their ability to cope with what they have experienced and can interfere considerably with learning and/or behavior at school and impact them profoundly throughout their lifespan. It is important for schools, communities, and all those serving children and families to understand the full impact of trauma on young children, schoolaged kids, and adolescents.

On Friday, April 19, 2013, Washtenaw Area Council for Children will present a half-day conference, "Children of Trauma: Building Resilience in a Traumatic World," presented by speaker Sarah Slamer, MA, LLPC, CTC-S, Assistant Director of The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children and Starr Global Learning Network

Participants will learn the differences between grief and trauma and the value of focusing on the experience not the symptoms. They will also learn how trauma impacts the brain, learning and behavior. While *resilience* and *post-traumatic growth* are terms used to describe the experience of positive coping following adversity, they can represent two different responses to the stress of traumatic events. This training will explain and differentiate the terms and describe their importance in working with traumatized children and adolescents. Strategies will be presented for attendees to use in their work with children and adolescents who have experienced a trauma. Activities that support resilience and post-traumatic growth, as well as tools, will also be presented to help those who work with children understand how trauma impacts behavior and ability to learn, and how best to help them move beyond to positive coping.

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