

illinois childhood trauma coalition



APPLYING A TRAUMA LENS FOR CHILDREN IN ILLINOIS

The Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition (ICTC) is a voluntary collaboration of organizations that are committed to applying a trauma lens to their efforts on behalf of families and children in the state. Founded in 2005, the Coalition is made up of more than 80 public, private, clinical, research, advocacy and educational institutions. With a diversity of disciplines and perspectives, the Coalition tracks emerging trends, promotes education among professionals and the public, and offers support to a broad network of agencies that work with and for children and families who experience trauma.



ICTC's leadership efforts are focused around three primary goals:

Increase awareness of the importance of prevention, early identification and treatment of childhood trauma.

ICTC promotes research and develops communications and resources designed to raise awareness about childhood trauma throughout Illinois. We develop tools to help parents, caregivers, children, and those working with children recognize and deal with trauma if it occurs. We've also instituted a statewide public media campaign to help families become more aware that childhood trauma exists.

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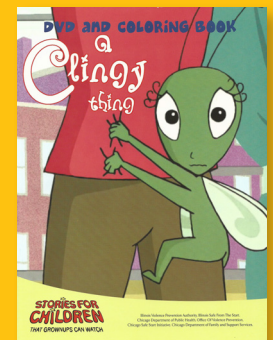
Prepare, educate and develop the workforce, including all individuals that work with children and families, to respond to childhood trauma.

ICTC delivers extensive training and guidance for our member organizations and other groups that make working with children and families a priority. Our goal is to ensure that the work force in Illinois is trauma-informed. We achieve this by securing grant funding to create training programs that are used in educational institutions as well as through ongoing professional development within agencies.

Increase Illinois' capacity to help trauma-affected children and their families through ICTC-led initiatives and the work of its members.

ICTC spearheads and collaborates on projects that advance the knowledge and best practices related to childhood trauma prevention, identification and treatment in Illinois. Our capacity-building efforts include everything from public policy monitoring and advocacy to helping agencies explore and secure funding for their childhood trauma initiatives.

Stories for Children That Grownups Can Watch



One of ICTC's most successful initiatives has been the Stories project, a series of three animated stories for children who may have been exposed to violence. Each video story is accompanied by tutorials and a coloring/activity book to help parents continue the conversation with their child about what may have happened. To access ICTC's Stories for Children That Grownups Can Watch, please go to www.lookthroughthereyes.org.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Ultimately, the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition is determined to make a difference – by increasing knowledge about childhood trauma among parents, caregivers, and all those working with children, and by translating this knowledge into action in agencies and systems that serve children and families in Illinois.

To learn more about childhood trauma in Illinois and to join our Coalition's efforts, please contact us:

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