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<p>Treatment Description</p>	<p>Acronym (abbreviation) for intervention: None at this time</p> <p>Average length/number of sessions: Length of implementation will vary from program to program</p> <p>Aspects of culture or group experiences that are addressed (e.g., faith/spiritual component, transportation barriers): Addresses cultural competence issues organizationally and addresses homeless families’ access to services</p> <p>Trauma type (primary): Interpersonal complex traumas (i.e., physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect)</p> <p>Trauma type (secondary): N/A</p> <p>Additional descriptors (not included above): The Trauma-Informed Self-Assessment is an instrument that is designed to help agencies increase their ability to create a system that supports consumers and children of all cultures who have been impacted by trauma. The self-assessment is comprised of a list of statements describing various aspects of a program that is fully “trauma-informed.” By completing the instrument, an agency can determine the degree to which they are “trauma-informed.” Based on their findings, they can then design a strategic plan for increasing their capacity to provide trauma-informed services.</p>
<p>Target Population</p>	<p>Age range: All</p> <p>Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Males <input type="checkbox"/> Females <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both</p> <p>Ethnic/Racial Group (include acculturation level/immigration/refugee history–e.g., multinational sample of Latinos, recent immigrant Cambodians, multigeneration African Americans): All</p> <p>Other cultural characteristics (e.g., SES, religion): All</p> <p>Language(s): The instrument is currently only in English.</p> <p>Region (e.g., rural, urban): All</p> <p>Other characteristics (not included above): This instrument can be used in residential programs for women and children, including emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters, and transitional and supportive housing programs.</p>
<p>Essential Components</p>	<p>Theoretical basis: The self-assessment is based on foundational operating principles developed through examining research and practice within the trauma and homelessness fields. The principles include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety • Engagement • Open communication • Integration • Consumer control, choice, and autonomy • Shared power and governance

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<p>Essential Components continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma awareness • Cultural competence • Healing <p>Key components: The self-assessment is organized into five critical domains that make up a trauma-informed program: atmosphere and environment; policies; assessment and service planning; consumer representation; and staff development. Each domain has a list of statements describing various practices that would make a program trauma-informed.</p>	
<p>Clinical & Anecdotal Evidence</p>	<p>Are you aware of any suggestion/evidence that this treatment may be harmful? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain</p> <p>Extent to which cultural issues have been described in writings about this intervention (scale of 1-5 where 1=not at all to 5=all the time). There are no published writings at this time.</p> <p>This intervention is being used on the basis of anecdotes and personal communications only (no writings) that suggest its value with this group. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Are there any anecdotes describing satisfaction with treatment, drop-out rates (e.g., quarterly/annual reports)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Has this intervention been presented at scientific meetings? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Are there any general writings which describe the components of the intervention or how to administer it? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Has the intervention been replicated anywhere? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Other clinical and/or anecdotal evidence (not included above): Literature in the trauma and homelessness fields support the need for trauma-informed systems in order to successfully implement trauma-informed services.</p>	
<p>Research Evidence</p>	<p>Sample Size (N) and Breakdown (by gender, ethnicity, other cultural factors)</p>	<p>Citation</p>
<p>Pilot Trials/Feasibility Trials (w/o control groups)</p>	<p>Pilot testing is projected to begin February 2007</p>	
<p>Outcomes</p>	<p>What assessments or measures are used as part of the intervention or for research purposes, if any? The usefulness of this instrument for creating trauma-informed organizations will be determined by completing pre-intervention and post-intervention site visits by program evaluators that includes staff and consumer focus groups, interviews, and document review.</p>	

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<p>Outcomes continued</p>	<p>If research studies have been conducted, what were the outcomes? There have not been any research studies at this time.</p>
<p>Implementation Requirements & Readiness</p>	<p>Space, materials or equipment requirements? The Trauma-Informed Organizational Self-Assessment</p> <p>Supervision requirements (e.g., review of taped sessions)? On-going consultation on and off site.</p> <p>To ensure successful implementation, support should be obtained from: The National Center on Family Homelessness</p>
<p>Training Materials & Requirements</p>	<p>List citations for manuals or protocol descriptions and/or where manuals or protocol descriptions can be obtained. The National Center on Family Homelessness</p> <p>How/where is training obtained? The National Center on Family Homelessness</p> <p>What is the cost of training? There is no cost at this time.</p> <p>Are intervention materials (handouts) available in other languages? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Other training materials &/or requirements (not included above): Programs will receive on-site training, technical assistance, and consultation to complete the self-assessment and develop a strategic plan to provide trauma-informed services.</p>
<p>Pros & Cons/ Qualitative Impressions</p>	<p>What are the pros of this intervention over others for this specific group (e.g., addresses stigma re. treatment, addresses transportation barriers)? Often shelter programs are unable to provide trauma-informed services as the organizational foundation cannot support them. This is a systemic intervention that targets organizational change that supports the creation of trauma-informed environments and will give programs the ability to provide trauma-informed services.</p> <p>What are the cons of this intervention over others for this specific group (e.g., length of treatment, difficult to get reimbursement)? This may require a lengthy implementation and may be challenging due to the need to have buy-in from all levels of the organization. This requires a level of organizational readiness and commitment to change in order to implement successfully.</p>
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