TRAUMA RESPONSE TEAM

Presented by
Hendriel Anderson, MS
Psychiatric Crisis Worker
Mobile Urgent Treatment Team

2016 Mobile Urgent Trauma Team
In 1991 the Yale Child Study Center partnered with the City of New Haven, and the New Haven Police Department to launch the Child Development Community Policing program. The CD-CP program is a collaboration of mental health, law enforcement, juvenile justice, and social service workers to combat traumatic exposure that inflict families.
Trauma Response Team

TRT is a Trauma Informed Care model of community policing; supporting families with the presence of Law Enforcement and Clinicians.
EVERYTHING YOU NEED!!!!

• Need, Empathy and Concern. “Compassion”.

• Reestablishing safety, control, and order.

• Be present; meeting the family where they are.
Increasing Trauma Awareness

• Create an opportunity for the family to be heard.
• Minimize secondary trauma.
• Remind individuals of the good things they have done during the crisis.
• Be patient.
Connecting the Pieces

1. The Officer provides the TRT Referral card to the family.

2. The Officer completes the incident report and TRT Referral.

3. The TRT Referral form and incident report are scanned into HIGHRISE.

The Trauma Response Team is an initiative funded by the City of Milwaukee and in partnership with the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) and the surrounding Milwaukee’s Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) to help prevent long term harm and future violence that can result from the adverse effects of being exposed to traumatic events.

For more information or to setup a time to meet with a Traumatic Response Team member, contact the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT)

(414) 287-7621

Notes:

The Officer provides the TRT Referral card to the family.

The Officer completes the incident report and TRT Referral.

The TRT Referral form and incident report are scanned into HIGHRISE.
Responding to the Crisis

48 Hours:
Initial meeting with the family; safe place.
Assessment:
A Mental Assessment is completed. Determine plan of care/need.
Safety?
Referrals:
Make appropriate recommendations and provide resources.
Making the Family a part of the process.

What happened?
What is the child feeling?
Help identify symptoms of trauma.
Be honest? (Don’t promise!)

The Family is the expert!
Active listening? (Don’t be a Swiss Army Knife!)
Educate the Family. (What is Trauma?)
DO NOT argue the Family’s perception of reality!
Educating the Family

Traumatic Stress:
- Poor sleep
- Anxiety
- Excessive worries/fears
- Isolation
- Experimenting with drug/alcohol
- Behavior/Mood changes
- School related issues
TRT Staffing

• Discuss updates.
• Address concerns for the family.
• Share resources and referral information.
• Follow-ups needed?
Trauma Response Team
REFERENCES

Social workers: On the frontlines helping people, families in need www.chicagotribune.com

More Than Just a Police Degree | Police Studies Online plsonline.eku.edu

Police officer degree

National Center For Children Exposed To Violence 2008