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# Building a Trauma-Informed Child Welfare System

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**A Blueprint**

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## Background

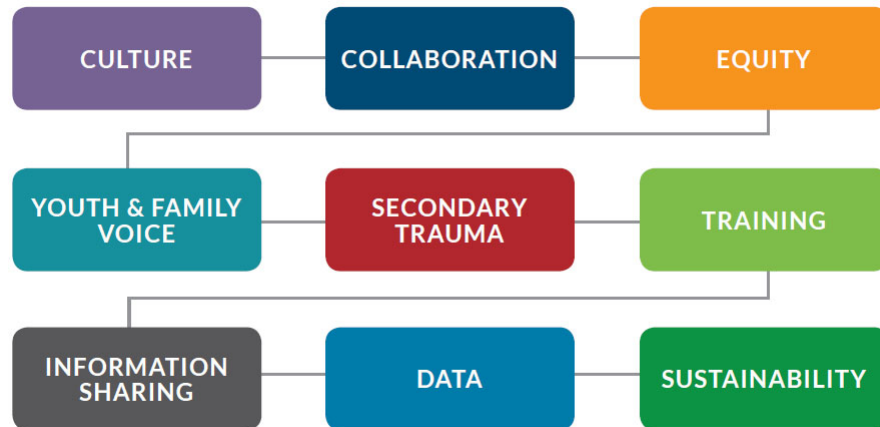
- July 2017
  - Children's Commission launched Statewide Collaborative on Trauma-Informed Care (SCTIC)
  - MMHPI released a Final Report on Trauma-Informed Care
- Four Workgroups aligned with overarching goals met 25+ times over an 18 month period
- Steering Committee comprised of Workgroup Chairs and DFPS and Commission staff reviewed and finalized all proposed strategies

## Purpose of the Blueprint

- Develop a roadmap to become a trauma-informed child welfare system
- Provide structure for implementation
- Invite innovation and improvement in both public and private sectors



# Guiding Principles



## Culture



Texas will create a culture of trauma-informed care for all individuals and organizations that touch the lives of children, youth, young adults, and families while they are involved in the child welfare system.

## Collaboration



A trauma-informed child welfare system requires collaboration within and across systems, organizations, and individuals.

## Equity



A trauma-informed child welfare system is culturally competent and equitable.

## Youth & Family Voice

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A trauma-informed child welfare system includes and respects youth and family voice and cultivates resilience.

## Secondary Trauma

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A trauma-informed child welfare system recognizes and addresses secondary trauma.

## Training



A trauma-informed child welfare system recognizes that ongoing, quality training is fundamental.

## Information Sharing



A trauma-informed child welfare system has information sharing capabilities that are accessible, manageable, innovative, and user-friendly.

## Data



A trauma-informed child welfare system is informed by data and committed to continuous quality improvement.

## Funding & Sustainability



A trauma-informed child welfare system is adequately funded and sustainable.

## Next Steps



## Questions?

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