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Community Trauma Conference Scheduled for March 15th

Lancaster, Ohio - The Building Trauma-Informed Systems (BTIS) subcommittee, an initiative of the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council, is presenting the Community Trauma Conference on March 15, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., at Ohio University-Lancaster.

At the conference, practitioners and administrators from community service systems and schools will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge of the trauma-informed treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. The trauma-informed care (TIC) methodology has been increasingly used in a variety of areas -- including social services, education, mental health, and corrections -- to address the needs of people who have experienced traumatic life events.

The keynote address, Mindfulness Approaches for Healthy Professionals, will be presented by Licensed Professional Counselor Jessica Starr, an expert in trauma-focused therapy. The conference offers three break-out sessions with 12 classes from which participants may design individualized learning paths. Continuing Education Units will be offered and have been arranged through the Fairfield ADAMH Board, Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Lancaster City Schools.

“This conference is intended to increase our community’s capacity to develop a broad approach toward addressing trauma based on a shared understanding of trauma and its impact, and a collective response that supports resilience and healing,” says Kim Devitt, Early Childhood Programs Director at Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency and chair of the BTIS subcommittee. “We are pleased with the community’s response and look forward to a tremendous day of learning and sharing.”

Reservations can be made through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-community-trauma-conference-tickets-55832541635?aff=ehomecard>; the cost to register is \$30 per person. For additional information, contact Donna Fox-Moore at the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children’s First Council – 740-652-7284 by telephone, donna.fox-moore@fairfieldcountyohio.gov by email.

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