SCHOOL STAFF WELLNESS AS AN INTERVENTION FOR ENSURING TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS FOR HEALING







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Supporting materials will be shared



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# Staff Wellness as an Intervention to ensure Trauma Informed Schools



This training integrates a range of trauma-informed perspectives and techniques and explores the "whole adult" counterpart to the "whole child" approach. Participants will be provided tools, dialogue, and resources for service providers and educators to hone their wellbeing within the context of authentic education leadership. A new lens will be explored for leading in high-trauma, underresourced environments, along with navigating the challenging adult dynamics this context can create for on-site and district-level leaders. The training explores the impact of our natural stress responses, and how to navigate our stressors while creating healthy boundaries that support sustainability for self and others.

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# Agenda and Concepts

	What we will explore today:			
1.	The Teaching Well's Underlying Beliefs			
2.	Tools to live those beliefs Body Awareness Scan Human Function Curve Regulation Strategies			
3.	Our System   How transformation occurs			





# Healthy People Heal Systems



THRIVING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Students & teachers embod wellness & excellence.

#### SUCCESSFUL EDUCATOR COMMUNITY

Integrated Projects, Pedagogy & Collaboration

#### **EDUCATOR COMMUNICATION**

Trust, Support, Agency and Boundaries.

#### **EDUCATOR WELLNESS**

Stress Signals, Responsiveness, Energy Levels.

Source: Teaching Well's Theory of Action
Pyramid

# Healthy Systems Heal People



#### **PUBLIC POLICY**

#### COMMUNITY

(CULTURAL VALUES, NORMS)

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL**

(ENVIRONMENT, ETHOS)

#### INTERPERSONAL

(SOCIAL NETWORK)

#### INDIVIDUAL

(KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE, SKILL)

<u>Source</u>: Urie Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Framework for Human Development

# The Epidemic of Teacher Stress

- Burnout & Chronic Teacher Turnover
- Impact on Physical Health
- Punitive vs. Restorative Stance:
   Manage our implicit biases





#### What We Believe...

We believe in the brilliance and capacity of educators. While we honor those we give teachers the tools and instructional skills to do the act of teaching, we believe teachers need more support in how to be while facilitating learning. We believe that transformation within the system, to serve all students and create our next phase of society, lies in the hands of the adults 3. leading the system.



### If each adult was able to...

- Understand their identity
- Communicate their needs
- Manage their responses to stress and vicarious trauma



We would create effective, trauma-informed environments for <u>all students</u>.

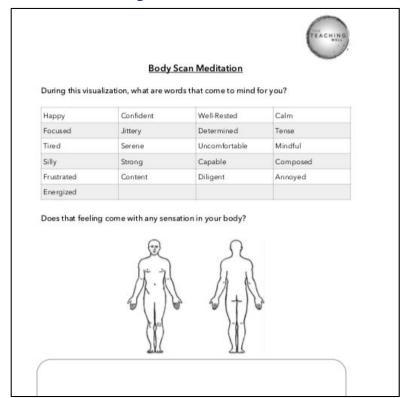


# Somatic Practice: Body Awareness





# **Body Awareness Scan & Reflection**



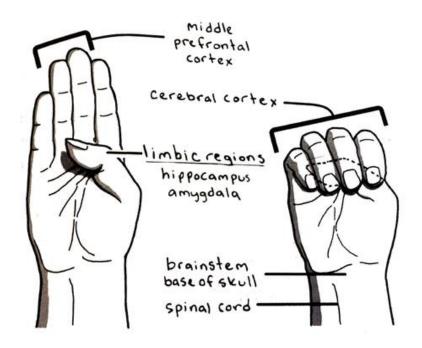
### Our bodies speak through sensation:

- Temperature
- Weight
- Color
- Tension



# Hand Brain Model





Source: MacLean, 1990 & Dr. Daniel Siegel, 2012: The New Science of Personal Transformation

# Creating Balance in the Body

THE TEACHING

"Fight and Flight" (Sympathetic Nervous System)



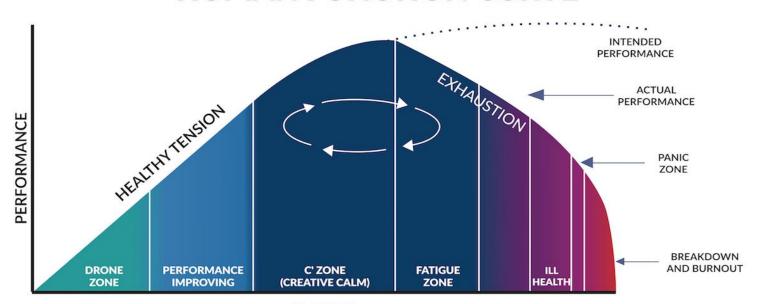
"Rest and Digest"

(Parasympathetic Nervous System)





#### **HUMAN FUNCTION CURVE**



**AROUSAL** 

Prepare	Interact	Integrate
Tools to Prepare Identity for working with students who have experienced trauma	While you're in the moment managing a student, parent or colleague response.	Tools to emotionally and physically digest student escalation cycles

# Sustainably Resourcing Our Bodies





Source: Nutritionist Erica Favela, 2018

Water

Whole Foods

**Breath & Movement** 

Sleep

# Prepare or Integrate Tool

Ritual	Routine	
5 sensory experience	0 sensory experience	
Brings joy and peace while getting needs met	Brings efficiency and gets things done	
Stress reduction oriented	Task oriented	
Action focused	Time focused	















2013 - 14	2014 - 15	2016 - 17 with TW	2017 - 18 with TW	2018 - 19 with TW
59%	49%	79%	75%	77%

### 77 more educators stayed at their sites

Overall, we have saved school districts \$1.3 million in turnover costs

# Who is Doing this Work? [Care Provider Focused]



**Dr. Jenny Rankin** 

First Aid for Teacher
Burnout



**Dr. Tish Jennings** 

Mindfulness for Teachers CARE for Educator Program

**Adrienne Maree Brown** 

Emergent Strategy:
Shaping Change,
Changing Worlds



Laura Vandernoot Lipsky

Trauma Stewardship



# Who is Doing this Work?

[Trauma Informed Practices]



**Dr. Nadine Burke** 

Center For Youth Wellness

How Childhood Trauma
Affects Health



**Dr. Bruce Perry** 

Child Trauma Academy

Neurosequential Model



Bessel van der Kolk

Trauma Center at Justice
Resource Institute

The Body Keeps the Score

# Continued: Who is Doing this Work?

[Trauma Informed Practices]



**Dr. Robert Sapolsky** 

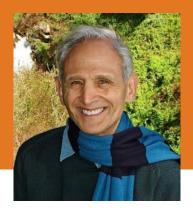
Why Zebras Don't Have Ulcers



**Dr. David Bercelli** 

Shake it off Naturally

<u>TRE</u>



**Peter Levine** 

Healing Trauma: A
Pioneering Approach for
Restoring the Wisdom of
the Body

# Questions?



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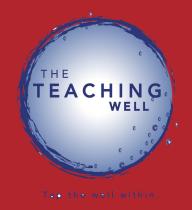


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