

Developing Capacity to Through Trauma-Informed Care Grant Overview
Community Supports Inc., Walk of Joy LLC., Envision Ohio, AMT Group LLC.

Key Objectives & Activities:

Community Supports, Inc., Walk of Joy, Envision Ohio, and The AMT Group are agencies in Hamilton County specializing in providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Each partnering agency provides various services, but the common theme with all partnering agencies is community based residential supports. The four partnering agencies serve a total of 225 individuals receiving Supported Living (HPC), with approximately 40% of those individuals having Complex Support Needs*. The common objective for all partnering agencies is to implement a comprehensive Trauma Informed Care Program which will increase skill sets in trauma supports and accommodate a wide range of individuals with complex support needs. By broadening Trauma Informed Care supports, participating agencies will provide a more stable transition for potential clients needing residential placement in the community.

Funding from this grant has allowed each partner agency to hire a full time Trauma Support Facilitator (TSF) and partially fund the salary of a Trauma Support Liaison (TSL)**. These positions will be the integral components to implementing a comprehensive theory to practice program for creating Biographical Timelines, developing intervention strategies, and training staff to better support individuals within each agency who have experienced trauma resulting in complex support needs.

The grant is also funding ongoing trainings for each agency’s TSL and TSF conducted by Finding Hope Consulting. These trainings are conducted with all agency members present in order to foster a collaborative learning environment for all of our partnering agencies. Collectively the group of TSLs and TSFs from each agency have been named the Implementation Team. Additionally this team meets independently from trainings to further build relationships, collaborate, and problem solve.

Our collaborative team of partner agencies will enter into the Intermediate Stage*** of the grant period in September 2016. Implementation Team members will begin assessing and creating Biographical Timelines for 10% of each agency’s eligible individuals with ongoing support, training, and oversight from Finding Hope Consulting.

Target Audience: Individuals receiving, or are eligible to receive, community based supported living services (HPC) who have experienced trauma per ACE Score Assessments****.

Geographic Area: Hamilton County and Greater Cincinnati Areas

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 ***See Process Map Slide #13 ,
 **** See Trauma Informed Care Assessment Handout

