

# Cultural Safety Certificate





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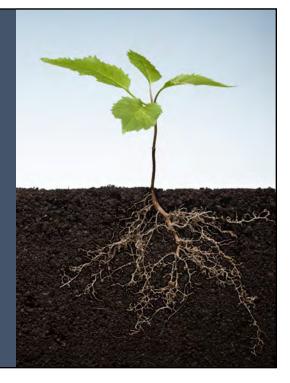
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**Stephanie** is Oneida Nation. She is an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant and an Aboriginal Midwife. Before she became a midwife, she was certified as a Postpartum Depression Support Person. She is well known for her work as an advocate for Indigenous health, women's health, mental health, and as a breastfeeding educator. Stephanie continues to share her knowledge with health care providers and students through her roles with the Baby-Friendly Initiative Strategy of Ontario and as an expert panel member of the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario. Stephanie is on the Board of Directors for Haldimand Norfolk Women's Services. Stephanie teaches future and current health care providers and IBCLC's by working as a Sessional Instructor of Indigenous Health at McMaster's University and as a member of the Board of Directors for the International Lactation Consultants Association (ILCA).



## "The fruit of your destiny is nourished by the roots of your past."

Stephanie George, IBCLC Aboriginal Midwife Instructor, Indigenous Health, McMaster



## Conflict of Interest

• None

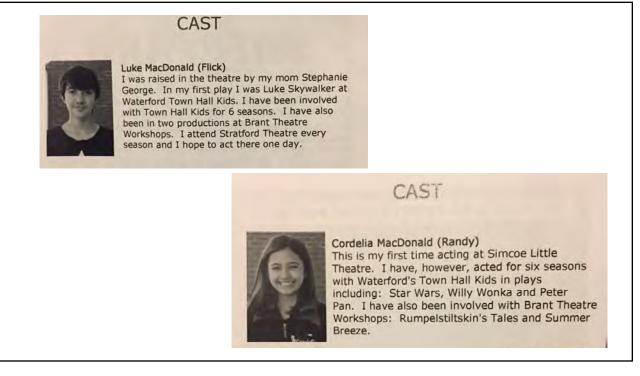




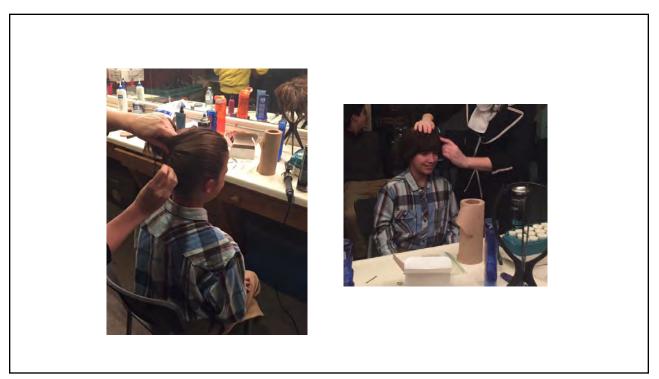
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  - Robert Gary Miller in, "The Mush Hole." Franz Stapelburg Films



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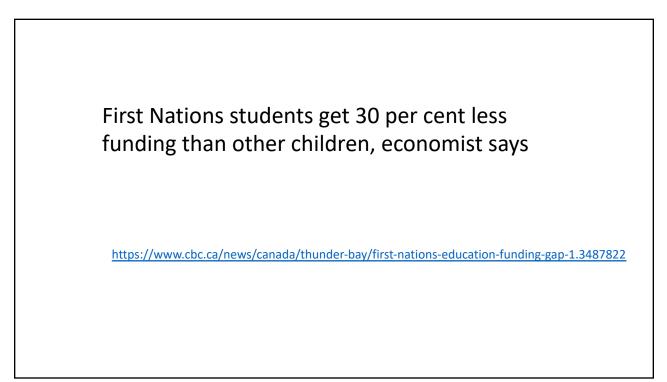


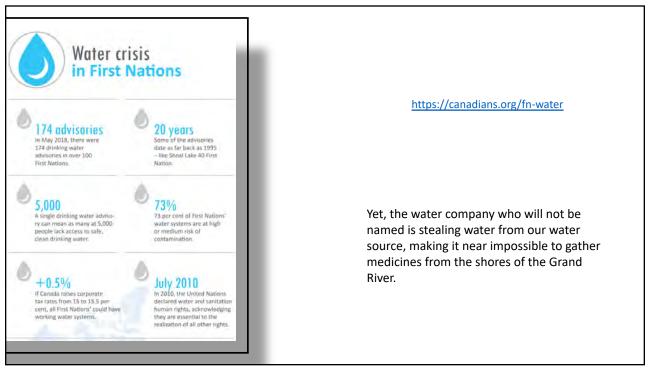
Traditional Aboriginal Parents Program (TAPP) SPIRIT OF THE CHILDREN SOCIETY

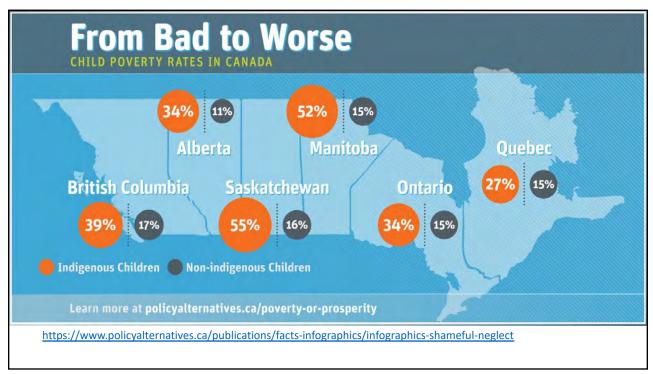
- Stress Management
- Values, beliefs, and attitudes
- The Medicine Wheel
- The Seven sacred teachings
- The effects of colonization and residential school
- Traditions: smudging, beading, sweat lodges
- Addictions

- Family violence
- Child development
- Discipline
- Feelings and emotions
- Anger Management
- Mental Health Issues
- Self-care
- Journaling









#### 31% Indigenous households food insecure

Batal said they use the same tool as Statistics Canada to measure rates of food insecurity, which is when households don't have the financial means to meet their food requirements.

The study found that of the Indigenous communities surveyed in Atlantic Canada, 31 per cent of households were food insecure, and nine per cent severely food insecure.

For comparison, a report published in 2015 done on food security levels across Canada said Nova Scotia had the highest levels of food insecurity in the country with 17.3 per cent of food-insecure households in the province.

"The average is 30 per cent, but in some communities it can be as high as 70 per cent. We can not indulge community level data, which is why we report on the regions and you only see averages," Batal said.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/indigenous-food-insecurity-study-atlantic-canada-1.4315275

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## Conditions improved from 2011 to 2016, but problems persist Here's what our research revealed: From 2011 to 2016, the housing conditions of Aboriginal households improved at a faster pace than those of non-Aboriginal households. Despite this, in 2016, the incidence of core housing need (CHN) remained much higher for Aboriginal households (18%) than for non-Aboriginal households (12%). <u>https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/housing-observeronline/2019-housing-observer/indigenous-households-corehousing-need</u>

	Child population	% child population by Aboriginal identity category				
		Non- Aboriginal	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Other Aborigina
NL	76,220	89.3%	5.5%	2.4%	2.1%	0.7%
PEI	23,180	97.3%	1.8%	0.4%	-	-
NS	138,115	94.1%	4.4%	1.2%	0.1%	0.2%
NB	113,400	95.0%	4.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.1%
QC	1,257,930	97.3%	1.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.1%
ON	2,178,125	96.6%	2.5%	0.8%	0.1%	0.1%
MB	227,400	72.4%	18.4%	8.7%	0.1%	0.3%
SK	196,255	72.6%	20.0%	7.0%	0.1%	0.3%
AB	679,240	90.2%	5.8%	3.7%	0.1%	0.2%
BC	677,615	91.0%	6.3%	2.4%	0.1%	0.2%
YK	5,825	67.0%	28.0%	3.5%	-	
NWT	9,050	33.2%	43.4%	8.7%	14.0%	-
NU	10,445	4.5%	-	4	94.9%	-
Canada	5,592,795	93.0%	4.6%	1.9%	0.4%	0.2%

## TABLE 1: CHILD POPULATION (AGES 0-15), AND PERCENTAGE CHILD POPULATION BY PROVINCE/TERRITORY AND ABORIGINAL IDENTITY CATEGORY (STATISTICS CANADA, 2011)

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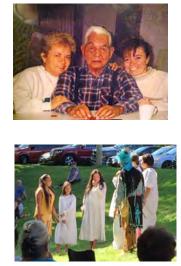
	Second Second	% fo	ster child populat	ion by Aborig	inal identity cat	tegory
	Foster child population	Non- Aboriginal	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Other Aborigina
NL	540	72.2%	13.9%	0.0%	12.0%	0.0%
PEI	60	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
NS	690	76.8%	23.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NB	330	71.2%	25.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
QC	5,880	84.6%	10.8%	1.6%	3.3%	0.0%
ON	7,045	74.5%	23.0%	1.6%	0.6%	0.0%
MB	4,225	15.4%	69.6%	13.6%	0.8%	0.6%
SK	1,970	13.2%	74.4%	10.4%	0.0%	1.0%
AB	4,195	26.6%	57.9%	14.2%	0.0%	1.1%
BC	4,265	44.0%	50.6%	4.5%	0.0%	0.5%
YK	80	0.0%	93.8%	0.0%		-
NWT	160	6.3%	43.8%	0.0%	43.8%	
NU	125	0.0%		-	100.0%	×.
Canada	29,565	51.9%	39.6%	6.1%	1.9%	0.5%

https://cwrp.ca/sites/default/files/publications/en/165e.pdf

	Total faster	Foster child rate by Aboriginal identity category				T <b>Y</b>
	Total foster child rate	Non- Aboriginal	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Other Aborigina
NL	7.1	5.7	17.8	4	41.3	-
PEI	2.6	2.7				
NS	5.0	4.1	26.5		-	-
NB	2.9	2.2	18.8			2
QC	4.7	4.1	30.8	12.5	43.9	~
ON	3.2	2.5	30.1	6.9		-
MB	18.6	3.9	70.1	29.0		
SK	10.0	1.8	37.3	14.8		-
AB	6.2	1.8	61.7	23.7		-
BC	6.3	3.0	50.3	11.9		
үк	13.7		46.0	4		÷
NWT	17.7		17.8		55.1	-
NU	12.0	-			12.6	-
Canada	5.3	2.9	45.2	17.2	28.3	17.7

TABLE 3: RATE OF FOSTER CHILDREN (PER 1000 CHILDREN IN THE POPULATION), BY PROVINCE /TERRITORY AND ABORIGINAL IDENTITY CATEGORY (STATISTICS CANADA, 2011)

## Why Am I Poor? First Nations and Child Poverty in Ontario. Best Start Resource Centre, 2012



In some residential schools, the death rate was as high as 75% from disease, starvation and abuse.

The children who survived often had low literacy rates and did not have parenting or life skills.

35% of First Nations adults believed that their parents' attendance at residential schools negatively affected the parenting they received as children. Additionally, 67% of the adults surveyed believed that their grandparents' attendance at residential schools affected their parenting skills. (Chiefs of Ontario, 2003)

## "Hunger was never absent": How residential school diets shaped current patterns of diabetes among Indigenous peoples in Canada

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A recent review of studies in high-poverty environments where **chronic undernutrition is endemic,** and in so-called "natural experiments" arising from 20th-century famine events, reveals a range of biological effects of **sustained caloric restriction.**<sup>2</sup>

Of these, the most important is **height stunting**. The physiologies of height-stunted children **prioritize fat over lean mass deposition**, resulting in lower fat-free mass and a tendency toward **greater fat-mass accumulation** when nutritional resources become available. The overall effect is an increased tendency toward obesity. Height-stunted youth demonstrate greater **insulin sensitivity and lower insulin levels**, making them **prone to developing type 2 diabetes**. Stunting arising from **prolonged undernutrition also alters thyroid function**, lowering the basal metabolic rate in stunted individuals.<sup>Z</sup>

No less serious are the reproductive effects of stunting on women: greater **risk of stillbirths, pre-term birth** and **neonatal death**; complications with labour; and decreased offspring birth weight.<sup>8</sup> Stunting also has **negative consequences for neurologic, psychological and immune system development and function**.<sup>7</sup>

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How do we have healthy children?

We need to work towards wellness as adults.

How can we expect healthy adults when their parents or grandparents

In a sample of primary care of 35 patients, those who experienced childhood abuse or partner violence in adolescence or adulthood reported twice as many symptoms on a review of systems than their age-matched, non-abused counterparts. They were also more likely to abuse substances and report a wide variety of chronic pain syndromes

(Kendall-Tackett, Marshall, & Ness, 2000, 2003).

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## Dr. Karleen Gribble

Gribble, K. D. (2006). Mental health, attachment and breastfeeding: Implications for adopted children and their mothers.

International Breastfeeding Journal, 1(5), doi 10.1186/1746-4358-1181-1185 Breastfeeding has the potential to promote the development of the childmaternal attachment relationship in vulnerable adoptive dyads...

However, the impact of breastfeeding as observed in cases of adoption has relevance to *all* breastfeeding situations and this deserves further investigation. In particular, there may be applicability of the experience of adoptive breastfeeding to other at risk dyads, such as intact families with a history of intergenerational relationship trauma.



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Children who are breastfed may be more resilient to the stress associated with parental divorce.

Breast feeding may be associated with a variety of exposures and family characteristics that confer resilience against stress related to parental divorce.

Montgomery, S. M., Ehlin, A., & Sacker, A. (2006). Breast feeding and resilience against psychosocial stress. Archives of Diseases of Childhood, 91, 990-994 Parenting programmes, for example, that focus on skills such as awareness of the needs and feelings of others, including the child, may be particularly useful, especially for those mothers without support of a partner...parenting of lower income mothers is more vulnerable when they feel less control over their lives, targeting resources at these mothers may be particularly beneficial.



Integrity of the Aboriginal process and decision-m	Feel more control over decisions	
Sustainability by responsible planning for future generations	Confers resilience	
	Feelings and emotions	
Healthy mother-child relationship	Provides a safe centre to child	
Stress Management	Child development	
Feel loved and safe	Peaceful listening to support healthy dialogue and decision- making	
Self-care	Values, beliefs, and attitudes	
Anger Management	Child believes they have worth	
Can't nurse if you're angry	Indigenous knowledge and learning as a foundation of our work	
Women are in charge of the food and n	nurturing. Food sovereignty starts with breastfeeding.	

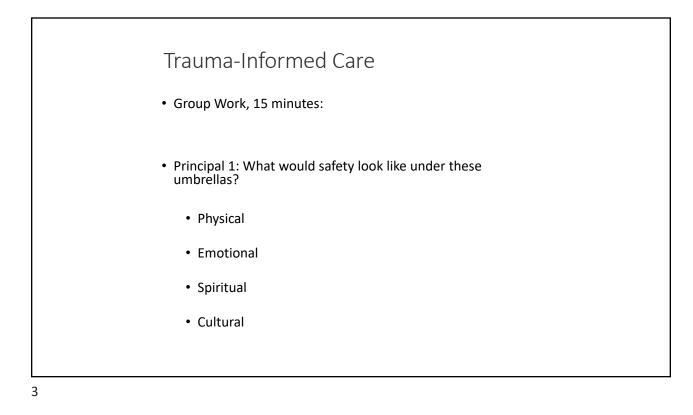


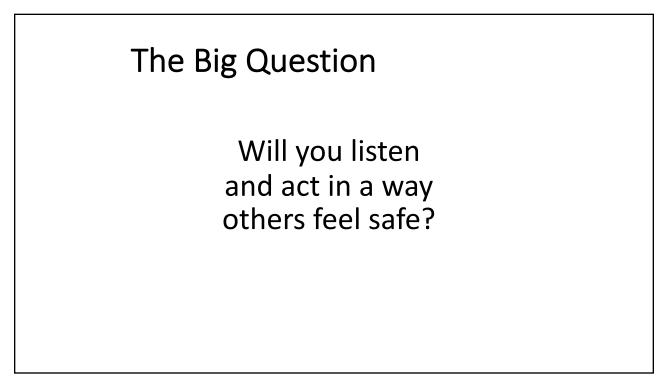
## Using a Trauma-Informed Approach to Lactation Issues

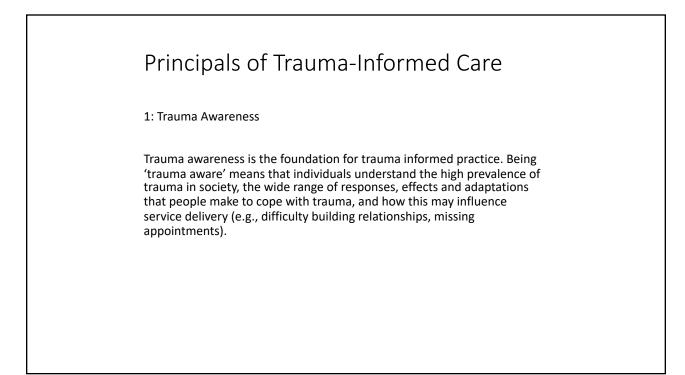
Stephanie George, IBCLC Aboriginal Midwife

## • Explain traumainformed care

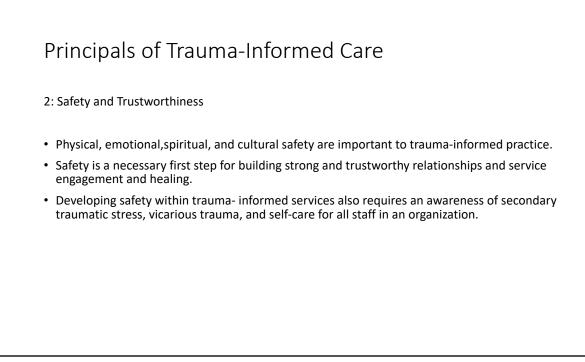
- Case Studies
- Discuss ACE Scores
- Integrating dads into circle of care and/or healing
- Breastfeeding











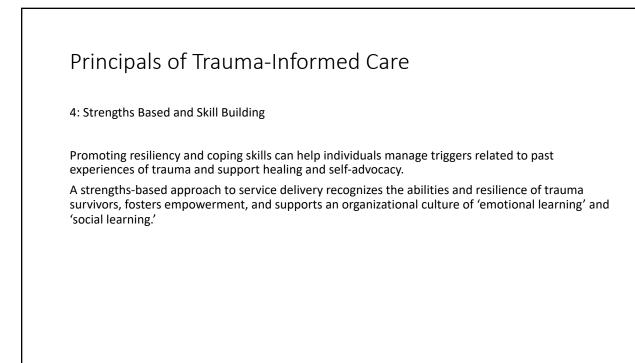
## Principals of Trauma-Informed Care

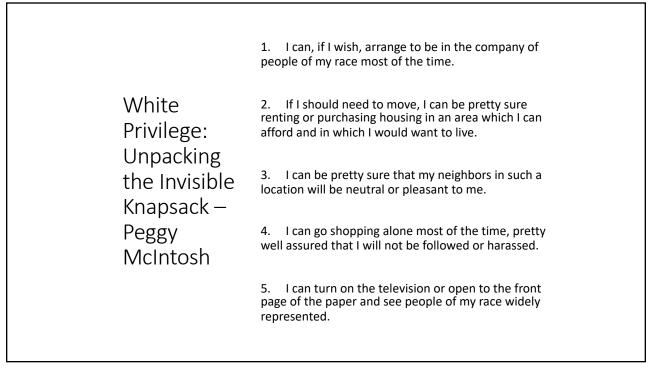
3: Choice, Collaboration, and Connection

Trauma informed services encourage opportunities for working collaboratively with people of all ages genders and cultures.

They emphasize creating opportunities for choice and connection within the parameters of services provided.

This experience of choice, collaboration, and connection often involves inviting involvement in evaluating the services, and forming service user advisory councils that provide advice on service design as well as service users' rights and grievances.





6. When I am told about our national heritage or about "civilization," I am shown that people of my colo[u]r made it what it is.
7. I can be sure that my children will be given curricular materials that testify to the existence of their race.
8. If I want to, I can be pretty sure of finding a publisher for this piece on white privilege.
9. I can go into a music shop and count on finding the music of my race represented, into a supermarket and find the staple foods which fit with my cultural traditions, into a hairdresser's shop and find someone who can cut my hair.
10. Whether I use checks, credit cards, or cash, I can count on my skin color not to work against the appearance of financial reliability.

11.	I can arrange to protect my children most of the time from people who might not like them.
12.	I can swear, or dress in second hand clothes, or not answer letters, without having people attribute these choices to the bad morals, the poverty, or the illiteracy of my race.
13.	I can speak in public to a powerful male group without putting my race on trial.
14.	I can do well in a challenging situation without being called a credit to my race.
15.	I am never asked to speak for all the people of my racial group.
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16. I can remain oblivious of the language and customs of persons of color who constitute the world's majority without feeling in my culture any penalty for such oblivion.
17. I can criticize our government and talk about how much I fear its policies and behavior without being seen as a cultural outsider.
18. I can be pretty sure that if I ask to talk to "the person in charge," I will be facing a person of my race.
19. If a traffic cop pulls me over or if the IRS audits my tax return, I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race.
20. I can easily buy posters, postcards, picture books, greeting cards, dolls, toys, and children's magazines featuring people of my race.

21. I can go home from most meetings of organizations I belong to feeling somewhat tied in, rather than isolated, out-of-place, out numbered, unheard, held at a distance, or feared.

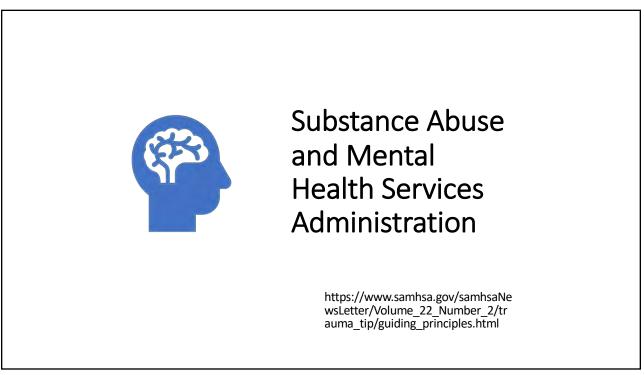
22. I can take a job with an affirmative action employer without having coworkers on the job suspect that I got it because of race.

23. I can choose public accommodation without fearing that people of my race cannot get in or will be mistreated in the places I have chosen.

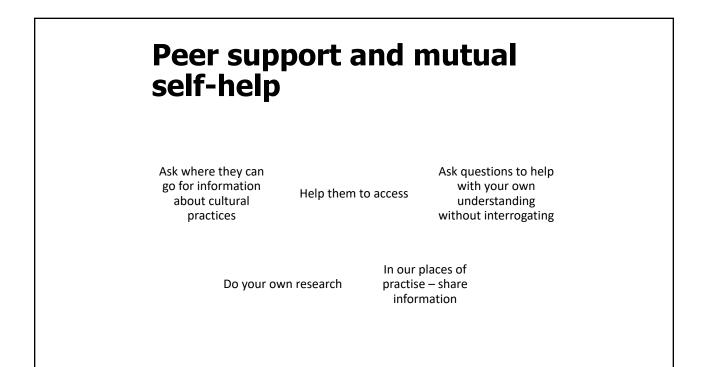
24. I can be sure that if I need legal or medical help, my race will not work against me.

25. If my day, week, or year is going badly, I need not ask of each negative episode or situation whether it has racial overtones.

26. I can choose blemish cover or bandages in flesh color and have them more or less match my



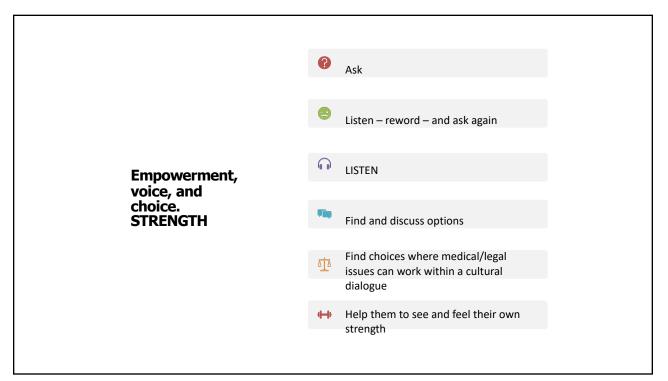




# **Collaboration and mutuality**

True partnering and leveling of power differences between staff and clients and among organizational staff from direct care staff to administrators. There is recognition that healing happens in relationships and in the meaningful sharing of power and decision-making. The organization recognizes that everyone has a role to play in a trauma-informed approach. One does not have to be a therapist to be therapeutic.



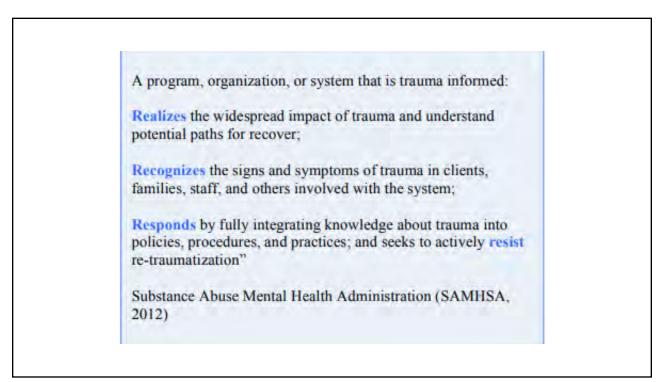


## Cultural, historical, and gender issues



OFFER SERVICES FREE OF BIASES AND STEREOTYPES INVOLVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM TO DO A REAL EVALUATION OF SERVICES AND POLICIES LEARN ABOUT CULTURAL PRACTISES OF THOSE YOU

SERVICE



	Rape
	Domestic violence
Where can we be traumatized?	Natural disasters
	Severe illness or injury
	The death of a loved one
	Witnessing an act of violence

Intergenerational trauma

Birth experiences

Breastfeeding experiences

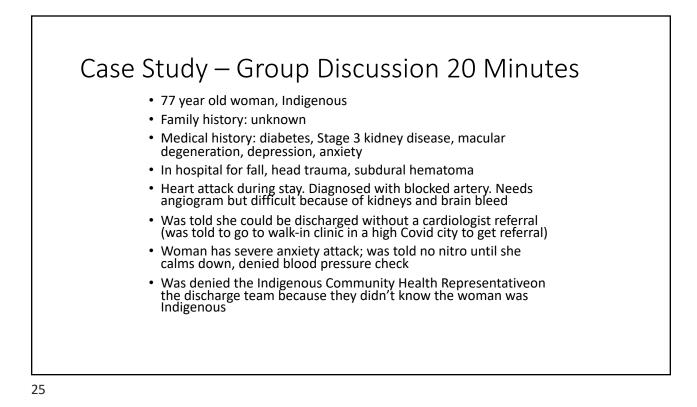
Family members having experiences of trauma

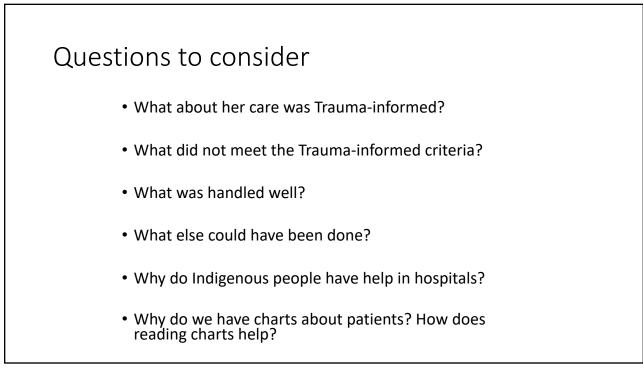
Loss of choice or power

## Perspective

- 5% of population does not have headaches
- 70% of affected population will not have long term concussion issues
- 86% of affected population survived their heart attack

Would you discount people's stories and trauma from a car accident which caused the concussion?
Would you discount stories of people who saw someone die from a heart attack?
Do NOT discount stories of people's trauma or racism.
They are real to them.
First, do no harm.





## Case Study 2 – Group Discussion 20 minutes

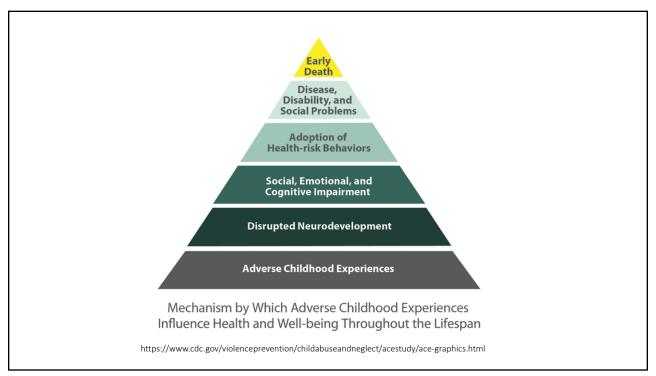
- 33 year old woman
- Transportation issues
- Financial issues
- Home visit after birth to help with mobility issues
- 2 older children, who are happy and content
- Husband full time student
- Signs and symptoms of anxiety or postpartum depression
- Calls often for help but on surface, things look fine
- One call led to discussion about abuse in the home



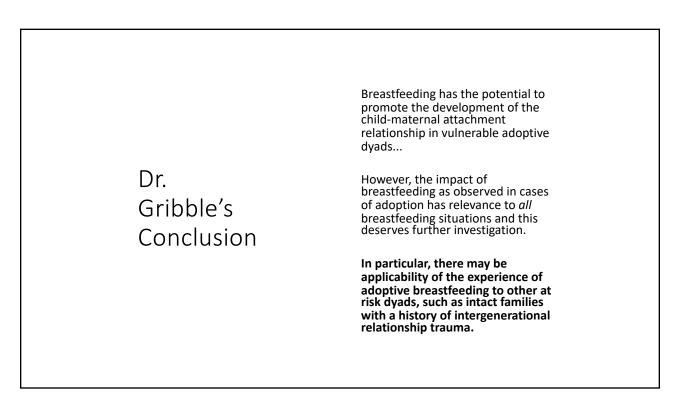
# Case Study 2 Questions How could you provide trauma-informed care to her? What are things you would want to know about her or her situation? What helps may she need for which you could do a referral? Would this care change if she was Causcasian? South Asian? Chinese? Indigenous? How or why not?

## ACE

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- <u>https://youtu.be/ccKFkcfXx-c</u>
- Video has closed-captioning



- Raising awareness of ACEs can help:
- Change how people think about the causes of ACEs and who could help prevent them.
- Shift the focus from individual responsibility to community solutions.
- Reduce stigma around seeking help with parenting challenges or for substance misuse, depression, or suicidal thoughts.
- Promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments where children live, learn, and play.
- Let's help all children reach their full potential and create neighborhoods, communities, and a world in which every child can thrive.
  - https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/aces/fastfact.html#:~:text=ACEs%20are%20preventable.,children%2 Oreach%20their%20full%20potential.



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