



Trauma-Informed Faith Communities

A project of Crisis Care Ministries and Partner Organizations

Why Trauma-Informed Faith Communities?

Faith-based organizations serve as primary community resources for meaning, purpose, hope, identity, information, structure, and connection.

Drawing from principles of SAMHSA's* trauma-informed approach, the Trauma-Informed Faith Communities project provides training, consultation, and resources to help faith communities incorporate trauma awareness into their practice, culture, and policy.

*The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

BENCHMARKS

In consultation with faith leaders, the project is creating faith-specific benchmarks so that faith communities may assess their readiness to address individual and community trauma.

TRAINING

Building upon numerous successful Crisis Care Ministries webinar series that have drawn more than 5600 attendees in recent years, new trainings begin Fall 2023.

Click [here](#) for the Webinar Hub.

CONSULTATION

The project provides experienced staff from Crisis Care Ministries to consult with faith and community leaders as they plan and implement their early and long-term response to crisis-related emotional and spiritual care needs.

JUST-IN-TIME

The project will assist faith leaders by providing:

- Response checklists
- Faith-specific community gathering outlines (e.g. for services and sermons)
- Faith-specific resources
- Communication templates

GENERAL DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES

Emotional and spiritual care resources designed especially for general community distribution can be found in a growing collection of curated and annotated resources at crisiscareministries.net

DATA FOR TIFC PARTNERS

Project partner organizations will receive aggregate data reports from years of data collection regarding the influence and impact of faith leaders in their communities.

Oklahoma endures, on average, a new disaster requiring assistance from outside of the local community about every 12 weeks. Add to this reality the stressors related to high poverty rates, lack of affordable housing, food insecurity, cultural and religious institutional instability, and high exposure to traumatic incidents. Cumulative stresses wear heavily upon our entire state.

The Trauma-Informed Faith Communities project is designed to strengthen the capacity of faith and community leaders to better respond to individuals and communities affected by and at risk for experiencing numerous crises and disasters.



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