

# A TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH BENEFITS EVERYONE



## Trauma is prevalent in our society

During **FY 2022**, Child Protective Services received an estimated **4.2 million referrals** involving **7.5 million children**.

**558,899** children were found to be victims of at least one report of child abuse or neglect.

- 74.3% neglect
- 17% physical abuse
- 6.8% psychologically maltreated

**1,990** children died from neglect and/or abuse.

(U.S. Department of Health & Human Services)

## Individuals with disabilities may be more susceptible to trauma

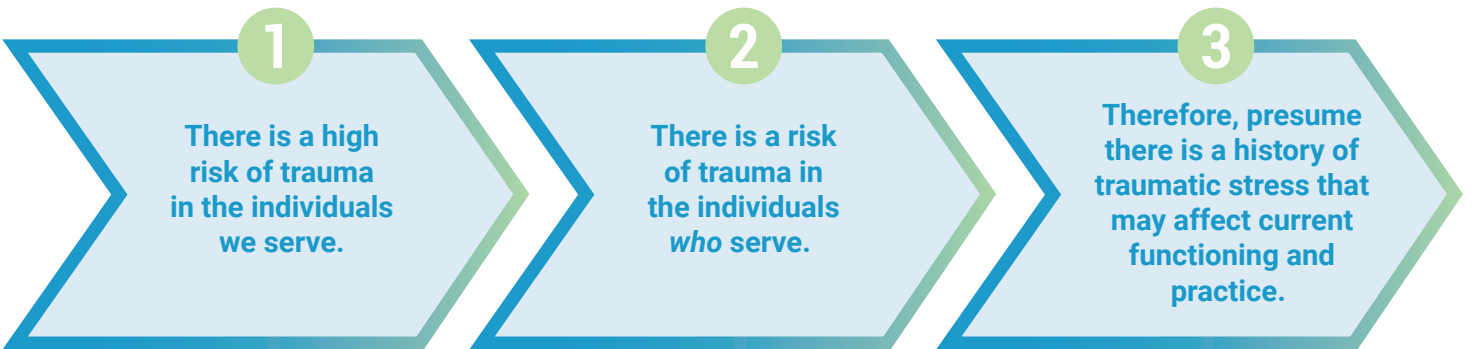
**1** Children with disabilities are **3** times more likely than children without disabilities to be sexually abused. [www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/prevention/focus/](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/prevention/focus/)

**2** Children with disabilities and their families often encounter **societal risk factors** that may increase their risk for maltreatment, such as isolation, discrimination, and lack of supports (Lightfoot, 2014).

**3** Approximately **11%** of more than 300,000 sexual abuse reports made to child welfare officials (2009) were from a child with a disability according to the Administration on Children Youth and Families (ACYF). [www.thecrimereport.org](http://www.thecrimereport.org)

**4** Children with communication or sensory impairments and learning disabilities were at **increased risk for abuse** (Stalker & McArthur, 2010).

## What does this data tell us?



**“Exercise Universal Precautions”**

(Huckshorn, LeBel, Caldwell et al., 2021: Six Core Strategies Model; TIC module)

**We believe that a trauma-informed approach benefits everyone – both staff and individuals served. Everyone can benefit from a safer, more compassionate approach.**