# How to Create a Trauma Responsive Environment: Covid-19 Protective Factors and Responses

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Here is Jamy painting a wishing well to go in the rose garden. The virus is not going to keep us from getting ready for the Spring and Summer fun. We are all still doing fine.









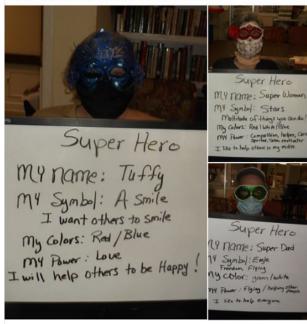


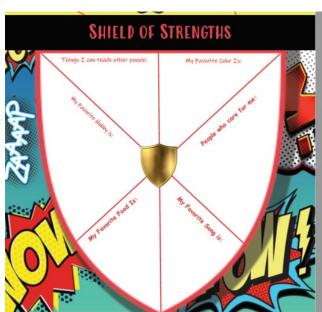
















During the #SignatureSummer our elders have been hard at work discovering their superpowers and even making their own comics!





My name is Joe Young! My favorite superhero is @SpiderMan! I use my superpowers to fight the #COVID19 virus and get big wins every day! | cc: @angiemcalister @LTCrevolution #SignatureSummer #SignatureStrong





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Every one of us has a superpower. For Wonder Woman Day, our elders



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#### HOW TO CREATE A TRAUMA RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENT

COVID-19 PROTECTIVE FACTORS AND RESPONSES

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# COURSE OBJECTIVES

Define	Define trauma and inform participants on the different types.
Enlighten	Enlighten participants of the long-term effects of trauma untreated.
Discuss	Discuss traumatic events and challenges unique to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Educate	Educate participants on responding to trauma including therapy types, coping skills and minor environmental changes.

# **TRAUMA**

In the United States, 61 percent of men and 51 percent of women report exposure to at least one lifetime traumatic event, and 90 percent of clients in public behavioral health care settings have experienced trauma.

If trauma goes unaddressed, people will have poor physical health outcomes and ignoring trauma can hinder recovery for those with mental illnesses and addictions. To ensure the best possible health outcomes, all care — in all health settings — must address trauma in a safe and sensitive way.

#### TRAUMA

Individual trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life-threatening with lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.

#### TRAUMA



 Trauma occurs in layers over time, with each layer affecting every other layer. Current trauma is the outer layer.
 Former trauma in one's life are more fundamental inner layers.

# ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACE) STUDY

The Adverse Childhood Experiences study found that people who had experiences difficult or adverse experiences in childhood had a greater risk of both physical and mental health problems during adulthood.

The risk increases significantly for people with larger numbers of adverse experiences in their childhood. Adverse experiences include not only trauma and abuse, but also non-traumatic stressors like parental divorce and household dysfunction.

Focus is on the first 18 years of life.

Try it yourself: http://traumadissociation.com/ace

#### STAFF

While you were growing up, during your first eighteen years of life:

1. Did a parent or other adult in the household often	
<ul> <li>Swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?</li> </ul>	
	IF YES, CHECK MARK
2. Did a parent or other adult in the household often	
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<ul> <li>Push, grab, or slap you or throw something at you?</li> <li>or</li> </ul>	
• Ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?	
	IF YES, CHECK MARK
3. Did an adult or person at least five years older than you ever	
<ul> <li>Touch or fondle you or have you touch his/her body in a sexual way?</li> </ul> or	
• Try to or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal sex with you?	
	IF YES, CHECK MARK
4. Did you often feel that	
<ul> <li>No one in your family loved you or thought you were important or speci or</li> </ul>	al?
Your family members didn't look out for one another, feel close to one another, or support one another?	
	IF YES, CHECK MARK
5. Did you often feel that	
<ul> <li>You didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you?</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Your parents were too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?</li> </ul>	
	IF YES, CHECK MARK

#### STAFF

6.	Were your parents ever separated or divorced?		
		IF YES, CHECK MARK	
7.	Was your mother or stepmother:		
	<ul> <li>Often pushed, grabbed, or slapped or had something thrown at her?</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Sometimes or often kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something or</li> </ul>	hard?	
	<ul> <li>Ever repeatedly hit over at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife?</li> </ul>		
		IF YES, CHECK MARK	
8.	Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic or who used street drugs?		
		IF YES, CHECK MARK	
9.	Was a household member depressed or mentally ill or did a household member attempt suicide?		
		IF YES, CHECK MARK	
10.	Did a household member go to prison?		
		IF YES, CHECK MARK	
	Now add up your "Yes" answers:		
	This is your ACE score.		

Adapted from "One Page" ACE Overtionnaire Handourt by V. J. Felitti. 2000. Self-published.

Personal communication with S. Covington on December 7, 2015.



#### **Drew Barrymore**

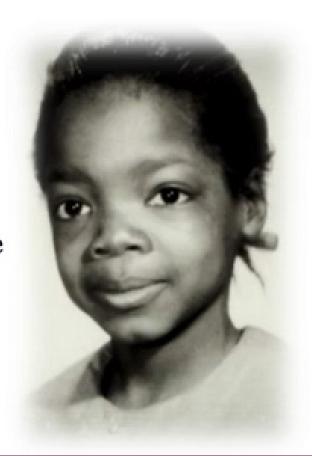
ACE SCORE: 5

- \* Domestic violence
- \* Neglect
- \* Emotional abuse
- \* Parents used substances
- \* Parents divorced at 9 years

## **Oprah Winfrey**

#### ACE SCORE: 4

- Parental separation/divorce
- Emotional neglect
- Sexual abuse
- Physical abuse





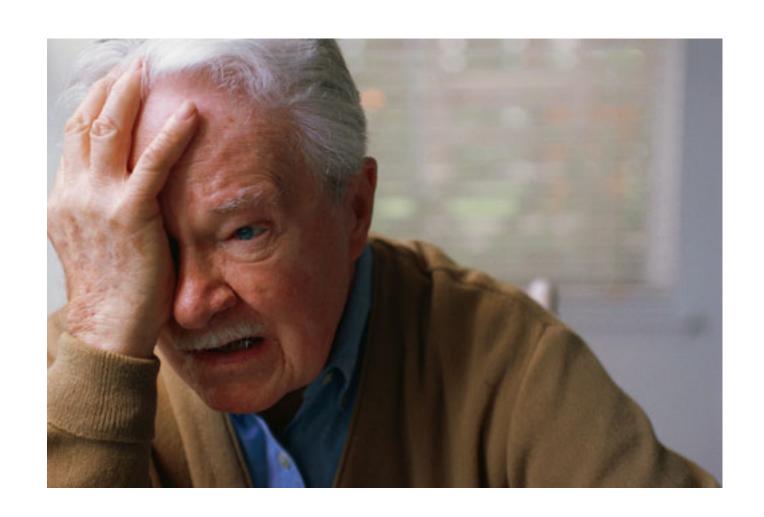
### UNRESOLVED TRAUMA IS COMMON

- Addictive behaviors excessively turning to drugs alcohol, sex, shopping,...
- Inability to tolerate conflicts.
- Inability to tolerate intense feelings.
- Innate belief that they are bad.
- Black and white thinking.
- Suicidal thoughts.
- Disorganized attachment patterns.
- Dissociation

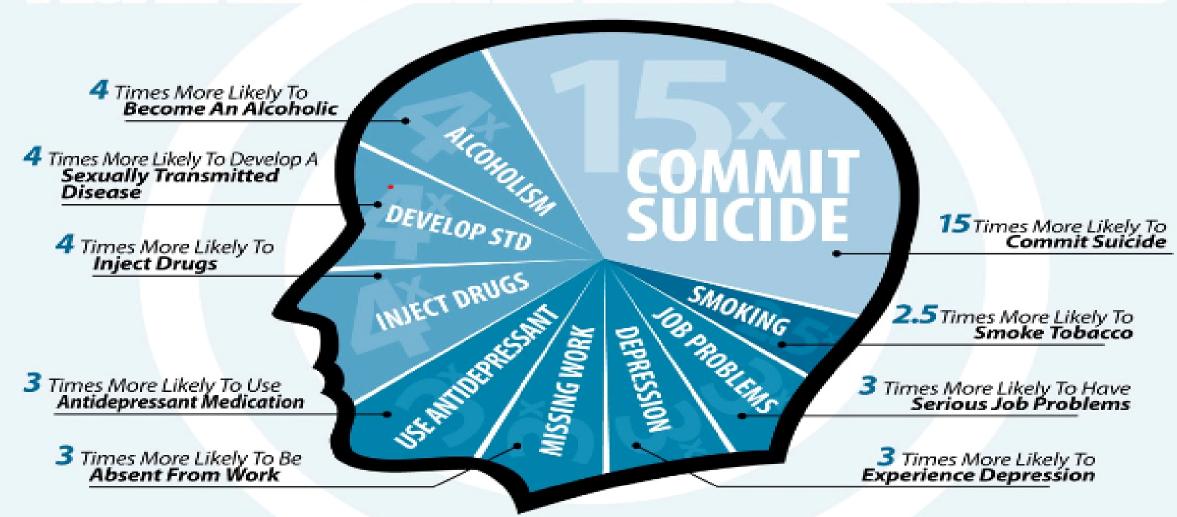


# UNRESOLVED TRAUMA IS COMMON

- Eating Disorders
- Excessive Sense of Self-Blame
- Inappropriate Attachments
- Intense Anxiety
- Intrusive Thoughts, Flashbacks,Body Memories, Nightmares
- Depression
- Victim Role
- Rescuer Role
- Self-Harm



#### **PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA ARE:**



#### PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA

Refers to the individual's (or family's) perception of significant events or circumstances, past or present. These events or circumstances may result in a cluster of symptoms, adaptations, and reactions that interfere with the individual's functioning.



#### PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA - EXAMPLES



Violence in the home, personal relationships, workplace, school, systems/institu tions, or community.



Maltreatment or abuse: emotional, verbal, physical, sexual, or spiritual.



Exploitation:
sexual,
financial or
psychological.



Change in living situation such as eviction or move to nursing home.



Neglect and deprivation.



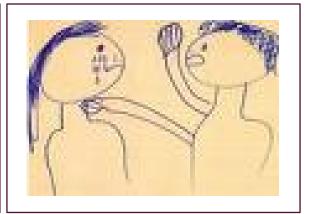
War or armed conflict.



Natural or human caused disaster.

## COMPLEXTRAUMA





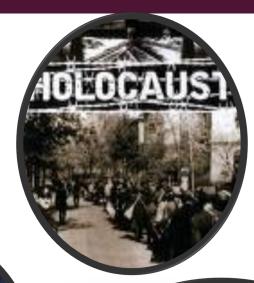




Result of traumatic experiences that are interpersonal, intentional, prolonged and repeated. Often leads to immediate and long-term difficulties in many areas of functioning.

#### HISTORICAL TRAUMA

Historical trauma is the cumulative emotional and psychological wounding over the life span and across generations, resulting from trauma experienced by the individual's social group.





## HISTORICAL TRAUMA



#### SURVIVORS GUILT

#### **Symptoms**

When people survive a traumatic event, they may experience feelings of guilt about:

- surviving when others did not
- what they did during the traumatic event
- what they did not do during the traumatic event

## SURVIVORS GUILT

Accept and allow the feelings

Connect with others

Use mindfulness techniques

Practice self-care

Do something good for others





# COVID-19 AND SURVIVORS GUILT.

DO YOU BELIEVE YOUR AGENCY IS EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH PATIENTS WHO PRESENT SYMPTOMS OF SURVIVORS GUILT DURING AND AFTER THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC?

IF NOT WHAT DO YOU THINK NEEDS TO HAPPEN TO GET PREPARED?

DEFINITION OF SURVIVORS GUILT: A CONDITION OF PERSISTENT MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL STRESS EXPERIENCED BY SOMEONE WHO HAS SURVIVED AN INCIDENT IN WHICH OTHERS DIED.

# COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS FOR A TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSE FOR WORK SETTINGS

- Support Regulations
- Prioritize Relationships
- Explain the "Why"
- Help Staff and Clients Know What to Expect.
- Reframe Behaviors

# COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS FOR A TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSE FOR WORK SETTINGS

"...Place the oxygen mask on yourself first before helping small children or others who may need your assistance."



# COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS FOR A TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSE FOR WORK SETTINGS

Providing care in a trauma-informed manner promotes positive health outcomes. A trauma-responsive approach is defined as a program, organization, or system that recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system; and responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and environment and seeks to actively resist retraumatization.

- RESPECT MODEL

Learn everything you can about trauma, PTSD, triggers and symptoms. Knowing this information, you will be better equipped to handle the situation.

Don't judge or jump to conclusions. No two trauma victims will never be the same so treatment can be similar but never the same.

Be there to listen. Make yourself available to them when they need to talk or connect this client with a peer that has a lived experience with trauma and seems to have acquired the help they needed. Be an active listener by giving input when needed.

- RESPECT MODEL

Show respect. Respect them even though they may be having a difficult time at that moment.

Show you care by recognizing when everything doesn't seem to be okay.

Allow room for mistakes. Recognize that they will make mistakes but be there to assist and demonstrate forgiveness.

- RESPECT MODEL

Talk positively.

Interact and show them you don't look down on them.

Don't belittle them. While it is important to not expect too much, not expecting anything at all is unnecessary and can be hurtful.

- RESPECT MODEL

Be patient.

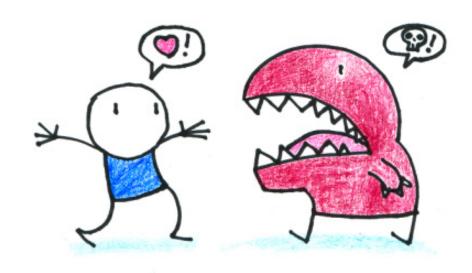
Encourage their self-esteem.

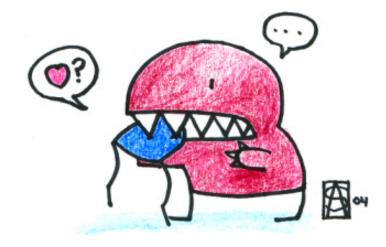
Take care of yourself. Remember that you can't take care of someone else if you haven't dealt with yourself first.

# SANCTUARY TRAUMA

The overt and covert traumatic events that occur in mental health and other human service settings.

These events are distressing, frightening, or humiliating. People (consumers and staff) who are exposed to sanctuary trauma may experience a cluster of symptoms and reactions that interfere with functioning.





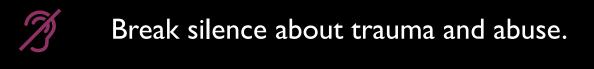
#### BEING TRAUMA RESPONSIVE-SANCTUARY MODEL

Sanctuary Model -The Sanctuary approach is a treatment and organizational model that integrates trauma informed care and the creation of a therapeutic community. The model provides a safe community for both residents and staff.



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# BEING TRAUMA RESPONSIVE -SANCTUARY MODEL



Shift blame from survivor.



Patient given control and choice.

# PHYSICAL SAFETY







# EMOTIONAL SAFETY

### PEER SUPPORT AND RELATIONSHIP



### TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY





VOICE, CHOICE AND EMPOWERMENT

### CULTURAL RESPONSIVITY

Norms, Behaviors and artifacts.

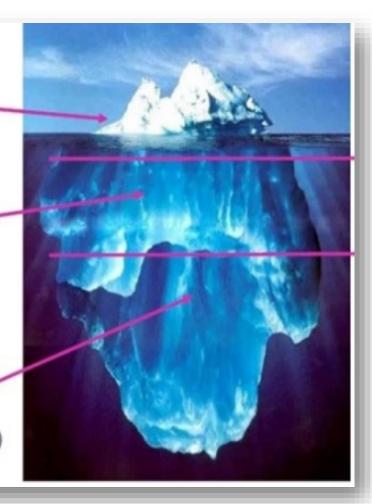
Visible, tangible.

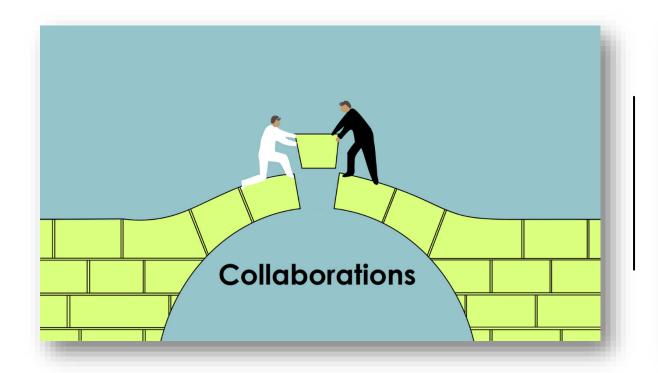
Personal Values and Attitudes.

Less visible, but can be talked about.

> Cultural Values and Assumptions.

Usually not visible at all, often held subconsciously, rarely (if ever) questioned in everyday life.





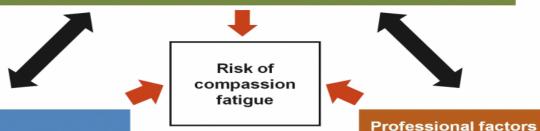


### **PARTNERSHIPS**

#### VICARIOUS TRAUMA

#### Individual factors

- high expectations for quality of care
- personal history of unresolved or traumatic experiences
- insufficient social support (at work and at home)
- demanding domestic/childcare responsibilities
- inability to cope with job's requirements



#### **Organisational factors**

- insufficient staff resources
- insufficient staff training
- insufficient or inadequate staff supervision
- high workload or work intensity
- professional isolation
- financial and bureaucratic constraints
- high expectations for quality of care
- inability to influence change in policies and procedures



- repetitive exposure to individuals' suffering and trauma
- poor quality of team work and cohesion
- little variety in job activities
- poor work-life balance





- Having difficulty talking about their feelings
- Free floating anger and/or irritation
- Startle effect/being jumpy
- Over-eating or under-eating
- Difficulty falling asleep and/or staying asleep
- Losing sleep over patients
- Worried that they are not doing enough for their clients
- Dreaming about their clients/their clients' trauma experiences

### VICARIOUS TRAUMA – SIGNS / SYMPTOMS

Diminished joy toward things they once enjoyed

Feeling trapped by their work in health care

Diminished feelings of satisfaction and personal accomplishment

- Dealing with intrusive thoughts of clients with especially severe trauma histories
- Feelings of hopelessness associated with their work/clients
- Blaming others
- Personal relationships suffer

### VICARIOUS TRAUMA – SIGNS / SYMPTOMS

- Diminished joy toward things they once enjoyed
- Feeling trapped by their work as a counselor (crisis counselor)
- Diminished feelings of satisfaction and personal accomplishment
- Dealing with intrusive thoughts of clients with especially severe trauma histories
- Feelings of hopelessness associated with their work/clients
- Blaming others
- Personal relationships suffer

#### BEING TRAUMA RESPONSIVE-RESOURCES

Gift from Within. A site for survivors of trauma and victimization.

www.giftfromwithin.org

Healing Self Injury provides information about self-inflicted violence and a newsletter for people living with SIV—The Cutting Edge.

www.healingselfinjury.org

National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, <a href="http://www.ncptsd.org">http://www.ncptsd.org</a>

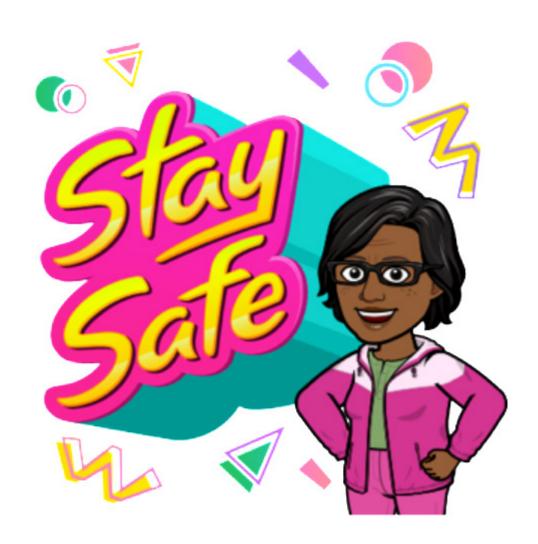
National Child Traumatic Stress Network, <a href="http://www.nctsn.org">http://www.nctsn.org</a>

Sidran Institute. For Survivors and Loved Ones – printable handouts. <a href="https://www.sidran.org/forsurvivors-and-loved-ones/">https://www.sidran.org/forsurvivors-and-loved-ones/</a>

WCADV. Works to prevent and eliminate domestic violence. http://www.wcadv.org WCASA. Works to ensure that every sexual assault victim in Wisconsin gets the support and care they need. http://www.wcasa.org

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- Elizabeth Hudson, LCSW Consultant to the Dept. of Health Services, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Wisconsin
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) <u>www.samhsa.gov</u>
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## Behavioral Health Outcomes & Opioid Misuse

- ✓ Promote opioid best practices
- Decrease high dose opioid prescribing and opioid adverse events in all settings
- ✓ Increase access to behavioral health services





#### **Patient Safety**

- ✓ Reduce risky medication combinations
- ✓ Reduce adverse drug events
- ✓ Reduce C. diff in all settings



#### Chronic Disease Self-Management

- ✓ Increase performance on ABCS clinical quality measures (i.e., aspirin use, blood pressure control, cholesterol management, cardiac rehab)
- ✓ Identify patients at high-risk for developing kidney disease & improve outcomes
- ✓ Identify patients at high risk for diabetes-related complications & improve outcomes



#### Quality of Care Transitions

- ✓ Convene community coalitions
- ✓ Identify and promote optical care for super utilizers
- ✓ Reduce community-based adverse drug events



#### Nursing Home Quality

- ✓ Improve the mean total quality score
- Develop national baselines for healthcare related infections in nursing homes
- ✓ Reduce emergency department visits and readmissions of short stay residents



### Post Event Survey for SATTC:

https://ttc-gpra.org/P?s=924190

CEU hours are available upon completion of the GPRA evaluation from NAADAC.





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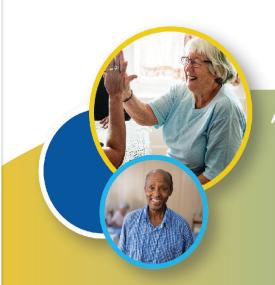


### **Upcoming Events**

## Nursing Homes Tuesdays, 2pm ET/1pm CT

Community Coalitions
Thursdays, 12:30 pm ET/11:30am CT

August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Initiating an Effective Medication Reconciliation Program	July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: The Power of Engaging Local Government in Community Coalitions
September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: High risk medication use and quality practices to prevent ADE	August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Using SBIRT for Effective Screening and Referral to Treatment  *Special 60-minute Presentation*
October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Understanding and using QAPI elements in day to day care processes	September 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Opioid Use in the Aging Population <b>*Special 60-minute Presentation*</b>
November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Preventing and Managing C. difficile	October 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Blood Glucose Targets And Adapting Treatment Goals For Special Populations
December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Preventing healthcare acquired infections	November 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: How Medication Reconciliation can Reduce Hospital Utilization and Readmissions



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