



In August 2016 a few members of the CHI board met with advocates from all sectors of the community to discuss bringing trauma informed care to Somerset County. Members include representatives from Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center, Somerville Public Schools, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Middle Earthy, Somerset County Office of Youth Services and Family Support Organization (FSO). Their goal is to bring trauma informed care to Somerset County through education and outreach.

They've set up a core team of stakeholders from various agencies that are meeting regularly. The team identified categories of youth stakeholders. And are in the process of identifying organizations to educate within each category.

They've created a website (as part of the CHI website), a logo and a brochure.
(<http://childrenshopeinitiative.com/resilient-youth-of-somerset-county>)

They also drafted a proposal to seek assistance from Leadership Somerville.

To date they've seven (7) education sessions with four (4) more in the planning stages.