

October 2017

Children's Hope Initiative Board

Thank you for your generous support of our committee.

In 2017 our task force of twelve including representatives from: CASA, Middle Earth, Somerville schools, Youth services commission and Richard Hall Community Mental Health Center have met six times. We welcome everyone with a heart for children and a desire to help. If you are interested, my contact info is on the handout. The handout also includes a reference to our website, where we have gather resources related to "Trauma Informed Care".

We've:

- Developed a web page
- Designed a logo
- Developed a brochure
- Developed a plan
- Developed a list of 326 Somerset County Youth Stakeholders
- Purchased "Paper Tigers" movie to use as part of our education program.

In our effort to educate youth stakeholders on ACEs and Trauma Informed Care, we've held 7 educational sessions and have two more planned for October with 5 more organizations talking about scheduling a session. To expand the number of people to present, we held a "train the trainer" session on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

In 2018 we are planning to hold 25 educational sessions and initiate a communications plan to continue to spread the word about ACEs and make Somerset County Trauma Informed.