

## Behavioral Health Taskforce: Prevention and Screening Work Group

### Notes from December 9, 2014 Meeting

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### General points of discussion:

#### Screening

- Group focused on a universal screening as opposed to screening for those “most at risk and in need of behavioral health services”
- Universal screening is a great opportunity to implement a trauma informed system
- <http://thriveinitiative.org/> is a great resource regarding trauma informed system response
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) screening tool for adults might be a good screening tool to investigate – promoted by the CDC - <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/>
- HCPSS Mental Health Taskforce has a similar assessment for children
- National Center for Trauma-informed Care might be another resource to investigate for possible screening tools - <http://www.nasmhpd.org/TA/NCTIC.aspx>

#### Prevention

- Public education about the screening efforts and the elements that are identified could serve as a form of prevention
- Very cost effective to bring outside experts to HoCo for training purposes

#### Questions/Concerns/Points for Future Discussion

- Group unclear about how to implement primary prevention activities - most actions discussed centered on early intervention
- What is to be done with folks who are in need of early intervention or rank high on assessment scale? These folks would be flagged as possibly needing service or more likely to need service at some point, but may not be currently in crisis. Present system is only designed for crisis intervention or on-going treatment once a specific problem has been identified, not preventative general trauma response.

#### Next Steps

- Review resources/websites identified – *Everyone*
- Write minutes – *Jenn*
- Circulate roster and minutes – *Anne*
- Schedule next meeting via Doodle before next full TF meeting – Tuesday mornings seemed best – *Anne*