

Trauma and Delinquency

Juvenile Delinquency: A Course for District Court Judges

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The Impact of Trauma



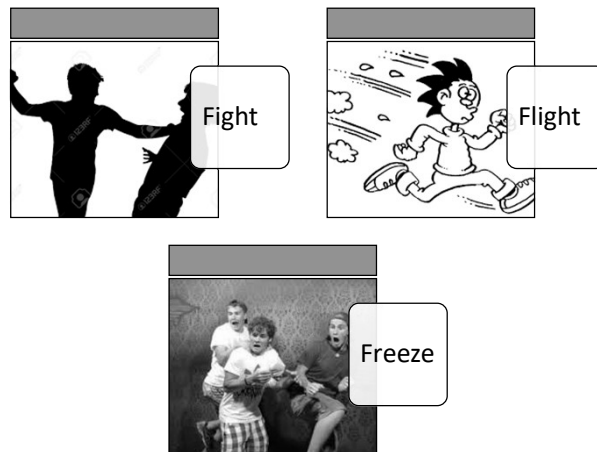
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Trauma and Juvenile Justice

- More than 80% of justice-involved youth report experiencing trauma
- 93% of children in detention report exposure to adverse events.
- **The majority of youth were exposed to 6 or more events**
- Girls reported greater exposure to all adverse events, except physical abuse and traumatic loss.
(Abram et al., 2004); (Ford et al., 2007)(NCTSN).

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Trauma and Behavior



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Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice Approaches



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Essential Elements (NCTSN)

Essential Elements of a Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice System

1. Trauma-informed policies and procedures
2. Identification and screening of youth who have been traumatized
3. Clinical assessment and intervention for trauma-impaired youth
4. Trauma-informed programming and staff education
5. Prevention and management of secondary traumatic stress (STS)
6. Trauma-informed partnering with youth and families
7. Trauma-informed cross system collaboration
8. Trauma-informed approaches to address disparities and diversity

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Exercise

Trauma-Informed Juvenile Court Self-Assessment

- Work with a colleague or colleagues on elements 4, 5, and/or 8