

# Preparing Future Teachers in Trauma-Informed Practices

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## Did you know?

In 2014 Massachusetts enacted a law to establish a statewide framework for safe and supportive schools, and assist schools in creating safe and supporting learning environments. Trauma sensitivity is integral to this framework.

First and foremost, we want to send everyone well wishes during this difficult time. We hope you and your families are healthy and safe.

## Updates:

Our initiative was presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Work Mental & Behavioral Health Conference in Denver, CO on January 31, 2020.

We were featured in the MSU Denver RED publication. Check it out [here!](#)

While we had to cancel our last Spring 2020 student Trauma-Informed Practices (TIP) professional development, we had excellent turnout at the PDs we did hold this semester, with nearly 100 participants.

In January we held a TIP professional development for School of Education faculty and staff, and had over 40 participants.

TIP content will be integrated into at least 14 additional School of Education (SOE) courses during the 2020-2021 academic year.

## Upcoming Events:

TIP faculty PD: **Friday, May 1 from 11:30-2:00** we will host a professional development specifically for faculty integrating TIP into their courses. We will hold this event virtually if necessary. [RSVP HERE](#)

Community Event: We have rescheduled our community event for **Thursday, September 10 from 5:45-8:00pm**. Please [RSVP HERE](#).

## TIP strategies for the classroom:

Try using a different lens when we catch ourselves labeling students in negative ways. Instead of labeling a student as “resistant”, for example, we can remind ourselves that this student may be mistrustful because she was hurt in the past. Instead of calling a student “attention-seeking”, we can remind ourselves this student may be looking to connect with us, and is trying to do so the only way he learned how!

<sup>1</sup>Retrieved from <https://quizlet.com/455128626/understanding-trauma-and-its-impact-activity-3-flash-cards/>

## Want to learn more?

Check out [Sydney Jensen's TEDTalk](#) on supporting the emotional well-being of students *and* teachers.

Questions, comments or ideas? Want to get involved?

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