

# A MITIE Mission

To develop, support, and advance the field of trauma-informed education.

The Institute seeks to provide an arena for scholars, researchers, and practitioners to convene and to learn about the latest best practices in trauma-informed and trauma-engaged education.



## The Institute (MITIE) launched in 2021 with big goals to:

- Establish a sustainable model for trauma-informed education.
- Create professional development courses and resources to expand the knowledge basis of trauma-informed and trauma-engaged education.
- Build a pipeline of teachers, social workers, and professionals who are knowledgeable about trauma-informed and trauma-engaged education.
- Increase the number of schools that adopt trauma-informed approaches.

## **Impacts of Trauma**

Over two thirds of youth report experiencing at least 1 traumatic event by age 16.



Traumatic experiences can include:



- Abuse or neglect
- School violence
- Racialized violence
- Natural disasters
- Immigration
- Food or housing insecurity
- Household member with mental health or substance abuse issues

A child is abused or neglected every 48 seconds on average in the U.S. That is over 650,000 children each year.





More than 170,000 children have lost a parent due to Covid-19, as of October 2021.

Data from the CDC and National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative.



## **Four Core MITIE Strategies:**

#### **Senior Fellows**

Establish a group of 20+ trauma experts in different fields who serve as consulting specialists and meet bi-monthly for roundtable Think Tank discussions.

### **Research & Policy**

Support annual Research Fellowship opportunities to expand knowledge and resources on traumainformed education practices and assessment.

Develop criteria for trauma-informed schools and districts and consult to inform policy development and standards at the state and federal level.

### **Practitioner Development**

Provide continuing and professional development opportunities for both pre-service and practicing teachers, social workers, and administrators.

Create an online repository of shared tools and resources for trauma-informed education.

#### **Trauma-Informed School Network**

Certify and scale the number of schools that fulfill standards, show results, and make progress towards trauma-informed education practices.

Publicly recognize teachers, principals, and administrators who develop, activate, and share best practices for trauma-informed education.

### **Questions?**

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