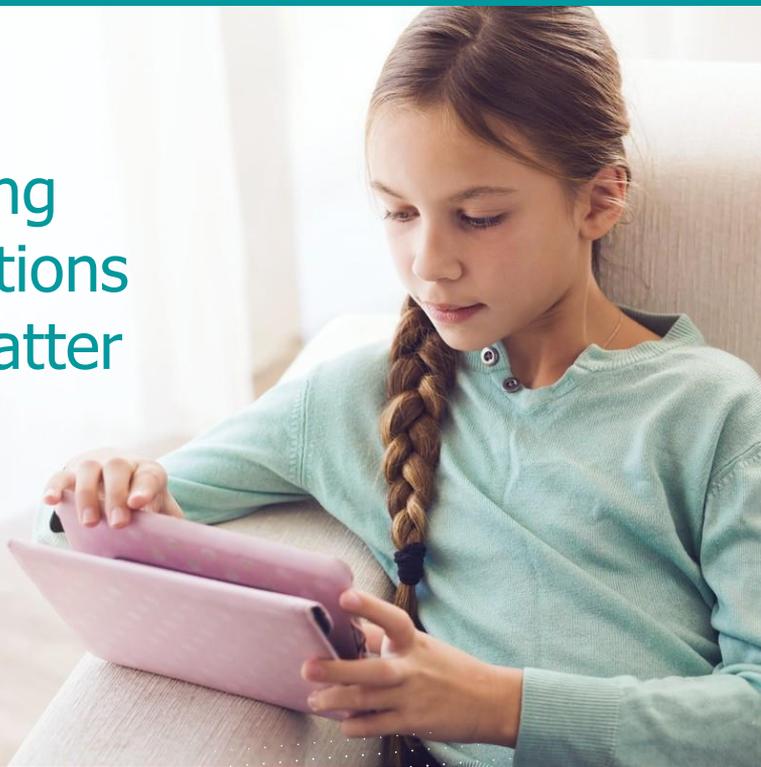
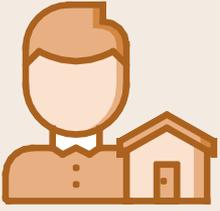


# Making Connections That Matter



Telemental Health  
Trauma Treatment  
Network

Montana



## The Need

Children who experience sexual and other types of abuse benefit from trauma-informed and evidence-based therapy.

## The Challenge

Children living in rural and remote areas of the state often do not have access to trained and experienced therapists.

## The Solution

Connect children being served by CACs in rural or remote areas with trained therapists through a network of professionals who can provide trauma-focused, evidence-based telemental health (TMH) services.



## Our Commitment

Participants in this network will have access to the training and consultation needed to provide trauma-informed, evidence-based therapy using a TMH approach. In spring 2021, therapists already trained in TF-CBT who register to join the Network will receive FREE specialized training on effective TF-CBT delivery using a telemental health format.

## Join Us

Children's Alliance of Montana is partnering with Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center to develop and support this network. To find out more, call 406-672-2136 or send an email to [director@childrensalliancemt.org](mailto:director@childrensalliancemt.org)



# Who are we seeking to join the Network?

We are seeking therapists licensed in the state of Montana who:

- Understand the unique impact of intense traumatic stress on children;
- Have devoted or wish to devote a significant portion of their practice to becoming very effective in treating traumatized children and working with their families;
- Have specialized training in one or more evidence-based or evidence-informed trauma treatment models or who wish to develop this expertise and are willing to participate in such training/consultation;
- Have met or are willing to meet state requirements for delivery of telemental health;
- Ideally have some experience in delivery of treatment via telemental health.



# How will you benefit from participating in the Network?

- Ability to **expand your caseload** through typical reimbursement strategies and do so in the hours most convenient for you;
- Opportunity to **gain additional proficiency** in providing trauma-informed, evidence-based therapy using a telemental health format;
- **Access to no cost specialized training** in delivery of TF-CBT via telemental health;
- **Access to age-appropriate supplies for children** that are specifically selected to enhance delivery of TF-CBT via telemental health;
- **Technical assistance from leading national experts** in the implementation of a trauma-focused telemental health program;
- Opportunity to **engage with other trauma specialists** across the state and build mutually supportive relationships;
- **Client matching** through the network of rural Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) in Montana;
- **On the ground local CAC support** of children and families, as well as, **professional connections** to help you understand local culture and events that impact the therapeutic process;
- **Opportunity to actively participate** in the development and growth of the rural support network.

# What commitments must a therapist make to be part of the Network?

## Training

Network members who have already completed instructor-led TF-CBT training and consultation will be offered free specialized training in telemental health delivery of TF-CBT.

## Caseload

After a startup period, participating therapists are asked to commit to serving at least 10 children per year who live in rural areas and are referred by a Children's Advocacy Center.

## Reimbursement

Therapists will bill as they do for other local clients. CAM will explore additional funding streams with an eye toward securing enhanced reimbursements for this service.

## Peer Networking & Support

Network members will be able to participate in at least 6 peer learning/mentoring sessions each year for information sharing, discussion, and support.

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Network-sponsored training will be provided by clinicians who have conducted extensive research in delivering evidence-based practices, and who pioneered telemental health delivery of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT) well ahead of the current COVID crisis.

# Development of the Network is supported by:



Western Regional  
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

## **Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (WRCAC)**

provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to reduce the prevalence and adverse impact of child maltreatment by ensuring all children have access to a high-quality, multi-disciplinary response to abuse that is coordinated, evidence-based and trauma-informed. To learn more about WRCAC's efforts, please contact [dsawyeri@rchsd.org](mailto:dsawyeri@rchsd.org).

WRCAC is a program of the Chadwick Center for Children and Families at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego.



**Children's Alliance of Montana (CAM)** is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and the accredited state chapter of the National Children's Alliance. As a membership organization, CAM supports the development, growth, and sustainability of CACs and their MDT partners through training, technical assistance, networking & peer support, research, funding, and advocacy. There are currently 10 accredited, 2 satellite and 9 developing CACs and 5 forensic interview facilities in Montana.

CAM is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance.

# Help child victims heal from the trauma of abuse.



To learn more about Montana's Telemental Health Trauma Treatment Network, please contact:

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