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The Child Advocacy Training and Support Center (CATS)

The Child Advocacy Training and Support Center (CATS) in the Department of Psychiatry at Baystate Medical Center is a national training center that provides education and resources to support evidence-based, trauma-informed care across the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) system.

The CATS Center team highlights the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) curriculum and trainers. It supports CACs and works to increase access to trauma-informed services for children and their families.

Trainings are customizable to specific CAC needs.

The NCTSN curriculum is available for multidisciplinary teams, including:

- Foundations for Outreach through Experiential Child Advocacy Studies Training (FORECAST)
- Core Curriculum for Childhood Trauma (CCCT)
- Trauma Informed Organizational Assessment (TIOA)
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT – available to Mental Health Clinicians only)

Additional trainings topics for multidisciplinary teams includes:

- Developing a trauma-informed team
- Managing secondary traumatic stress
- Problematic sexual behaviors
- Commercial sexual exploitation of children

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