

Trauma Think Tank

Recognizing the tremendous impact of trauma on those served by DHS, a new Trauma Think Tank has been established to ensure staff and partner organizations are informed and comfortable around the topics of trauma, resiliency, and wellness.

The Trauma Think Tank is a result of research conducted through the [Breakthrough Series Collaborative \(BSC\)](#). Led by Robin Orlando-Price, integrated engagement practice and assessment manager, and Joseph Martin, systems integration specialist, of Integrated Programs, this cross-system work group examines topics around trauma, seeking opportunities for systems improvements while also working to create linkages between programs and resources. Group participants include DHS staff members, provider agencies and physicians.

“Although the BSC was a one-year process, I’m exceedingly proud of the fact that this focus on trauma has not only sustained, but continued to grow,” said Robin. “Through the Think Tank, we’ve been able to work with multiple program offices and various providers to generate ideas and opportunities. We are truly creating a strong foundation that will allow us to make great strides in this area.”

In 2017, the Trauma Think Tank will be organizing a speaker series at locations around Allegheny County focusing on trauma and its effects. Those interested in becoming involved in the planning of the speaker series, or attending the next Trauma Think Tank meeting (to be held January 18 at 10 a.m. in the Homestead Grays conference room at 1 Smithfield Street), should contact Joe Martin at joseph.martin@alleghenycounty.us or 412-323-2106.