

Trauma

Primary Resources

Title, Date & Author	Brief Synopsis	Additional Notes
<p>National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Justice System Consortium. (2009). <i>Helping traumatized children: Tips for judges</i>. Los Angeles, CA & Durham, NC: National Center for Child Traumatic Stress.</p>	<p>This article highlights the importance of judges understanding trauma (not just PTSD) in children and adolescents, in choosing the appropriate mode of treatment (i.e. agencies, practitioners, service providers, etc). The effects of trauma on children and adolescents, as well as, identifying traumatic stress reactions in children (by age group outlined in a helpful chart) is discussed.</p>	<p>Article is brief but very helpful, with numerous citations.</p>
<p>Buffington, K., Dierkhising, C. B., & Marsh, S. C. (2010). <i>Ten things every juvenile court judge should know about trauma and delinquency</i>. Reno, NV: National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.</p>	<p>This article (identified as a “technical assistance bulletin”) highlights ten areas involving trauma and delinquency, with which judges should familiarize themselves so they can “...best assist traumatized youth who enter the juvenile justice system.” Different types of trauma as well as the pervasive and long term consequences of trauma are discussed. As stated in the article, research has clearly shown that the majority of youth in the juvenile justice system have experienced trauma. It is incumbent on the juvenile court judge to be trauma-informed in order to reach the most effective result in each case.</p> <p>The article provides helpful definitions of key relevant terms (i.e. different types of trauma, also hypervigilance, resiliency, among others. While this article primarily discusses youth in the delinquency system, it is relevant for shared case responsibility youth in the dependency system.</p>	<p>Excellent overview of the issues involving trauma and delinquent youth; short and to the point. Good suggestions for Juvenile Judge to encourage Trauma Assessments, among other system-wide changes. Several related websites and citations are also included.</p>