SOURCE'S TRAUMA COUNSELLING PROGRAM

MOSAIC STAR EVENT

I Can, You Can, We Can: Strengthen Students in Response to Racism MAY 19TH, 2022 Naina Menon MA, RCC Trauma Counsellor <u>nmenon@sourcesbc.ca</u> 604-541-4839

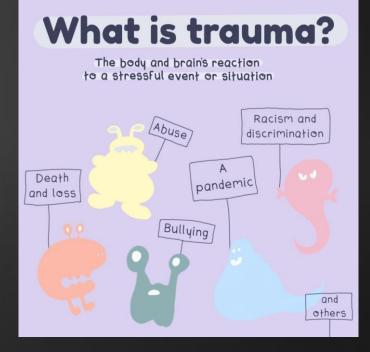
What is trauma?

DEF. The lasting emotional response of having gone through a distressing event. It overwhelms a person's capacity to cope. This can include a single event or multiple experiences that lead to an overload of the mind and body's abilities to process.

Some significant components of trauma are:

- The feeling of being unsafe
- Feeling your sense of self is threatened.
- Unable to regulate one's emotions.

Vanderkolk, B., 2019 Center for healthcare strategies, 2020





Coping with Racial Trauma, n.d. Anti-racism resources, n.d. A race-based trauma is when an individual has experienced an emotionally painful, sudden, and uncontrollable racist encounter.

Some of the consequences of having experienced this can look like this:

- Depression
- Anger
- Recurring thoughts of the event
- Low self-esteem, among others.

Types of Racisms:

- Interpersonal: the racism that is experienced between individuals.
- Systemic: racism prevalent within or across a society

Micro-aggressions

- Def. Microaggressions are along a continuum from being very deliberate and conscious to being outside one's conscious behavior.
- O 3 types:
 - Microassault: Typical, deliberate, discriminatory behaviors.
 - Microinsult: Behaviors resulting in subtle discrimination against/insulting people based on race, sexual orientation, gender, and so on.
 - Microinvalidation: Attacks one's racial identity and self-esteem

Micro-Aggression Contd.

Areas of Microagression:

O RACIAL

• SEXUAL ORIENTATION

O DISABILITY

O GENDER

O ENVIRONMENTAL: Hostile and invalidating climate.

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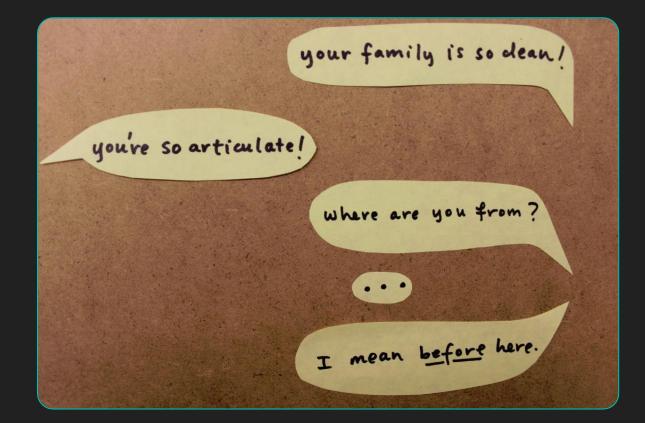
"Someone commenting on how well an Asian American speaks English, which presumes the Asian American was not born here, is one example of a microaggression."

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDd3bzA745

EXTRA:

https://youtu.be/ZahtlxW2CIQ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFSkLZzjx0w



How can counseling help?

AWARENESS

SUPPORT AND VALIDATION

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO EXPRESS YOURSELF

A SAFE SPACE TO CHALLENGE CERTAIN SOCIAL NORMS

TOOLS TO HELP ADVOCATE FOR SELF AND OTHERS

Trauma Counselling Services-Stopping the Violence Program

Those identifying as women with childhood trauma

Those identifying as women who have experienced interpersonal violence

Serve women with dual diagnoses however our specialty is in trauma and recovery

Serve women aged 19+ with some exceptions

Provide rapid access to trauma informed physicians (Thanks to the Division of Family Practice)

The closest forensic examination facility is at Surrey Memorial

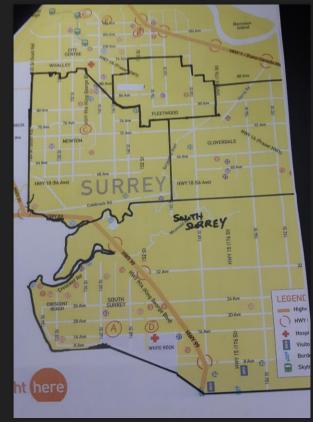
Resource and Referrals (Transition houses, Income supports, Work programs etc.)

Outreach and Preventative Education

TWO PROGRAMS



Trauma Counselling Program





Referral Process

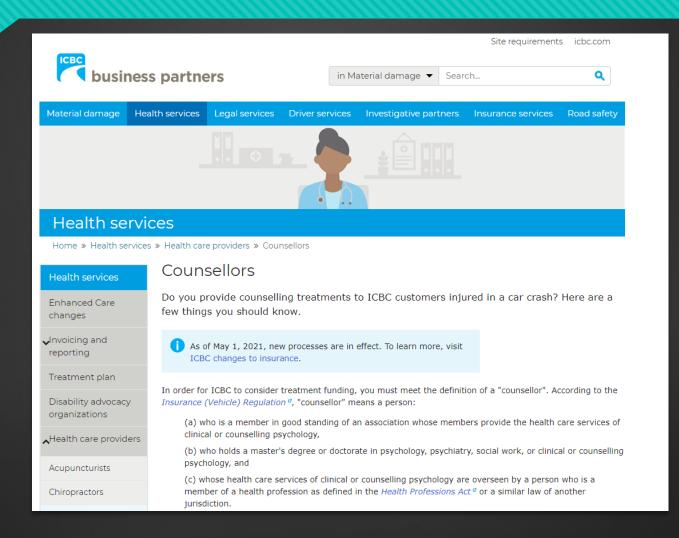
Crime Victims Assistance Program

The Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP) provides benefits to Victims of violent crime in accordance with the Crime Victim Assistance Act and its regulations.

The program may also provide benefits to Immediate Family Members of an injured or deceased victim of crime, as well as Witnesses to the crime with a close personal relationship to the victim.

- Serve men, women and adolescents that have been the victim of crime
- Applied for and received counseling benefits through CVAP
- Key eligibility criteria:
 - The crime must have taken place in BC
 - The crime must have been reported within a year unless it was a sexual assault.

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EAP SERVICES

Serve men, women, and adolescents that have experienced interpersonal violence.

Applied for and received counseling benefits through their Employee Assistance Program.

Other Supports and Services

Peer Support while waiting for counselling, safe spaces to attend counselling, childcare program (new)

Resources and Referral

Suds. Duds and Scrubs – Clothing, Laundry and Shower facilities (currently closed due to COVID)

We offer supervision and external consultation

A variety of constantly changing group counselling options(Healing Arts, DBT, Anger, Boundaries and Communication)

We offer Trauma Informed Training (fee for service) Ve offer preventative outreach services to change the systemic nature of violence



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