

Program Excellence Is EVERYWHERE

We often hear adults saying "children are resilient, they always bounce back." This notion might be more than less true for children who experience "trauma" from a distance. But, when children are routinely terrorized, their ability to "bounce back" diminishes until they are no longer resilient to a regular diet of abuse and neglect.

At this year's PCSAO Conference I had the pleasure of participating in a workshop conducted by the Cincinnati Therapeutic Interagency Program (TIP). This program is doing VERY EXCITING things for children who are experiencing developmental delays, demonstrating maladaptive behavior, and are finding it difficult to manage their feelings due to an ongoing history of child abuse and neglect, family violence or other stressful family issues.

In partnership with the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, Cincinnati Center for Developmental Disorders, Head Start, and the Cincinnati Public School System, this collaborative partnership is helping children prepare for a successful life in the face of horrendous early childhood experiences. An interdisciplinary team of child development specialists, social workers, early childhood educators, speech and language pathologists, mental health professionals and other professionals (pediatricians, psychologists, etc.) collaborate to improve the quality of life outcomes for children who are birth through age five.

If your county has been interested in developing a similar collaborative program contact TIP (513) 636-4321 or (513) 636-8384. ■