



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Between Ocean State Trauma Informed Community Coalition (OSTICC) and
New **Community Member:** _____

(Print Name)

OSTICC Vision: Rhode Island, a trauma informed community
OSTICC Mission is to develop a collaborative of community stakeholders to provide the vision, organization, training, and leadership to actively promote an understanding of trauma informed approaches and how to create a more welcoming community across the State of Rhode Island.

As a party to this MOU, I join with the Ocean State Trauma Informed Community Coalition in my understanding that:

- A proven correlation exists between the occurrence of trauma, adversity and toxic stress, with serious, costly medical, emotional and behavioral health challenges;
- The cumulative effects of these problems severely impact both individuals and society, often manifesting as debilitating illness, addictions, insecurities, depression, and other mental or emotional disturbances, as well as developmental disorders, poor school performance and educational outcomes, joblessness, poverty, domestic violence, abuse/neglect, homelessness, prostitution, incarceration, early death and suicide;
- OSTICC is committed to addressing the causes and consequences of previously unrecognized and unaddressed trauma through coordinated and comprehensive community efforts;
- OSTICC actively supports the vision and purpose of all communities that provide their citizens with trauma-related resources: education, guidance, prevention and assistance with healing.

I will strive to:

- Attend OSTICC's monthly Open Forum Meetings and other events;
- Serve on at least one of OSTICC related Work Groups or Committees; and
- Participate in projects and programs that address the mission of OSTICC.

As an OSTICC member, I agree also to inform, connect, transform, and heal by:

1. Keeping informed of the growing availability of Trauma-Informed approaches and practices.
2. Expanding my understanding of the impact of trauma, including PTSD, and the differences between its management and its resolution;
3. Practicing and promoting trauma sensitivity among my friends, family and co-workers, some of whom struggle daily with trauma-related challenges the rest of us may know nothing about.

This MOU will remain in effect indefinitely; either party may terminate the MOU upon written notice to the other.

Community Member	Date	Email	Phone
OSTICC Director or Officer			Date

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