



• Developmental Trauma and Trauma-Informed Schools: Theory, Practice, and Implementation •

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Dave Melnick, LICSW, has been a clinical social worker for 30 years, working with children, teens, families and adults. Dave has also provided consultation and training to over 50 schools in Vermont over the past decade. He is a highly respected trainer and consultant, and is known for providing sound clinical information and practical strategies to professionals and caregivers.

Who Should Attend: This workshop/course is appropriate for PK-12 educators.

This workshop and course will focus on the global impact that chronic traumatic stress has on the developing child. Research and clinical practice has helped clarify the expansive effects of chronic trauma, often referred to as the “Seven Domains of Impairment” (The National Child Traumatic Stress Network). Participants will examine these seven domains with an eye towards their application by educators and schools, noting the specific and often innovative strategies necessary to help children learn and develop. We will also examine many innovative approaches to building “trauma-informed schools,” developed through combined efforts from mental health providers, neuroscientists, educators, and school administrators. Through a mixture of didactic teaching, student consultations, videotape, and activities, participants will increase both their theoretical understanding of complex trauma and their confidence in working with a broad variety of youth impacted by traumatic events.

In addition to the workshop, the 3-credit course option will support learners in meeting these objectives:

1. Increase knowledge of the impacts of traumatic stress across the child's lifespan.
2. Learn and apply the “Seven Domains of Impairment” to their work setting.
3. Increase understanding of the unique and innovative strategies necessary to address traumatic stress.
4. Study various models for “trauma-informed schools” and develop a proposal for their own work place.

Workshop: 2/16/17 ~ Capitol Plaza

Course: **2/16, + 3/10, 4/6, 5/5, 6/10**
Comfort Inn ~ Berlin, VT

Cost: **Workshop \$190**
Workshop + Course ~ \$1590

Time: **8:30-3:30**



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