



Trauma Response and the Criminal Justice System: A Virtual Summit on Knowledge, Healing, and Resilience

“Handle With Care Law Enforcement- Schools Trauma Informed Communication System: Background and Overview “- Jeff Aaron

Handle With Care is a program that originated in West Virginia in 2013 to target the lasting impacts being on the scene of law enforcement and/or emergency services activity can have on youth by providing communication to the schools to provide services for students who may be in need. This session will provide an overview of direct and community trauma along with a brief overview of the Handle With Care System.

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Jeffrey Aaron, Ph.D. is a clinical forensic psychologist. Currently he is the Juvenile Justice and Behavioral Health Program manager for the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, he previously spent almost 18 years at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA), Virginia’s only public psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents. Dr. Aaron is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry & Neurobehavioral Sciences at the University of Virginia Medical School and associate faculty at the Institute of Law, Psychiatry & Public Policy at the University of Virginia. He has published in areas of coping with stress, trauma, and forensic psychological evaluation, provided incited testimony before the Virginia House and Senate, and has presented across the country on topics including forensic mental health evaluation, adolescent development and legal decision-making, coping with traumatic loss, and clinical assessment of children and adolescents.