
What is the Livingston County Trauma Informed Assessment Steering Committee (TISC)?

The Livingston County Trauma Informed Assessment Steering Committee is a team of professionals from area human service organizations that work to provide oversight and evaluations of all Livingston County Trauma Informed Assessments.

The Livingston County TISC team assesses and either accepts or declines case referrals based on specific criteria and community priorities.

LACASA serves as the lead agency in the Livingston County Trauma Informed Assessment project. In this role, LACASA houses the project, coordinates the planning and development, supervises the program, provides budget oversight and maintains documentation/reporting for the program.

What other services does

LACASA offer?

LACASA provides a wide range of programs and services for survivors of domestic violence, of sexual assault and child abuse. Our work with survivors and their family/friends is free and confidential, client centered, non-judgmental and focused on an empowerment model.

LACASA services include:

- ◆ 24 Hour Crisis Lines
- ◆ Emergency and Transitional Shelter
- ◆ Counseling, Support Groups
- ◆ On Call Response
- ◆ Batterer's Treatment Groups
- ◆ Prevention and Education Services
- ◆ Systems Change
- ◆ Community Coordination

Community Affiliates

LACASA

2895 W. Grand River Avenue, Howell, MI 48843
24-Hour Toll-Free Crisis Line
866-522-2725
www.lacasa1.org

Livingston County Community Mental Health Child and Adolescent Services
517-548-0081

Livingston County Department of Human Services
517-548-0200

LESA
517-546-5550

Livingston County Probate Courts
517-546-3750

Karen Bergbower and Associates
810-225-9550

LACASA Mission Statement

LACASA believes that crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse must be eliminated from our society; therefore, LACASA supports and shelters victimized adults and children, educates the community and encourages positive action.

Abuse crosses all lines, including race, gender, sexual orientation, physical/mental abilities, age, religion and income.

LACASA is committed to serving all individuals.



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*Working to end domestic violence,
sexual assault and child abuse*



What is the purpose of the Trauma Informed Assessment?

A Trauma Informed Assessment is provided for children who have experienced physical or emotional trauma due to child abuse or neglect. The assessment team uses a series of specialized evaluation tools to explore how trauma has affected the child's functioning cognitively, affectively, behaviorally and physiologically.

By gathering information from multiple areas of a young person's life the team is able to provide recommendations based on his/her unique history of experiences. The recommendations are focused on improving the child's day-to-day functioning and supporting his/her safety in the community.

Who should receive a Trauma Informed Assessment?

Trauma informed assessments are intended for children who have been exposed to potentially traumatic events that can affect child functioning within the cognitive, affective, behavioral, and physiological domains.

Early detection of child trauma can minimize psychological and physiological risk to these complex and challenging children.

Where will the Assessment take place?

The Trauma Assessments are completed at LACASA, 2895 W. Grand River Ave., Howell, Michigan 48843

What are the eligibility requirements to have a Trauma Informed Assessment?

A child who meets the following criteria:

- ◆ Livingston County Resident or in the jurisdiction of Livingston County
- ◆ SED (Serious Emotional Disorder): Defined as a diagnosable mental, behavioral or emotional disorder affecting a child
- ◆ 0-18 Years of age
- ◆ Experience of trauma, abuse or neglect

The child must also meet one of the following criteria:

- ◆ In, or at risk of, out of home placement
- ◆ Received or is receiving services from multiple systems or agencies
- ◆ Received or is receiving services however, reaction to trauma continues to escalate or is not benefiting from those services

Who will conduct the Trauma Informed Assessment?

Trauma Informed Assessments will be provided by a trained interdisciplinary team of professionals from Livingston County. The team includes area social workers, medical doctors, occupational therapists and speech therapists.

The Team was trained and has on-going connection and consultation opportunities with the Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center, a nationally recognized provider of trauma assessments.

How do I make a referral?

Any community member may make a referral. Please follow the instructions below to make a referral.

1. Complete the referral form, authorization form and other required information which is available for download on the LACASA website at www.lacasa1.org.
2. Submit the required information to LACASA by fax 517.548.3034 or mail (see reverse).
3. LACASA will present the information to the oversight committee for approval or denial.
4. LACASA will contact the referral source with the decision of the oversight committee.

How are the results shared?

Following a Trauma Informed Assessment an assessment team will complete a report which details their findings and recommendations.

A Team Leader, LACASA Advocate, will then review the report results with the referral source and other parties as requested.

