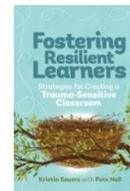


Montana ASCD PRESENTS
Trauma Is A Word Not A Sentence
with author Kristin Souers



MTASCD Summit
Monday, July 30, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena, MT



Summit Description

Childhood trauma is real, & it is more prevalent than we might believe. In this engaging, relevant, & practical session, learn from childhood trauma expert Kristin Souers about the importance of trauma informed practices in the school setting. Participants will be provided with opportunities to reflect on information centered around the role that trauma plays in the school environment; the importance of self-awareness & regulation & strategies to support these in the school setting; the power of relationships & the role they play in the establishment & maintenance of school safety; the importance of self-care & the need for the professionals to have tools & strategies to support their own health. This professional development experience is for **teachers, administrators, school counselors, psychologists & community health professionals**. It will emphasize strength-based approach to use with students, families, fellow faculty, school personnel & community members.

Intended Professional Learning Outcomes

Participants will

- deepen their understanding of the prevalence of childhood trauma & the impact of trauma and toxic stress on learning and development of the Whole Child.
- explore multiple strategies for education staff & community members to utilize with children who have (known and unknown) trauma histories – helping to sustain learning-ready states.
- collaborate to identify best practices associated with trauma-informed care that they can implement into their workplace settings.
- reflect on how this information impacts their role & their overall health, collecting several suggestions for self-care and self-awareness.



Kristin Souers, MA LMHC, has dedicated herself to the improvement of people's lives for over two decades. As a licensed mental health counselor, she has provided counseling services to individuals, couples, and families. With a history of working in the fields of early learning, law enforcement, education, and mental health, she has been able to develop an extensive knowledge base. This, partnered with her expertise in complex trauma, the impact of violence, crisis management, counseling, and trauma-informed care, has allowed her to partner with professionals around the development of trauma-informed practices in a multitude of settings. The award-winning publication, *Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for creating a*

Trauma-Sensitive Classroom Environment (ASCD, 2016), and many articles published in education journals, her most recent "Responding with Care to Students Facing Trauma," (December 2017/January 2018) have strengthened Kristin's impact in education. For more information visit her website

<https://www.fosteringresilientlearners.org/> on Twitter @KristinKSouers or email KSouers@comcast.net.

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REGISTRATION (opens March 19)

Register Online: <http://www.sammt.org/>

Questions? Email: samgw@sammt.org

	By 7/01/18	After 7/02/18
MT ASCD Member	\$130	\$150
*Non-member	\$145	\$165
*Students/Intern	\$100	\$120

Teams (any combination of a community and school team) - For every four people registered, get the fifth registration free.

Optional Book Purchase: \$ 20
Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom Environment (ASCD, 2016)

*includes a one-year MTASCD membership

Included in the Registration Fee

- 6 hours of relevant professional learning with renewal credits available
- Continental breakfast, coffee, catered lunch, and snacks
- Networking with colleagues

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