

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: This resource includes ideas and questions to help supervisors implement Trauma Informed Care (TIC) in supervision. (TIO, 2014)

Trauma Informed Care Supervision: Questions and Ideas Table		
	YOUR PRACTICE/MODELING	QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE TIC IN SUPERVISION
Creating Safety Physical Predictable – consistent Transparent	 Provide Vicarious Trauma Prevention Plans (VTPP) for your staff and yourself. Use session structure for clinical and administration time. Keep case notes and referring to them. Provide physical safety in your office (door closed or open). Know and share agency safety protocols. Know where staff are during the day. 	Have you assessed your office for safety? Any changes recommended? Have you been aware of someone reacting to not feeling safe? To feeling safe? Describe this. How did you feel and react to this? Have you done something to enhance safety? Have you asked others if they feel safe in your space?
Give Power – to Empower Choice Skills	 Provide choice in work space, days and type of cases. Acknowledge when a TI practice is observed. Provide an evaluation of your supervision. Provide needed training and skill development. Model Trauma Education Statements. Role-play for skill development. Request policy changes as needed for staff. Provide concrete solutions and options. Use "non power" language. Develop scripts as needed. 	Have you been aware of someone reacting to feeling powerless? Powerful? Describe this. How did you feel and react to this? Have you done something to restore power?
Value the Individual Compassion Engagement Relationship Attunement	 Be consistent but flexible. Model what we are asking. Be present – attune to the session – session structuring. Attend to the toxic stress "you might experience in this job." Expect and monitor toxic stress. Track content over the weeks. Monitor vacation plans. 	Have you implemented the VTPP? Have you been aware of someone not feeling valued? Feeling valued? Describe this. How did you feel and react to this? Have you done something to value the individual? How do you know someone is engaged with you?