Preventing Suicide in Trauma Treatment

CWiC Emerging Scholar Talk
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What can the City of Brotherly Love do to prevent suicide? It can offer the best possible trauma treatment to the most vulnerable Philadelphians. Through implementation of evidence based trauma treatments, the Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services is working toward a system of recovery across the city. The 2016 CWiC Emerging Scholar Talk provides an orientation to the complex ecosystem of treating mental health disorders for high need, low resource populations.

Does the interaction between trauma and suicidality impede trauma focused treatment? Are the outcomes for youth receiving trauma therapy different depending on suicidality? What external factors impact therapists’ abilities to provide care? The answers to these questions provide a direction for future research and policy governing the implementation of specific interventions for suicide prevention in addition to trauma treatment.