

We can support kids exposed to trauma.



Trauma is not everywhere but it can occur at any time and anywhere!

Handle With Care NC program provides a process for law enforcement to notify schools if they encounter a child at a traumatic scene. Once notified, schools and mental healthcare leaders can provide immediate trauma informed support.

<p>The Issue:</p>	<p>Childhood trauma or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), occurs when kids experience stressful events.</p>	<p>1 in 4 children in school have experiences a traumatic event(Maynard et al., 2019).</p>	<p>These children still have to go to class, carrying the burden of stress/trauma that can interfere with their education experience. Many times, their teachers & school staff aren't even aware of the child's traumatic experiences.</p>
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<p>Solution Step 1</p>	<p>Law enforcement encounter children at a scene, they ask the guardian if the child is in school in the district and if they would like to share a HWC NC notice with the school. Guardians can elect to share the child's name, age, and school with the officer.</p>
<p>Solution Step 2</p>	<p>Officers share a notice, with no specific details of the trauma, with the trauma informed school system.</p>
<p>Solution Step 3</p>	<p>Schools provide trauma sensitive support if it is required. Teachers are trauma informed, school system uses their triage process in the event the child needs additional support.</p>

Contact Community Impact NC at impactcarolina.org for support in implementing HWCNC in your trauma informed community. We can guide communities to unite law enforcement, schools, mental healthcare, and other stake holders to begin introduction of the HWCNC program modeled after HWC WV launched in 2013.

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