

The Unseen Child- Journey through the life of clients we don't see.

Learning Objective:

1. Recognizing the signs of abuse and neglect in children.
2. Learn the risk factors associated with abuse and neglect.
3. Learn how culture impacts a child's access to mental health services.
4. Explore the generational impacts of trauma at the micro and macro level.
5. Explore how to increase access to mental health service in the school based system.

Abstract: In recent years, the prevalence of mental health related issues among children in the school system has increased dramatically. There has been a significant increase in conditions, including depression, anxiety, and traumatic stress, which significantly impact a student's development, academic performance, and social interactions. Educational institutions across the United States have narrowed their focus to establish mental health services that are accessible for students. Take a journey through the life of a student who never received intervention and explore the impacts that trauma had on their development. This presentation will explore the reasons children slip through the cracks of services and learn how one Indiana agency is working to fill the gap.

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