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Poverty as Trauma: Impact on Children and Adolescents Psychosocial, Cognitive and Educational Development

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Trauma can be define as a stressor, an event, or situation that disrupts the equilibrium of the organism. Living in poverty increases children exposure to social and public incivilities, homelessness, social isolation, educational instability/lack of educational opportunities, lack of employment opportunities and related unemployment, incarceration, and reliance on public assistant.

The purpose of this presentation is to: (1) provide an overview of the research showing the correlation between poverty and trauma and its impact on children's and adolescents physical, emotional and intellectual development and subsequent educational outcomes; (2) show the impact of poverty as trauma through culturally diverse lens and (3) provide strategies for trauma informed care.