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Working Together to Heal Trauma: A Training Opportunity for Community Partners

Louisville, KY – Healing TREE, in partnership with the Face It® Movement and Children's Alliance, is convening a two-part training series on trauma and healing for partner agencies and clinicians. Internationally recognized EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing) therapy author and clinician Dr. Jamie Marich of The Institute for Creative Mindfulness is teaching an on-site training in EMDR, an evidence-based treatment modality for trauma.

"I am so grateful that because of our supporters, as well as the support we have received from Face It and the Children's Alliance, we are able to provide training in a treatment modality that I know first-hand is life changing. All of us at Healing TREE are so proud to be able to bring world class training by Dr. Jamie Marich in a brain-body and evidence-based treatment modality to the therapists at the Alliance who are serving the children who need it most in our community," said Marissa Ghavami, Founder and CEO of Healing TREE.

"EMDR therapy is a great addition to our foster care program. EMDR Therapy will supplement our trauma focused approach to enhancing the overall well-being of our kids and empower them as survivors and experts in their own lives, " said attendee Jessica Schneider with Kentucky Intensive Family Services.

The first of the two-part training is September 19 – 21, 2018 at Maryhurst in Louisville and the second will be in February 2019. The cost of the extensive training is being covered 80 percent by Healing TREE with support from Kosair Charities® Face It Movement and additional support from the Children's Alliance. This allows Face It partners and Children's Alliance members to receive the training at a highly

discounted rate, provides training for the highest number of therapists with current funding, and enables them to receive training that may otherwise be cost prohibitive. Upon completing the training, clinicians will have received 52 hours of training including supervision and consultation.

“We are grateful to be partnering with Healing TREE and Face It to offer our members the Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy Training (EMDR). We are overjoyed that this opportunity will train 25 clinicians from around Kentucky in EMDR Therapy allowing it to be used to enable people to heal from the symptoms and distress of past traumas,” said Michelle Sanborn, President of the Children’s Alliance.

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About Healing TREE: Healing TREE (Trauma Resources, Education & Empowerment) is dedicated to transforming how society responds to abuse and interpersonal trauma. As the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study shows, childhood trauma can be the root cause of mental and physical illness, homelessness, domestic violence, addiction, and suicide later in life. Healing TREE connects those who have suffered trauma with resources necessary for healing rather than coping, provides education to professionals across fields and the public at large that promotes awareness, effective intervention and cutting edge treatment and offers empowerment through producing arts projects that encourage a healing movement. This initiative brings training in a leading trauma treatment modality to clinicians serving children in Kentucky, helping achieve Healing TREE’s goal of making healing from trauma the new normal and serving those who need it most. Learn more at www.healingtreenonprofit.org.

About Children’s Alliance: The Children’s Alliance is a member association comprised of over 35 member agencies who provide child welfare and behavioral health services for Kentucky’s most vulnerable and at-risk children and families. The Children’s Alliance’s mission is to improve the well-being of Kentucky’s at-risk children and families by shaping public policy and enhancing member agency programs. For more information, visit <http://www.childrensallianceky.org/>.

About Face It: The Face It® Movement launched in 2013 as an initiative led by Kosair Charities in response to the number of child abuse deaths in the Commonwealth. Face It focuses on a three-pronged approach to addressing child abuse and neglect: promote best practices in child abuse prevention and intervention, build awareness and engage the community, and advocate for effective policies to improve the child welfare system. Learn more at faceitabuse.org. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter at [@faceitabuse](https://www.facebook.com/faceitabuse).