



## 20-hour Immigrant and Refugee Trauma Certificate



NASW PA  
CEUs  
Available!

6 Month 30-Hour Virtual Training via Zoom Thursdays, 2-3:30PM EST,  
November- April 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month

<https://nsc.ticketleap.com/immigrant-and-refugee-trauma-certificate-2024/>

### Investment

Individual/ Small Organization (1-49 staff) : \$250 per person

Medium Organization (50-100 staff): \$350 per person

Large Organization (100+ staff): \$450 per person

\*\* If registering 5 or more staff from same agency, please contact [gsoffer@nscphila.org](mailto:gsoffer@nscphila.org) for group discount

### Facilitator

Gwen Soffer serves Associate Director of Wellness, Trauma-Informed Practice, and Community Culture at NSC, overseeing onsite clinical and holistic trauma-informed wellness programming as well as staff self-care and professional development. She holds a master's degree in Social Work with Trauma Specialty from Widener University. She is TCTSY-F certified through the Center for Trauma and Embodiment at the Justice Resource Institute and has been working in the trauma-informed wellness field for over fifteen years. Gwen is a Certified Trauma Service Specialist and has certifications in Stress Management and the Harvard Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery Certification. She is a member of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists, and the National and Pa. Association of Social Work. She presents regularly on the topic of trauma and wellness including the Pathways for Victims Services Conference, Jefferson University Trauma Training Conference, North American Refugee Health Conference, and the Beau Biden Institute/SOAR Trauma Institute and has published multiple articles and chapters on trauma-informed wellness practices. Her belief in the power of connection and the potential of healing drives her passion for trauma-informed practice.

Contact & Registration Questions

Gwen Soffer at [gsoffer@nscphila.org](mailto:gsoffer@nscphila.org)

## **Overview**

### **11/7/24 and 11/21/24: Trauma 101**

Defining trauma, Fight/flight/freeze response, PTSD and post traumatic stress, Trauma response, Intro to vicarious trauma

### **12/5/24 and 12/19/24: Trauma 102**

Neurobiology of trauma, PTSD/complex trauma, ACEs study, Trauma and the body, Trauma and memory

### **1/2/25 and 1/16/25: Trauma and Culture (visiting presenter)**

Western bias and mental health, Cultural expression of trauma, Special populations, refugees, asylum seekers, trafficking, DV, etc.

### **2/6/25 and 2/20/25: Trauma-Informed Practice**

Agency wide, Case managers, Lawyers, Teachers, Direct service delivery

### **3/6/25 and 3/20/25: Vicarious Trauma**

Signs and symptoms, Warning signs, Trauma Stewardship, Self-Care, Body-based strategies

### **4/3/25 and 4/17/25: Special Interest**

## **About Nationalities Service Center**

Here at Nationalities Service Center, we believe that immigrants and refugees are a critical part of the fabric of life in the United States, and it is our vision that all immigrants and refugees achieve a life of dignity, safety, stability, sustainable opportunities and meaningful connections to their communities. To this end, NSC provides comprehensive services to immigrants and refugees, including legal protections, community integration, employment readiness, access to health and wellness services, and opportunities to achieve English language proficiency.

