

Independent Reflection Time

QUICK LINKS:

- ITTIC Report: <https://bit.ly/ittic-report>
- CTIPP Analysis: <https://bit.ly/2022ctipp-analysis>

Take a few moments to review ITTIC's "[Trauma-Informed Legislative Proposals: 2022 in Review.](#)"

1. Scroll to the area of ITTIC's report that has measures considered in your state. Look at the rightmost column ("Summary of Trauma-Informed Content")

If your state does not have measures listed in the table, reflect on 1-2 neighboring states and consider the prompts below.

What themes/topics do you notice across these measures?

2. How do the themes/topics addressed by those measures align with what you know about the needs in your community/state?

3. Click the link that takes you directly to the state legislature's webpage containing information about any measure(s) that pique your interest.

**Note – sometimes, depending on how a particular state’s legislature website is set up, these links are archived/changed when a new legislative session begins. In that case, you might be able to use an Internet search to retrieve the page’s new location for that measure.*

Notice what information your state legislature makes available for measures under consideration. (e.g., party affiliations of sponsors/co-sponsors, hearing transcripts, memos that explore fiscal impact or go into detail about the intent/background of the policy, hearing testimony, etc.) What strikes you about what you see?

4. Scroll to the part of ITTIC’s document that addresses Federal bills that saw movement in 2022 (p. 114). Among the Federal legislation highlighted (whether made law or not), what most aligns with your vision/the areas in which you most want to see a trauma-informed change? What, specifically, resonates with you about that measure(s)?

5. Now, look at [the post that captures CTIPP’s further report analysis](#). What do you think about the themes highlighted and what is noted about measures’ alignment (or lack thereof) with the dimensions that [CTIPP’s comprehensive trauma-informed vision](#) has

outlined? (See “Legislative Policy Dimensions” section of the post.)



6. Consider the themes/topics that the [CTIPP report](#) highlights as having Bipartisan sponsorship, as well as what is identified as the trauma-informed policy themes/topics that garnered the most support from the party that most aligns with your state and/or local community/Congressional district. What do you notice in terms of possible directions for future advocacy work?



Breakout Groups: Possible Discussion Points

- Introduce yourselves to one another! Exchange names, pronouns, where you are coming from, and what brings you to this work/this discussion today.
 - Remember – you are in charge of your disclosure. 😊
- What is your experience following and/or advocating for TI policy at the local, state, and/or federal levels?

- As you engage with these reports, what are you thinking about/noticing in general?
- What do you know about the priorities and values of the policymakers and stakeholders in your community/state?
 - How do the measures that saw action in 2022 align with those values/priorities?
 - What do you still need to learn to inform your approach to engaging your legislators in advancing trauma-informed policy?
 - Based on what you know now, what might you draw from the reports to inform your advocacy efforts? (e.g., using sample legislative language or concepts proposed in other states to present to your representatives, working toward raising awareness about a new programmatic solution or approach posed in legislation from these reports, etc.)
- What strikes you about the trends highlighted?
 - How does this align with your priorities/values/work (professional or advocacy), or lived experience?
 - What are you most encouraged by?
 - What areas do you want to see more action in?
 - How does reflection on what is already getting attention and support (and what is not) inform your advocacy efforts?
- What opportunities do you notice/feel most important to you when sustaining and building on this momentum in 2023?
 - What is the next *small step* you see yourself taking to advance trauma-informed policy change?
 - What resources that are available/in place might you tap into to support yourself in taking that step?
 - What opportunities for collaboration are present?
 - What additional resources that are yet to exist might be helpful to support you in taking that step?