



BRIDGING SYSTEMS, EMPOWERING LIVES

**BUILDING TRAUMA -INFORMED
ECOSYSTEMS FOR STABILITY & GROWTH**

Presented By:

**CHICAGO'S DEPARTMENT
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SESSION OVERVIEW

This **interactive session** will explore how government services and local partners can **co-create** a trauma-informed, strength-based ecosystem that supports resident's stability and supports empowerment.

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Learn how Chicago creates trauma-informed ecosystems for residents
- Explore collaborative approaches between workforce, homeless services, and community-action agencies.
- Share best practices and co-create practical strategies.

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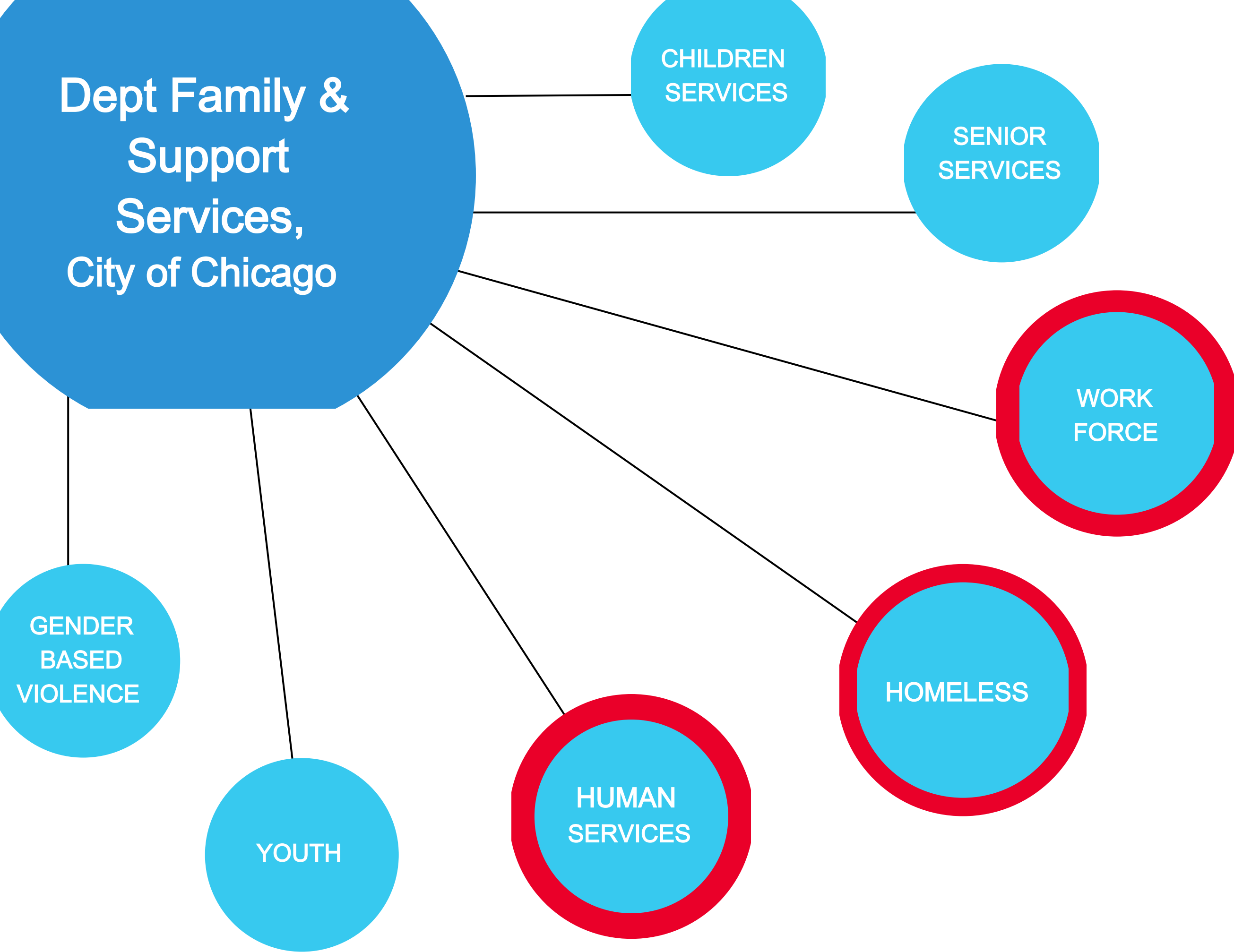
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DFSS MISSION STATEMENT
Working with community partners, we connect Chicago residents and families to resources that build stability, support their well-being, and empower them to thrive.

MEET OUR PANELIST



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WHAT IS A TRAUMA -INFORMED, STRENGTH-BASED ECOSYSTEM?



Collaborative & Coordinated Network of Services



It's not **ONE single program** , but a network of agencies, organizations, and community supports intentionally working together to navigate full circle services for residents' ease, reduce duplication of services, and ensure all residents needs are met.



Resident-Centered Strengths

Services should be designed to uplift strengths, skills, and resiliency **individuals already possess**. This empowers residents as active participants in their healing and growth as compared to passive recipients of their care.



Prioritizes Trust, Safety, & Healing

Many residents have experienced trauma or **systemic barriers that create mistrust**. A trauma-informed system creates environments where people feel physically, emotionally, and culturally safe. Building trust and offering opportunities for healing are at the core of service delivery, as compared to meeting just the immediate needs.



Involves Cross-Sector Partnership

A trauma-informed ecosystem that brings multiple sectors into alignment can respond holistically, addressing interconnected needs in ways that support long-term well-being.



Today's Discussion

In depth exploration of various Chicago's Divisions that have built a trauma-informed, strength-based ecosystem successfully supporting Chicago residents

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CHICAGO'S REENTRY SUPPORT CENTERS

DFSS'S HOMELESS SERVICES

DFSS'S WORKFORCE SERVICES

LET'S COLLABORATE!

BUILDING YOUR ECOSYSTEM

Using the Markers, post it poster, and skills you have, create your own ecosystem for a Chicago resident in need.

1

With your group, review your resident scenario

2

As a team, build the residents' ecosystem of needed support

3

Use the posters and markers to map the residents' journey to security and stability

4

Identify trauma -informed touchpoints




THANK YOU


FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND PARTICIPATION




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