



**From Aspiration to Implementation:
A Framework for Becoming a
Trauma-Informed and Responsive
(TIR) Commonwealth**

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Childhood Trauma Task Force (CTTF)



Created by Criminal Justice Reform Bill
(2018)



Charged with determining how MA can
better identify and provide services to
children who have experienced trauma



Goal is to prevent future juvenile
justice system involvement and
support positive life outcomes for
youth

Framework for Trauma Informed and Responsive Organizations

WHAT

- A guide for organizations that want to be TIR, including:
 - Principles of being TIR
 - Domains of operation in which those principles should be applied

WHO

- Intended audience is any child-serving organization in Massachusetts
- Developed by CTTF members with significant input from subject matter experts and child-serving professionals in Massachusetts

WHY

- Many organizations say they are trauma-informed, but it's not clear that everyone means the same thing when they say that
- CTTF developed this Framework to try and support the development of a common understanding for what it really means to be a TIR Organization in Massachusetts

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Framework for Trauma-Informed and Responsive (TIR) Organizations

The Childhood Trauma Task Force (CTTF) developed a *Framework for Trauma-Informed and Responsive Organizations* to provide child-serving professionals and organizations with a shared understanding of trauma-informed and responsive (TIR) care as well as guidance on how to implement a TIR approach at all levels of an organization.

While the *Framework for Trauma-Informed and Responsive Organizations* provides a general overview of the ways organizations can support children and families who have experienced trauma, the way the *Framework* is applied will vary from sector to sector. To further support professionals and organizations serving children and families in various sectors, the CTTF has developed a curated list of sector-specific resources consisting of guides, toolkits, one-pagers, webinars, and action plans.

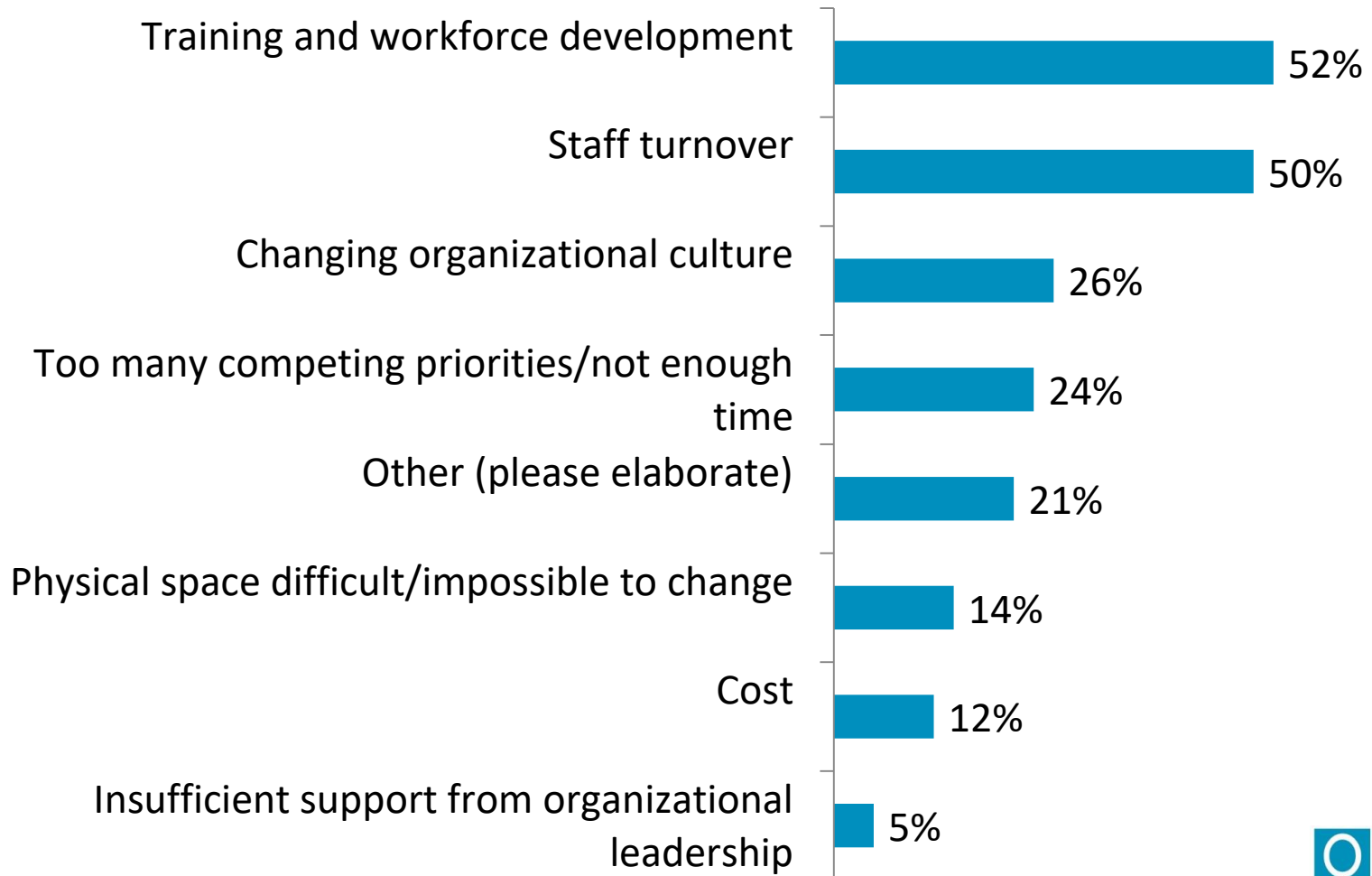
The CTTF hopes to develop more resources connected to the *Framework* over time. In the meantime, the following resources have been selected to provide professionals in child welfare, education, community organizations, healthcare, law enforcement, and the judicial system with more specific suggestions and considerations for making their organizations trauma-informed and responsive.



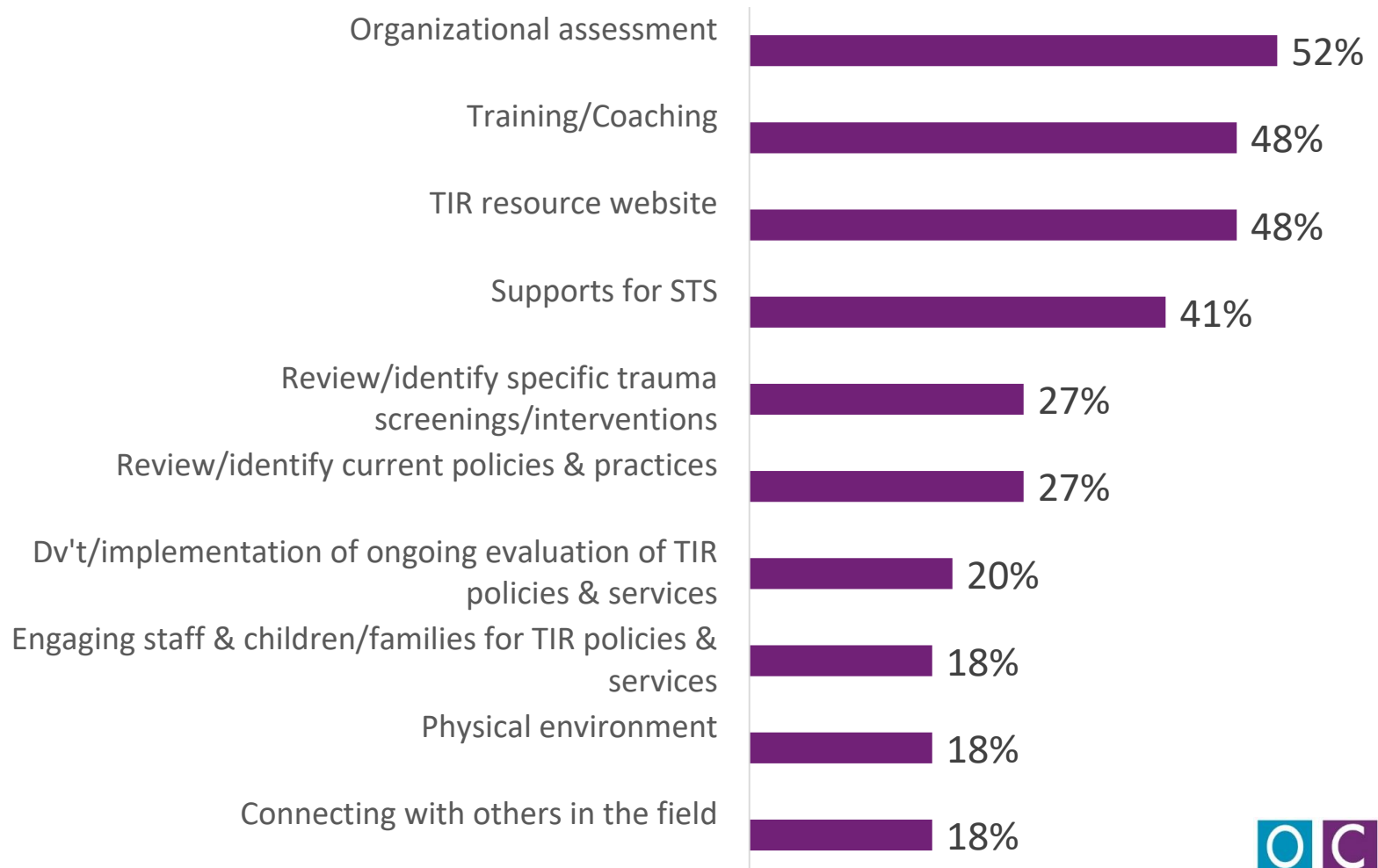
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Implementation Challenges



Implementation Supports Needed



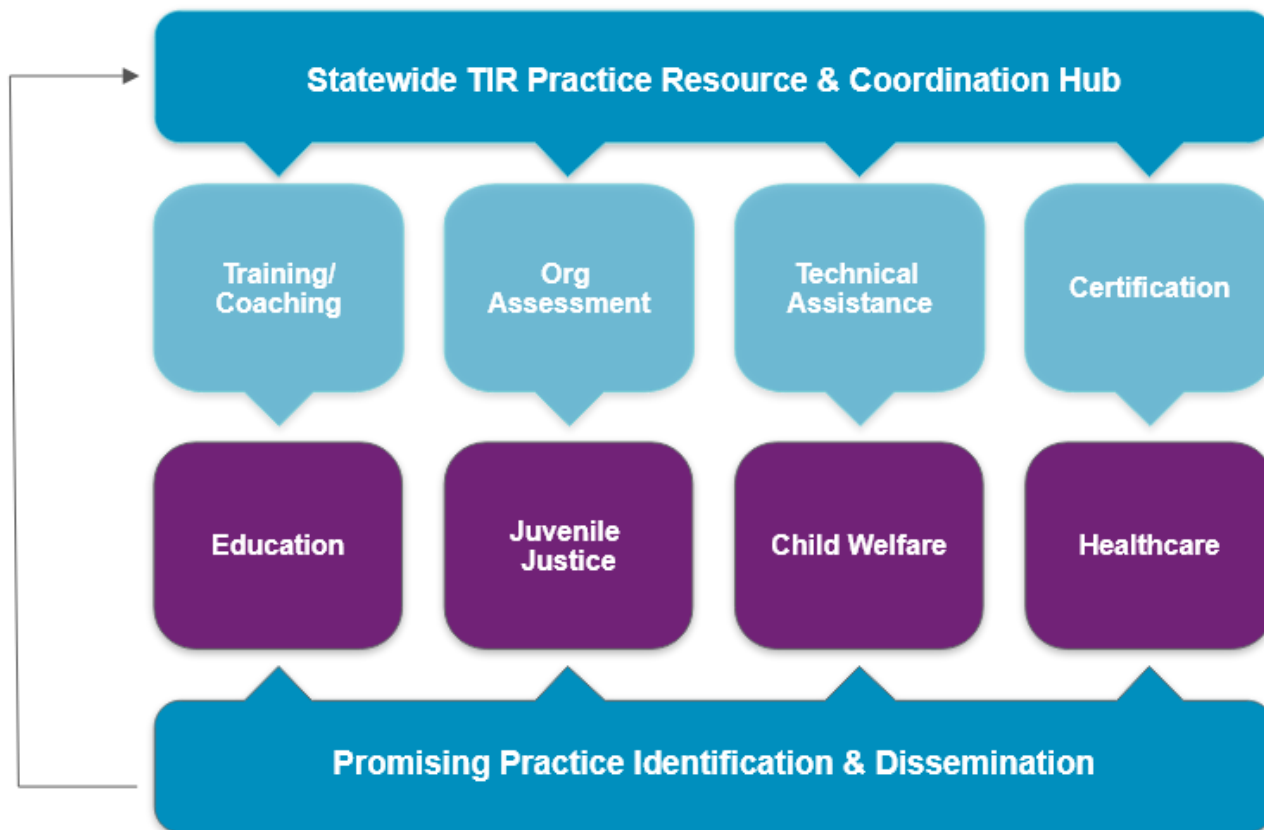
High Priority Supports Identified by CTTF

1. Sector-Specific Implementation
Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)
2. Statewide TIR Practice Advancement
Resource & Coordination Hub
3. Quality Assurance Support

CTTF 2020 Recommendation 1: State Agencies Should Adopt the *Framework*

- Adopt the *Framework's* Principles of TIR care
- Implement the *Framework* in all Domains
- Eventually, require that provider organizations adopt and implement the *Framework* into RFRs
- Revise policies/procedures in conflict with organizations' ability to implement the *Framework*

CTTF 2020 Recommendation 2: Create a Center on Child Wellness & Trauma



Introducing HandholdMA.org



- A family-friendly website designed for parents/caregivers who are worried about their child's mental health
- Created by a team of mental health and child development experts in partnership with parents who have “been there”
- Partnership between EOHHS, DMH, and OCA

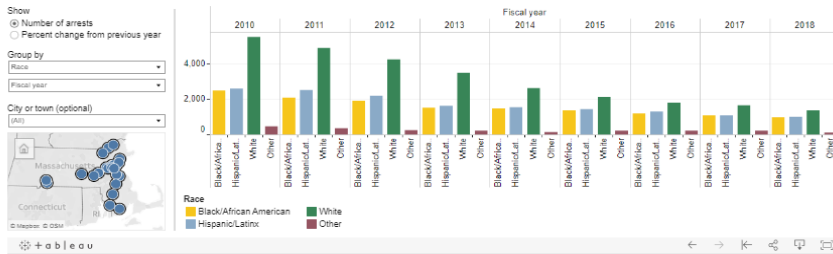
Improving Data Availability: New Juvenile Justice Data Website

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Demographics of youth arrests, statewide and by selected cities

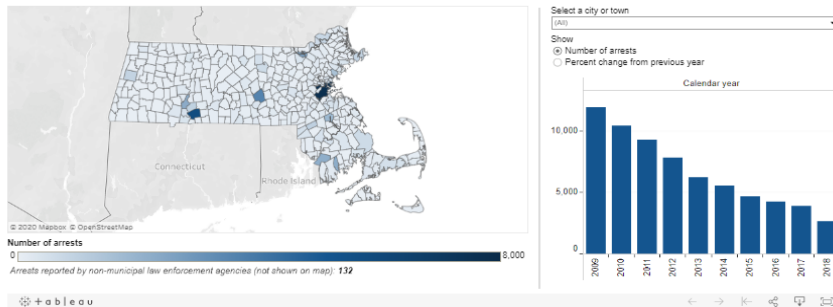


Statewide youth arrests are shown by race, gender, and age group for each fiscal year since 2010. Arrests by demographics can be viewed for selected cities with a population above 50,000. Beginning in FY19, youth under 12 can no longer be arrested or prosecuted in the juvenile justice system as a result of "An Act Relative to Criminal Justice Reform."

[Download this data](#)

Hover over a city/town in the map below to see total custodial arrests between 2009-2018. Click on the city/town on the map, or choose it from the drop down menu on the right, to see how many custodial arrests occurred by calendar year. For an explanation of where this data comes from and how to interpret "Zero" and "No Data" results for a given town or year, see the About the Data section, below.

Youth arrests by city/town, 2009 - 2018



Custodial arrests between 2009-2018 are shown on a heat map of Massachusetts. Click on the map or the drop down menu to the right to select city/towns to view total custodial arrests or the percent changes between calendar years. [Download this data](#)

- Interactive visualizations display long-term trends at almost all major juvenile justice process points
- Can break data down by race, gender, age, geography
- Provides background information on the data and legislative/policy changes

<https://www.mass.gov/resource/massachusetts-juvenile-justice-system-data-and-outcomes-for-youth>



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<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-the-child-advocate>

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