

and/or are juvenile justice involved and should be considered for inclusion in the State’s FFPSA Implementation Plan.

Humana understands the role they can play in ensuring access to a comprehensive network of trauma informed providers and are aware of the challenges that foster care and juvenile justice involved youth in Kentucky are often pre-disposed with. They understand that offering treatments such as these is the key to moving from putting a band-aid on these vulnerable children’s symptoms to providing them with the lasting healing that they deserve, enabling them to live healthy lives and be productive members of our society. We are excited and honored to partner with them and to support their efforts as we know partnerships like these are the key to change.

We will partner with Humana at their annual conference for the SKY program, regional meetings, and other avenues to offer trainings on evidence-based trauma focused practices. We will provide trauma-focused trainings from expert clinicians such as our Advisory Board member and internationally recognized author and EMDR trainer Dr. Jamie Marich, for example. We will also provide lived-experience trainings from people like myself, Healing TREE Founder and CEO as someone who made a complete recovery from Complex-PTSD and Psychogenic Non-Epileptic Seizures. Humana will make these trainings a component of their Education Program and TIC Provider Recognition Program. By training additional professionals via Humana, we are collaborating to increase children’s access to trained professionals and increasing capacity for the Commonwealth to care for children in the SKY program.

Humana is the first (and only) MCO who reached out to us and therefore the only one whom I believe currently truly understands the needs of the children in the foster care program and how to create a system of care that is trained to support the Commonwealth’s roll-out of the SKY program. From all of us at Healing TREE, again, we are honored and excited about this opportunity and hope you will recognize Humana’s integrative approach as the most effective way to get the results that you are seeking and these children deserve. I am available at mghavami@healingtreenonprofit.org or (502) 743-2733 for any questions. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,



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Healing TREE (Trauma Resources, Education & Empowerment)
is dedicated to transforming how society responds to abuse and interpersonal trauma.