

# IN-PERSON

### DATES AND TIME

Friday, May 23, 2025

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Saturday, May 24, 2025

9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Each day includes a 1 hour on-your-own lunch break.

### LOCATION

University of Southern  
California Health Sciences  
Campus  
1540 Alcazar Street  
Basement Auditorium G37  
Los Angeles, CA 90089-9003

### PARKING

Biggy Parking Structure - \$20  
Or, limited street parking in the  
surrounding neighborhood.

### REGISTER

Online

<https://otac.site-ym.com/events/register.aspx?id=1939580>

By Fax

916/294-0415

### QUESTIONS?

Contact OTAC staff:

Email [staff@otaconline.org](mailto:staff@otaconline.org)

Call toll-free (888) 686-3225

### REGISTRANT AGREEMENT

By registering for this event, you acknowledge agreement to the policies stated herein as well as consent to OTAC's use of photos taken during the event.



## Transform Lives Through Trauma-Informed Education: Become a *Certified Trauma-Informed Specialist* (11 PDUs)

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**Saturday, May 24, 2025 – 9:00am to 3:30pm | In-Person**

**Must have completed the Trauma-Informed Educator Certification**

**OTAC Members Only | Free of Charge (\$500 value)**

Are you ready to lead the way in transforming educational environments into spaces where safety, connection, and growth thrive? The *Certified Trauma-Informed Specialist* program goes beyond the usual training of trainer program. It empowers you to deliver the Trauma-Informed Educator Training in ways that are fully aligned with trauma-informed principles — ensuring that your training approach reflects the very principles it teaches. This program equips professionals like you to share this transformative curriculum with others. Be prepared for small group activities.

### What You'll Gain:

- Master the Key Principles of Trauma-Informed Instruction
- Create Powerful Training Experiences | Facilitate with Confidence
- Develop High-Quality Training Materials
- Engage Participants Effectively | Encourage Skill Application
- Promote Reflection for Continuous Growth

*More information on following pages. Please note seating is limited.*

**Prerequisite.** To participate in this 2-day training, you must have attended the Trauma Informed Educator Certification event on October 18, 2024, **or** complete the 4-hour on-demand training by May 9, 2025. Does not need to be completed in one seating. Register **HERE** to receive on-demand log-in information.

REGISTRATION FORM *One form per person. Please type or print clearly. Check appropriate boxes.*

### OTAC MEMBERS ONLY – NO FEE (\$500 VALUE)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER ONLINE - <https://otac.site-ym.com/events/register.aspx?id=1939580>

Registration must be received in the OTAC office by May 9, 2025. Seating is limited. Cancellation must be received in writing by May 9, 2025, to avoid no-show fees. **Refer to the About Registration/Cancellation and No-Show Policies/Registrant Agreement section.**



## Transform Lives Through Trauma-Informed Education: Become a **Certified Trauma-Informed Specialist** (12 PDUs)

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This unique certification program is designed to deepen your understanding of trauma-informed principles and provide you with the tools to deliver impactful training that resonates with adult learners. By emphasizing strategies that honor safety, inclusivity, and connection, this train the trainer approach enables you to facilitate sessions that not only educate but also model the trauma-informed values at the heart of the curriculum. Whether you're a school leader, consultant, or passionate advocate for change, this program will enable you to make a lasting difference.

#### What You'll Gain:

- **Master the Key Principles of Trauma-Informed Instruction**  
Learn how to guide educators in creating learning environments that prioritize safety and connection, minimizing threat responses and unlocking students' potential for growth and learning.

- **Create Powerful Training Experiences**  
Discover how to use personal stories, poetry, music, and interactive games to ensure participants connect deeply with the material. Make every training session engaging, memorable, and relevant to real-life experiences.
- **Facilitate with Confidence**  
Implement trauma-informed strategies for setting ground rules, managing triggers, and fostering inclusive spaces that respect diverse needs and experiences.
- **Develop High-Quality Training Materials**  
Gain expertise in designing handouts, slides, and videos that present information clearly and concisely, helping learners retain and apply their knowledge effectively.
- **Engage Participants Effectively**  
Master questioning strategies like open-ended questions, polls, and interactive activities to ensure participants' understanding and adapt your approach for maximum impact.
- **Encourage Skill Application**  
Use guided and independent practice techniques, including role plays and group projects, to help educators confidently implement trauma-informed strategies in their work.
- **Promote Reflection for Continuous Growth**  
Incorporate innovative reflection techniques—such as Structured Reflection Activities and Gamified Reviews—to help participants internalize and sustain their learning over time.

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**Why Choose This Training?** By becoming a certified trainer, you'll gain the tools to elevate educational practices and inspire educators to embrace trauma-informed approaches. The ripple effects of your training can create lasting change in schools, communities, and the lives of countless students.

**Join Us Today!** Take the next step in your professional journey. Enroll in the *Certified Trauma-Informed Specialist* program and become a catalyst for transformative learning. Together, we can build resilient educational systems that empower every student to thrive.

### AGENDA – DAY ONE

9:00am-9:45am	Welcome and Introductions
9:45am-10:30am	Introduction to Ectcellence – Trauma Informed Instruction
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10:30am-11:10am	Ectcellence – Trauma Informed Instruction (continued)
11:10am-11:30am	Presentation Practice – Connect Exercise
<b>11:30am-12:00pm</b>	<b>Lunch (on own)</b>
12:00pm-12:30pm	Presentation Practice – Connect Exercise (continued)
12:30pm-1:30pm	Presentation Practice – Protect Exercise
<b>1:30pm-1:40pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
1:40pm-2:20pm	Brain Break Exercise
2:20pm-3:20pm	Presentation Practice – Project Exercise
3:20pm-3:30pm	Daily Debrief

### AGENDA – DAY TWO

9:00am-9:10am	Welcome Back; Leftover Questions
9:10am-10:00am	Detect Strategies
<b>10:00am – 10:10am</b>	<b>Break</b>
10:10am-11:00am	Teaching the Mini-Strategies
11:00am-11:20am	Presentation Practice – Perfect Exercise
<b>11:20am-11:50am</b>	<b>Lunch (on own)</b>
11:50am-12:20pm	Presentation Practice – Perfect Exercise (continued)
12:20pm-1:15pm	Presentation Practice – Reflect Exercise
<b>1:15pm-1:25pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
1:25pm-2:25pm	Answering Questions
<b>2:25pm-2:35pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
2:35pm-3:20pm	Trainer Logistics
3:20pm-3:30pm	Training Debrief

### About Our Presenter



**Rick Griffin, MA.Ed.** is the founder and CEO of Neuro Leadership Academy, an innovative enterprise dedicated to leveraging neuroscience for personal and professional development. With a master's in education, Griffin is

known for creating engaging content and delivering impactful presentations to audiences nationwide. His expertise in trauma-informed and resilience-based practices is widely recognized, drawing from his experience as the former executive director of a therapeutic residential program for teens. As a Master Trainer for the Community Resilience Initiative, Griffin has developed numerous programs, including the Certified Trauma-Informed Specialist (CTIS) credential for mental health professionals. He is also an accomplished author, with works such as *Keeping PACE with the Brain*, which explores how social domains influence brain responses.



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### About This Program

This train the trainer program was developed by a panel of 34 trauma experts from across the country via a peer-review process.

On behalf of its members, OTAC expresses its deepest appreciation to the U.S. Department of Education for a grant that funds this training, USC Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy for assisting in the coordination of this event and providing complimentary education space, and to our presenter, Rick Griffin, MA.Ed, for sharing his vast knowledge, expertise, and passion for the subject matter.

### About Registration/Cancellation and No-Show Policies/No-Show Fee/Registrant Agreement/Use of Photos

**Registration.** OTAC is pleased to provide this important in-person certification training valued at \$500 complimentary for members' attendance only. Seating is limited; registration is accepted on a first come, first registered basis. Members assume responsibility for notification and verification of receipt by OTAC.

**Participation Eligibility.** To be eligible to participate in this program, you must have completed the

**Cancellation Policy.** Cancellations must be made in writing 21 days before the event. Cancellations made after September 27 will be classified as a 'no-show' and subject to the No-Show Policy. Send cancellation notice in writing by September 27, 2024, to [staff@otaonline.org](mailto:staff@otaonline.org). OTAC cannot accept cancellation requests/no-show justification after September 27 that result from natural disasters, travel disruptions, illness, technology malfunctions, or other uncontrollable events.

**No-Show Policy/Fee.** Due to limited seating, OTAC will enforce its no-show policy/fee. Any member who registers or causes themselves to be registered for this certification training and is a no-show (did not cancel in writing their registration before the event as so indicated on the registration form and does not appear at the event) will be invoiced a no-show fee of \$100 (20% of the value of the certification). There is a limited capacity for this high-demand certification and thus no-shows would displace another interested professional. Please be aware that payment of outstanding balances from previous events (including no-show fees) must be received

prior to being confirmed for a current/future event. We greatly appreciate your support of OTAC's policies to ensure a fully seated event. **Send cancellation notice by May 9, 2025, to [staff@otaonline.org](mailto:staff@otaonline.org).**

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### About This Special Topic Forum

#### Professional Development Units (PDU's)

Earn up to 12 PDU's. Must attend the complete training.

#### Special Topic Forum Disclaimer

This Special Topic Forum (STF) is sponsored by OTAC for the purpose of professional development. The material presented is not intended to represent the only or the best methods appropriate for the occupational therapy and/or medical condition, or professional development issues being discussed, but rather is intended to present the opinions of the presenters, which may be helpful to other health care professionals at arriving at their own conclusions and consequent application. Attendees participating in this professional development education program do so with the full knowledge that they waive any claim they may have against OTAC and its representatives for reliance on any information presented during this educational event.

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**Why OTAC Special Topic Forum?** To support OTAC's Core Value 7 – Professional Development: To provide quality education and resources to advance the knowledge, skills, and continued competence of occupational therapy practitioners.

**About OTAC.** OTAC is a nonprofit, 501c6. This means that end-of-year net revenue is retained for operations and benefit of the members and is not distributed to private owners. It is governed by an elected, noncompensated Board of Directors and hires a professional association management team.

**OTAC Mission Statement.** OTAC is the collective voice that serves, promotes, and supports the profession of occupational therapy.



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