St. Peters, MISSOURI – Educators are seeing an increasing number of students with significant developmental, emotional, and behavioral concerns, which can create challenges in maintaining a peaceful, positive learning environment. As a result of this increase, the Community and Children’s Resource Board of St. Charles County invites Early Childhood Educators and childcare staff to attend a Trauma-Informed Training workshop on Saturday, November 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Spencer Road Library Community Commons in St. Peters. Participants will learn multi-discipline strategies for working with children who have experienced trauma. Curriculum will include Positive Behavior Support Best Practices, Love & Logic, and Conscious Discipline.

“It is so important that educators are aware of the signs and tools for working with children who have experienced some form of trauma- especially since it is estimated that 1 in 4 children will have at least one traumatic experience by the time they enter elementary school. There is a range in the degree of a traumatic experience. This workshop will provide takeaways for working with these children and families,” explains Karen Thomson, Director of Program & Resource Development for the St. Louis Learning Disabilities Association. The workshop is facilitated by Karen Thomson and Mari Doyle of the St. Louis Learning Disabilities Association, both of whom have many years of educational expertise to share with participants who are interested in learning more about the effects of trauma on early childhood.

There is no cost for the workshop and attendees must live or work in St. Charles County. The training counts for Clock Hours and a continental breakfast is included. Call Jeanne Spencer at 636.939.6200 or email info@scckids.org to register by November 15.

The Community and Children’s Resource Board (CCRB) is the administrator the Community Children’s Service Fund, a fund created when St. Charles County passed a 1/8-cent
sales tax measure in November 2004. The funds are dedicated for services to St. Charles County children and youth, and are awarded to local agencies to provide services that address the growing unmet mental health needs of our community youth. For more information, call (636) 939-6200 or visit www.stcharlescountykids.org.

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