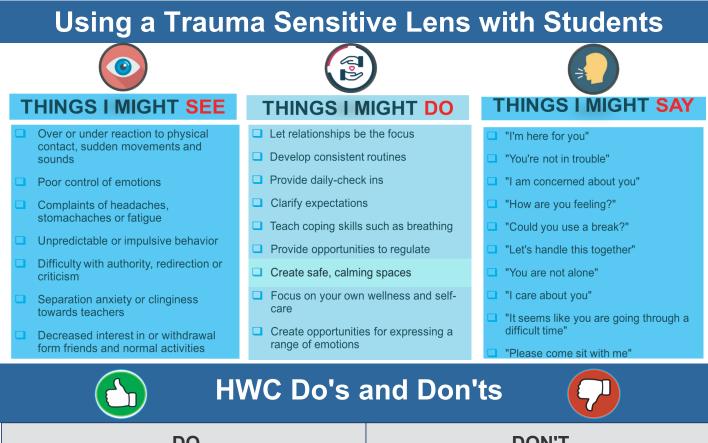
HANDLE WITH CARE TEACHER TIP SHEET

Handle With Care (HWC) is a program designed to enhance communication between law enforcement and schools regarding children's exposure to traumatic events. Students may exhibit academic, emotional and/ or behavioral problems as a result of the event. HWC is aimed at ensuring that school-aged children who are exposed to trauma receive trauma-sensitive supports in lieu of punishment. The HWC notice indicates the student has experienced an adverse event, *it does not indicate a criminal event. It can happen to anyone!*





- 1. Provide empathy and sensitivity to what the student MAY be experiencing
- 2. Practice patience and compassion
- 3. Show care instead of consequences
- 4. Give grace-consider offering time for a quick nap in nurses office or second chances

DON'T

- 1. ASK QUESTIONS-the event does not change our response
- 2. Don't play the role of investigator
- 3. Discuss HWC notification with student
- 4. Don't share notifications with others



