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## **Local educators receive scholarships to support advancement of trauma sensitive practices in schools.**

**Lynchburg, VA** – Horizon Behavioral Health is offering five scholarships to local educators and school administrators to attend the National Creating Trauma Sensitive Schools Conference in Houston, TX on February 20-21, 2023. Ten additional school-based professionals have been offered scholarships to attend the conference virtually.

The goal is for scholarship recipients to collectively represent each county in Central Virginia, to include Amherst County Public Schools, Appomattox County Public Schools, Bedford County Public Schools, Campbell County Public Schools, and Lynchburg City Schools.

Coined as the 'Largest Gathering of Trauma-Informed Educators', the objective of this conference is to reinforce resiliency factors in local school systems to improve child outcomes, providing youth with the best environment to succeed academically and beyond the classroom.

Melissa Lucy, Horizon CEO, says collaborative partnerships with local school systems are key to realizing this goal in our communities. "These opportunities are made possible through active collaboration between Horizon and each school district. Horizon is grateful for the opportunity to support our school-based partners who are devoted to cultivating the growth of the next generation."

"I am excited to learn and collaborate with experts in the field and teachers and school administrators from around the country who are working to support our students and teachers during this challenging era of post-pandemic education." Shares Cheryl J. Servis, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and CTE at Appomattox County Public Schools.

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