

## **Trauma-Informed Schools: Learning Circle**

Echo Parenting & Education's Whole School Initiative has an ambitious goal: to create trauma-informed, nonviolent school communities, working with at the school district level, as well as with the staff, parents and students of individual schools.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about our work and to engage in discussion with Echo training staff and other participants about what it takes for a school district or individual schools to become trauma-informed. Those of us who have already started this journey will also share some of the important lessons learned.

**Lizeth Toscano**, ACSW, Lizeth joined Echo in 2011 as a parent educator specializing in working with families and children and is the lead trainer for the parent component of Echo's Whole school Initiative. She graduated with a MSW from USC in May 2015. Lizeth has worked with parents and domestic violence survivors since obtaining her BSW from San Diego State University in 2010, both as a case manager with parents for Home-SAFE, Early Head Start Services, and as an intern MSW therapist for Hillside and the National Council of Jewish Women, Women Helping Women. She is currently an In-Home-Outreach-Counselor for Family Preservation Services at Westside Children's Center.

**Ariel Wrye**, MA, has been leading parent and professional trainings at Echo since 2007. She has developed curriculum, supported collaborative efforts to integrate brain science and knowledge of the impact of trauma on development into practice change, and co-facilitated a whole school approach to conflict resolution while working with the Western Justice Center Foundation. Prior to working with adults, she worked as a classroom teacher for over 14 years. She holds a master's degree in Human Development from Pacific Oaks College.