



# HOPE 4 THE WOUNDED

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## About Hope 4 The Wounded

Hope 4 The Wounded has been dedicated to equipping, encouraging, and empowering educators and child advocacy professionals with doable, practitioner-developed social-emotional learning strategies and trauma-informed practices for mental and social wellness since 2006. We believe in a comprehensive approach that meets not only the needs of students, but of the educators & communities serving students through the following offerings:

- Professional Development Training for Schools (Virtual & In-Person)
- *Social-Emotional Strategies/Trauma-Informed Practices & Implementation Program/School Collaboration (multi-year, customizable partnership)*
- 16/30/45-Hour Online Courses (1/2/3-Hour Graduate Credit Available/Ashland U.)
- Community-Based Training for Youth Service Organizations
- Regional Workshops (Virtual & In-Person)
- Parenting Sessions (Virtual & In-Person)
- Leadership Retreats/Work Sessions (Virtual & In-Person)
- Books (See below)
- Keynote Speaking

**Joe Hendershott**, founder, is a sought-after speaker about the effects of trauma on learning, behaviors, and relationships as well as working with wounded students™. He has been passionate about the importance of social-emotional learning and understanding the effects of trauma since his days as a Big Brother while attending Ohio State University, long before it was considered a best practice. He has become a nationally recognized expert in his field and has received the National Crystal Star Award for Dropout Prevention & Intervention as well as the Raymond W. Bixler Award for Excellence in Education for his work developing a doable, practitioner-based model that educators embrace. His ongoing research, practical experiences as an educator, and his personal experiences as an adoptive father give him a unique perspective that is engaging, thought-provoking, and inspiring.

Joe has an extensive background working with at-risk and wounded youth as a teacher, coach, and administrator in traditional, alternative, and correctional education settings. He has been a high school assistant principal, head principal, alternative school principal, and principal at a residential facility as well as an administrator in higher education. Joe has been a keynote/featured presenter at international and national conferences and conducted staff training/professional development on understanding and working with wounded students™, social-emotional learning and wellness, support and wellness for educators, the effects of trauma on learning and behavior, emotional literacy, leadership, empathy, combating compassion fatigue, and other topics relevant to today's educational climate across the United States and in Australia. Additionally, he has been providing multi-day/year training and consulting with school districts, parents, and communities to create a cultural change that benefits not only youth, but those who serve them.

Joe has authored two books: *Reaching the Wounded Student* (Eye on Education/Routledge, 2008) and *7 Ways to Transform the Lives of Wounded Students* (Routledge/Taylor & Francis, 2016). Joe & Dardi have co-authored a book entitled *Supporting the Wounded Educator: A Trauma-Sensitive Approach to Self-Care* (February, 2020, Routledge/Taylor & Francis) to round out a comprehensive approach to SEL and wellness.

**Dardi Hendershott** is co-founder of Hope 4 The Wounded, LLC. Dardi is a certified health and wellness coach, a trained and formerly licensed therapeutic foster/adoptive parent, and is a huge advocate for professionals working with children of trauma. Her own experiences as an adoptive mother and years of walking alongside her husband through the trials and tribulations of teaching and education administration give her a unique perspective to the demands placed on professionals serving wounded children. She has been a featured presenter at educational conferences, with faith-based audiences, and with education majors and faculty at universities. Dardi co-authored *Supporting the Wounded Educator: A Trauma-Sensitive Approach to Self-Care* with Joe. Her passion is to equip, empower, and encourage those working in the trenches each and every day with HOPE through a lens of overall wellness and social-emotional learning strategies.

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