



# The Worcester Institute on Loss and Trauma 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



*When Tragedy Happens:*

*Understanding Acute Trauma and Psychological First Aid*

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Executive Director: Boston's Children Foundation & International Trauma Center; Research Associate-Harvard Medical School

**Keynote Presenter:**

**“Acute Psychological Trauma-Early Intervention and Stabilization: The Practice of Psychological First Aid”**

Robert Macy is a pioneer in the field of Trauma Informed Care, public-mental health psychosocial intervention and research and violence prevention initiatives for children, youth, their families and their communities exposed to traumatic events including large-scale disasters, terrorist events, and political, community, armed conflict violence and trans-generational impoverishment.

During the last 25 years Macy and his team have designed, and implemented and evaluated trauma informed care initiatives, and psychosocial assessment and intervention projects in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

Robert Macy is Founder & President of the International Trauma Center, Founder & Executive Director of the Boston Children's Foundation, a Research Fellow in Psychology at McLean's Hospital's Developmental Psychology and Psychopathology Program, Harvard Medical School. Robert is a founding member of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Network and former Co-Director of a National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Network-Category III site in Boston and a former Co-Chair of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Network-Terrorism and Disaster Branch.

Macy continues to consult to the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Network-Terrorism and Disaster Branch and serves as Core Faculty for the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress Network-Psychological First Aid and Skills For Psychological Recovery Learning Communities.