

My testimony today will be short. I felt it necessary to give credit to Rep. Don Manning. It was his sincere compassion for mental health and Childhood Trauma that allowed my team the opportunity to make our first presentation for our initiative. I remember asking him what he thought after we unloaded important information describing the impact of Trauma on our children. His response, " this is a no brainer and long overdue". He made the call to Rep. West and that began the start of what will be labeled as historic legislation that will create generational healing for so many African American, poor white, Hispanic, and Appalachian children starting first here in Ohio then to the rest of the country. I would like whatever results we accomplish today to be in remembrance of Rep. Don Manning.