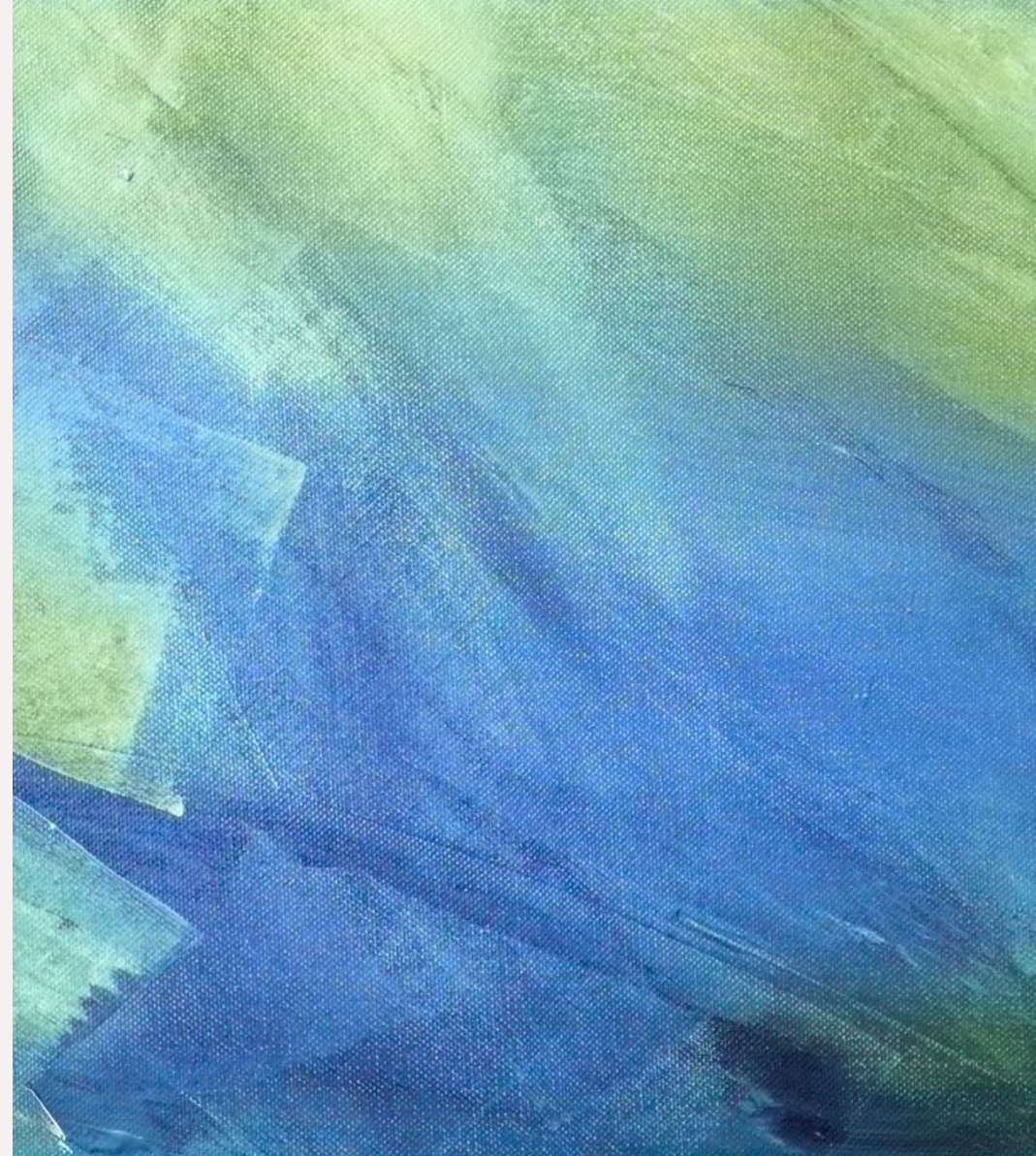




# Traumatized Systems Theory

Accountability for Recurrent Systemic Harm

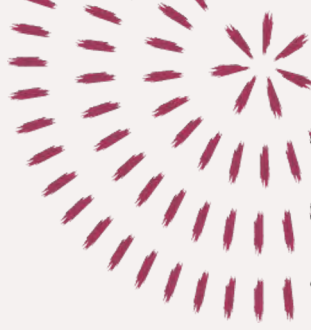


# QUESTION

Why are traditional law and policy remedies and forms of accountability sometimes ineffective in altering the behavior of organizations and groups of organizations that cause harm?

# POSSIBLE ANSWER

Some systems are triggered, meaning that they have experienced trauma and act out in destructive or self-destructive, trauma-responsive ways. Many traditional forms of control -- formal law, social and cultural pressures, and market forces -- are insufficient to alter these systems and produce meaningful social change. Therefore, in addition to traditional forms of control, accountability for triggered systems must include trauma transforming prescriptions.





- Kaiser Permanente Study - ACES
- Perpetrator Trauma
- Trauma Response
- Non-cognitive
- Hard to control
- Repetition -- Relationships

# A Review of Individual Trauma

# What is a System?

Organization or  
group of  
organizations

A particular type  
of community