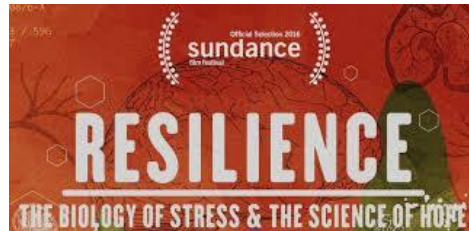


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Throughout the nation, people are talking about the ACE Study because study findings reveal this is *the largest public health discovery of our time*. (Click on the photo to link to a 2 minute trailer of the recently released documentary *Resilience*)



Maryland Essentials for Childhood Initiative:

Maryland Essentials for Childhood (EFC) is a statewide collective impact initiative to prevent child maltreatment and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). It promotes relationships and environments that help children grow up to be healthy and productive citizens so that *they*, in turn, can build stronger and safer families and communities for *their* children (a multi-generation approach). Maryland EFC includes public and private partners from across the state; and, receives technical assistance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, learning from national experts and leading states. Using advances in brain science, epigenetics, ACEs and resilience and principles of collective impact, the EFC leadership and working groups are advancing the following goals:

1. *Educate* key state leaders, stakeholders, and grassroots on brain science, ACEs, and resilience; in order to, *build a commitment to put science into action* to reduce ACEs and create *safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments* for all Maryland children.
2. Improve data sharing and common measures across child and family serving systems to inform decision-making
3. Advocate for the transformation of child and family serving systems and services to prevent and mitigate the impact of ACEs (trauma and resilience informed systems)
4. Align systems to ensure services are provided using a multi-generation, family-centered approach i.e., identify customers as parents and serve the needs of both parent and child
5. Support community ownership, impact and action
6. Spark innovation in programs, policies and financing solutions

ACE Interface Project:

In any great public health discovery the most important actions in the first decade are:

1. To tell everyone – share the findings effectively and with fidelity, and
2. To change ourselves and promote changes within our spheres of influence.

The ACE Interface Master Trainer Program is designed to support rapid dissemination of ACE and resilience science, and promote understanding and application of the science to improve health and wellbeing across



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the lifespan. In less than a year, the Master Trainer Program enables delivery of ACE information to diverse communities--with fidelity to science and concepts--to tens of thousands of people.

The program is structured with licensed materials, a two-day training provided by Dr. Robert Anda, the co-principal investigator of the ACE Study, and Laura Porter, and a process for effectively implementing a massive ACE education campaign that is based on person-to-person interaction and community engagement. Trained presenters use a flexible script, PowerPoint presentation, and background information that has been reviewed by national content experts, improved over time using field experience, and proven to be effective with diverse audiences. Minnesota, Wisconsin, Alaska, Oregon, Montana, South Carolina, and Washington are among the first states to adopt the ACE Interface Master Trainer Program.

Through the generous support of Board of The Family Tree, The Maryland Essentials for Childhood ACEs Initiative will be hosting a two-day ACE Interface Master Trainer Session November 16-17 2017 facilitated by Dr. Rob Anda, MD, MS, Co-Principal Investigator of the ACE Study, and Laura Porter, who has more than a decade of experience leading successful state-wide implementation of ACE Study concepts. The goal of the ACEs Interface Master Training is to create a cadre of highly skilled, well-informed trainers and presenters to disseminate the science of the developing brain, ACEs and resilience; and, to spur Maryland policy makers, providers, parents and concerned citizens to innovative action. Trainers have been identified in each of the child and family serving state agencies (DHS, DJS, MDH, MSDE), as well as multiple sectors (judicial, pediatrics, parent leadership, child care, education, faith-based, law enforcement, evidence-based home visiting, domestic violence, child advocacy centers, child welfare, CASA, business, foundations, mental health, media, and higher education). Each of seven regions of the state will have at least two Master Trainers available locally. Trainers commit to educate their local communities and professional colleagues in brain science, ACEs, and resilience. The cohort will meet quarterly to share lessons learned, improve skills and assess the progress of dissemination efforts.

ACE Interface Reception for Key Policy Makers

In addition to the training, a reception will be held to introduce high level policy makers (Governor, First Lady, Lieutenant Governor, agency Secretaries, Governor's Offices staff, legislators, key judges, foundations, media, faith-based and business community members) to Robert Anda, Laura Porter, and the 25 members of Maryland's ACE Interface Master Trainer Cohort. The reception will be held the evening of November 15th, 6-8 pm at the Renaissance Fine Arts, 88 Village Square, Baltimore City (invitation attached).

We know that the consequences of ACEs cut across professional disciplines, personal relationships and all socioeconomic demographics. Please join us as we launch statewide efforts to prove that *"If we can weave the science through these different professions and get it into the hands of the general population, they will invent very wise actions."*

**For more information about the Maryland EFC and the ACE Interface project, please contact Claudia Remington, Executive Director of the Maryland State Council on Child Abuse & Neglect at Claudia.remington@maryland.gov or 410-336-3820.*