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In 1998, the Centers for Disease Control published a study showing that adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)—living with an alcoholic parent, for example, or suffering physical abuse—were both common and corrosive to long-term health. Since then, biomedical research has begun to illuminate exactly how such early trauma can last a lifetime, shaping the way children and adults learn, play and grow.

We know now that traumatic experiences leave tracks in the developing brain, flood the body with stress hormones, hike the risk of engaging in unhealthy behaviors and raise our vulnerability to a host of physical and mental ailments. Toxic stress creeps under our skin, compromising our immune systems and even changing the expression of our genes.

Emerging neuroscience has also yielded some good news: ACEs are not destiny. If the human brain can be hurt, it can

also be healed. And it is up to all of us to aid in that healing, creating communities in which everyone can thrive.

In December 2013, thirty-five national leaders in ACEs research, policy and practice came together at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey, for a retreat co-hosted by the Institute for Safe Families. This group, the National Collaborative on Adversity and Resilience (NCAR), met to advance a call to action issued at the National Summit on ACEs earlier that year.

Over the course of two days, through vigorous conversation, small-group work, panel discussions and thought-provoking presentations, NCAR participants clarified their mission: to fuel the collective impact of people and organizations committed to preventing childhood trauma and creating a just, healthy and resilient world.

That effort is already under way; from Walla Walla, Washington to Tarpon Springs, Florida, communities are changing the way they think about health and illness, human suffering and strength. Trauma-informed schools are noting a decline in suspension rates and violence; health clinics are weaving behavioral health, mindfulness and creative arts therapies into the delivery of primary care. People are learning to ask not “What’s wrong with you?” a question freighted with judgment, but “What happened to you?” a question that invites dialogue, reflection and healing.

NCAR participants cheered those successes while mapping out the next phase of a national movement on ACEs and resilience. The group agreed to be guided by principles including equity, inclusivity and a broad definition of wellness that encompasses physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

NCAR Strategic Goals

1. Create a common language informed by robust data and brought to life by compelling stories of healing and recovery. Use key messages to inform and inspire policymakers, practitioners, funders, the private sector, the media and the public.
2. Educate leaders, policy-makers and the public about ACEs, brain development and effective interventions, including the paradigm shift from asking “What’s wrong with you?” to “What happened to you?”
3. Identify, promote and bring to scale research-informed, community-driven and cost-effective trauma and adversity prevention and recovery strategies, services and programs.
4. Engage elected and appointed officials, private sector leaders and other influencers as champions for health, educational, economic and related policy changes that improve community resilience, health equity and social justice.
5. Increase and leverage public and private funding for translational research, strategic collaboration, professional training, communication and the development of standards for trauma-informed services, organizations and communities.
6. Develop strong and adaptive leadership among members and allied organizations, coalitions and movements that share our commitment to a more just, healthy and resilient world.

NCAR Action Steps

1. Establish a fluid, inclusive and forward-looking organizational structure modeled on best practices for collective action.
2. Leverage existing Internet and social media platforms and networks for sustained dialogue, decision-making, research and information-sharing.
3. Design shared measures of success to evaluate our progress and be accountable to our members and supporters.
4. Convene regularly to take collective action, widen our spheres of influence and advance our purpose and goals.
5. Secure funding to nurture and sustain our work.

Join The Movement!

To learn more and to contribute your ideas and experience to the NCAR movement, please go to:

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The NCAR programming is now housed at the Health Federation of Philadelphia

“ACE studies are as revolutionary as germ theory was for the 19th century.”

Sandra L. Bloom, MD

Foreword

Fifteen years ago, a Centers for Disease Control study began to change the way we think about health and illness, human suffering and strength. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, published in 1998, showed that childhood adversity—experiences such as living with an alcoholic parent or suffering physical abuse—changes the way children learn, play and grow.

Since then, biomedical research has shown how early trauma can last a lifetime: it leaves tracks in the brain, floods the body with stress hormones, hikes the risk of engaging in unhealthy behaviors and boosts our vulnerability to heart disease, depression, diabetes and other physical and mental health problems. Stress literally creeps under the skin, compromising our immune systems and even altering the expression of our genes.

Emerging neuroscience has also affirmed some good news: ACEs are not destiny. If the human brain can be hurt, it can also be healed. And it is up to all of us—practitioners and policy-makers,

educators and activists, neighbors and parents—to create communities in which everyone can thrive.

The following are proceedings from a two-day retreat of the National Collaborative on Adversity and Resilience (NCAR), a group of leaders in ACEs research, policy and practice who came together in December 2013. They met to advance the call to action championed at the National Summit on Adverse Childhood Experiences earlier that year. Both gatherings were co-hosted by the Institute for Safe Families (ISF) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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We are here today because, fifteen or so years ago, visionary leaders, public health professionals and clinicians did courageous and cutting-edge work around adversity and its far-reaching impact on children and families. From this foundation, scores of others took up the cause and extended the science, applied the principles, developed best practices and engaged communities to mitigate adversity and promote resilience in day-to-day service delivery. Now we have a tremendous opportunity to build on that great work and create momentum to go even further toward the goal of universal wellness and resilience.

A relay race is a useful metaphor for what we are doing. The visionaries and innovators carried us through the first leg of the race. They got us started with the 1998 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and positioned us well on the racetrack. The baton then got passed to early adopters—national, regional and local leaders who realized the transformational power of the original ACEs work and extended the scientific inquiry, applied the principles in their own sectors (including education, health, human services and juvenile justice) and catalyzed community efforts to be “ACE-informed.” This group of runners often had to convince skeptical colleagues; they moved beyond sound bites and “elevator speeches,” instead sharing solid data, rigorous demonstration projects and well-documented best practices.

Now we are the runners to whom the baton is being passed. In each of our realms, we need to build on the work that the first and second waves of runners have challenged us to advance. On one hand, we are fortunate, since the innovators and early adopters have carried us far down the track. On the other hand, we have a difficult task ahead, since we carry the baton that requires us to confront organizational inertia and challenge conventional wisdom that tends to blame victims rather than empower survivors. The third leg of this race beckons us with possibility. On the positive side, we have a solid scientific base, successful community demonstration projects and

even some return-on-investment calculations showing that preventing and mitigating ACEs saves money in the long run. But we could still drop the baton; great science does not guarantee transformative action. So, what must we do to succeed? We need to grab the baton and accept our role in the relay; we need to be both strategic and interdependent.

We need strategy to reach key decision-makers and community leaders, persuading them that the promise of ACEs work is real and can change the lives of children, adults and families from coast to coast. We need to be well-versed in the science, familiar with best practices and ready to inspire those around us to create a world that is more productive, safe, healthy and equitable. At the same time, we must remember that we cannot do this work alone, nor can we change paradigms and entrenched service delivery models by the power of our oratory or our sheer will. Instead, we need to connect. We need to recognize and stay in touch with the other runners in this race so that we learn of emerging innovations that can be implemented in the systems and sectors where we live and work. We need to stay connected so that we can support each other.

The third leg of the race can be a lonely and arduous run. But, the technology now available can ease our steps. We need to take full advantage of today’s vehicles for collaboration and communication—social media, instant mes-

saging, and the vast resources of the Web—to build a “virtual community” of ACE-informed runners and advance this vital work.

Ultimately, our job is to extend the reach and depth of ACEs work, then pass the baton. We need to ensure that the next wave of practitioners sees ACE science as a foundation that guides all our professional disciplines so they can work toward the full translation of that science into policy, education and practice. That is a big vision. Our job is to pre-

pare for a successful handoff. That means clarifying what we know, what we need to learn and how to turn our knowledge into concrete action. We need to keep our eyes on the true aim of this race, a collective push to mitigate pain and suffering in our communities and to create a world in which people help one another to thrive. Each of us, every day, can take a step closer to that goal. It’s a race well worth running.



CHANGE THAT ROCKS THE WORLD

Sandra Bloom, MD



Understanding trauma is about changing the way you view the world.

Sandra Bloom, MD

First came the bad news.

Sandra Bloom, co-director of the Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice at Drexel University's School of Public Health, flashed a slide that showed a cartoon cave-person shouldering a wooden club and staring at the blue glow of a laptop screen; in the background loomed the dark hulks of skyscrapers. The image captured Bloom's urgent point: human beings bring age-old traumas and behaviors into our modern-day lives, and we will continue to do so unless we are willing to acknowledge those traumas and embrace new ways of thinking and acting.

In a keynote presentation, Bloom spoke of the toxic legacy created by war, oppression and dislocation, particularly in a country built by immigrants. "We all have histories of disrupted attachments," she said. "We all got here by leaving home."

She talked about the "disaster" of contemporary parenting, in which many

kids have just one attentive adult in their lives instead of the large kin groups that, historically, shared the work of raising children.

She noted the potent factor of fear, which limits individual and organizational change. "We are tuned toward survival," she said, as slides showed animated cave-people warding off predators. "That means fear impacts us enormously." Because of fear, Bloom said, people tend to repeat the solutions they've used in the past, even when it is clear those solutions no longer work. We act reflexively with retaliation and punishment, instead of with forgiveness and reconciliation. The organizations designed to ameliorate suffering are themselves traumatized, lurching from crisis to crisis; the social safety net is badly frayed.

And then came the good news: an understanding of ACEs unlocks the door to change.

Bloom pointed out that the central concept of ACEs—that the trauma children

suffer will affect them and the world they create—is not new. What is new is the science that now illuminates how that happens—how trauma becomes embedded in biology, how environment and experience re-wire our brains, change our response to stress, increase our susceptibility to disease and alter our gene expression through a process called epigenetics.

“ACE studies are as revolutionary as germ theory was for the 19th century,” Bloom said. “They tell us what is causing the effects we are seeing.”

Being ACE-informed means shifting the relevant question from “What’s wrong with you?” to “What happened to you?” a question that carries empathy and curiosity rather than distance and judgment. “What happened to you?” suggests that unhealthy behavior has deep and complex roots. Asking “What happened to you?” opens the door to dialogue, reflection and, eventually, healing.

But asking that question, Bloom said, means challenging our most deeply held assumptions about how human beings and human-created systems work. Dismantling those mental models is difficult, she said, because they are largely unconscious; mental models help our brains to quickly organize information, and they inform much of what we feel, think and do. Change inevitably means loss, and that is another reason why people resist it, Bloom said.

Today, she noted, individuals and institutions are often driven by the quest

for money, power or fame. Imagine, she said, a society powered by love, safety, knowledge, trust, healing, freedom, curiosity, participation, connection, fulfillment and meaning, values that are “consistent with keeping children, families and communities alive.”

In framing the message about ACEs to practitioners and the public, Bloom urged NCAR participants to acknowledge both the truth of adversity and the real possibility of healing. “That’s a challenge: how do we stay with the optimism and hope without forgetting the pain and the suffering?” It’s tempting, she said, to gloss over the “big national traumas” of racism, homophobia or the oppression of native people. But only by candidly confronting those traumas and their haunting effects can we heal and move ahead.

“We can’t make transformation happen,” she said. “But we can remove obstacles and create the context for transformative change” in individuals, families, communities and social systems.

In the end, it is up to all of us to determine whether tomorrow’s news is bad or good. Bloom posted a slide of humanity in the balance: a figure leaping across a chasm between a cliff marked “past” and one labeled “future.”

“Understanding trauma is not just about acquiring knowledge,” she said. “It’s about changing the way you view the world.”

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TELLING STORIES FOR IMPACT

James Redford &
David Bornstein



“How do I make the average person care about any of this?”

James Redford

James Redford uses images and words to make people care.

His film, “Toxic Hot Seat,” which premiered on HBO in November 2013, exposed the hazards of flame-retardants, commonly used in furniture and children’s clothing, and prompted changes in the use and regulation of those chemicals. His feature, “The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia,” was meant to be a “salve,” he said, for individuals and families who felt they were struggling alone with this common disability.

Now Redford, a documentary filmmaker, is turning his camera on ACEs with two different projects. One film will focus on Lincoln High School, an alternative school in Washington State that uses trauma-informed practices; suspensions and violence at the school have dropped as a result. A second film, more issue-

driven, will examine the national movement on ACEs and resilience.

No matter what the topic, Redford said, his goal is the same: “How do I take complex ideas and distill them down to what’s emotionally relevant?”

In a panel, Redford and New York Times journalist David Bornstein discussed “Stories that Matter”—how to shape stories that touch both the head and the heart, stories that inform, engage and inspire readers and viewers to action.

Bornstein, who co-authors the Times’ “Fixes” column on social innovation, said that traditional journalistic approaches sometimes run counter to social change by dulling readers’ empathy, narrowing their focus or increasing their sense of helplessness in the face of seemingly intractable problems.

What works better, he said, is journalism that builds empathy and effi-

cacy through a close examination of what works, unpacking successful efforts as “how-done-its” that leave readers with specific ways to get involved.

While learning about what some schools are doing to help students manage their emotions, Bornstein said, three different kindergarten teachers told him about using bubbles in the classroom to help children calm themselves and practice mindful breathing. That simple detail, captured in a story, could help other educators who are looking for solutions.

He advised taking a counter-intuitive approach to data. Instead of focusing on the worst-case scenario—the highest-crime neighborhood in the city, or the school with the most abysmal test scores—look instead at the school that should have a high drop-out rate but doesn’t, or on the police district that has managed to reduce crime. “Look at what’s working,” he said. “Let ideas be the heroes of the story.”

An effective story, Bornstein said, speaks to people’s “aspirational pathways”—that is, their desire to be better parents, pediatricians, teachers or neighbors. It piques their curiosity, inviting them to wonder about their own and others’ lives. And it gives them a channel for

action—a way to respond through comments, questions, changes in behavior or contributions of time or money.

A story—whether told through print formats or newer forms like YouTube videos—can be an alarm bell, spurring people to make change, Redford said. It can be a balm, letting people know they are not alone. It can be a “stealth message,” challenging assumptions and conveying facts through a compelling, emotional narrative. But the creator’s impulse is the same. “It’s the sense that ‘people have to know about this,’” he said.

In shaping the narrative of ACEs and resilience, story-makers must be sensitive to people who are already coping with trauma. Redford said he has left some footage from Lincoln High School on the cutting-room floor because it was too exposing of the teens involved. And Bornstein said his bottom-line rule is the same one that should be employed by anyone working with human beings, especially those who are vulnerable. “You need to establish trust,” he said. “You need to show that your oath is ‘Do no harm.’”

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CHANGE IN FOUR CORNERS OF THE COUNTRY:

**ACEs and Action in
Maine, Washington, Arizona
and Philadelphia**



“I look around the room and feel like each one of us has a different piece of the puzzle covered.”

Nadine Burke Harris, MD, MPH

In Maine, Sue Mackey Andrews will talk to anyone about ACEs, even a gruff school bus driver who believes resilience has nothing to do with his work. But, this driver told Andrews and a group of school administrators, nurses and teachers at a half-day ACEs Summit in northern Maine, he had a rule: He would not start the bus until he had greeted and made eye contact with every child.

Part of Andrews' mission as co-facilitator of the Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN) is to foster such conversations, “to help people realize and name what they're already doing to boost resilience.”

In a talk show-style panel, Andrews shared the stage with innovators from Arizona, Philadelphia and Walla Walla, Washington. Jane Stevens, creator of www.ACEsConnection.com, questioned them about the triumphs and challenges

of their efforts to combat ACEs where they live.

In Maine, with its sprawling geography and relatively small population (1.3 million), the goal is to “create community conversations” about ACEs in arenas including health care, education, early childhood care and development, behavioral health, faith-based services and business, Andrews said. What has helped MRBN grow from just eight members at the start to 77 members today, with reach into nearly all of the state's sixteen counties, is support from both government and a private foundation, along with a “collective impact” framework, based on the idea that no one agency or program can solve a problem, but each can advance the shared mission.

“We decided to focus on children from pre-natal to age five, because that's where we felt we could have the biggest

impact,” Andrews said. “The challenge, as these sites grow, is to make sure they have the technical assistance and resources to guide their initiatives.”

Teri Barila, coordinator of the Children’s Resilience Initiative in Walla Walla, Washington, recalled her own “light bulb” moment. It happened during a 2008 visit to the state by Robert Anda, co-principal investigator of the ACE study that had been published ten years earlier.

A woman Barila knew—she’d provided home care to Barila’s own mother—stood up in front of 165 professionals and told her story: a scrambled childhood that included neglect, abuse and family dysfunction. “For the first time in my life,” the woman said, “I realize I’m not the bad parent I was told I was.” At that moment, Barila said, she realized the impact that knowledge of ACEs could have on individuals and families.

The Children’s Resilience Initiative (CRI) serves a community that is rural, agricultural and conservative, cut off by geography from the state’s urban centers. In Walla Walla, one in four children lives in poverty.

Barila said CRI grew from a direct challenge by Anda: “Go home,” he said, “and create a grassroots movement.” With initial funding from a local foundation—and, later, from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation—CRI launched in 2010. Today it spans sectors including education, health, social services, law

enforcement, business, parents and the court system.

Finding local leaders was key, Barila said—“finding a champion in each of our major sectors who said, ‘I want to do this with you.’”

Not everyone has been eager to embrace the ACEs message. Child protective service workers, for instance, found that ACEs theory trampled what they had been taught—chiefly, that parents must be punished when they hurt their children.

In addition to securing funding, an ongoing challenge, CRI would like to see the science of ACEs and resilience woven into policy and staff evaluations in all sectors. Meantime, the light bulbs keep popping. Barila recalled a guard in the Washington state penitentiary who said ruefully, “I have six ACEs. I’m on my fourth marriage. If I’d known about this, I might not have had marriages two, three and four.”

“Over and over, people say thank you for this information.”

In Arizona, the ACE Consortium demonstrates what is possible when you begin with no resources and a huge disappointment—a million-dollar grant that was turned down. But making do with less was a familiar concept to Marcia Stanton, founder and facilitator of the Arizona ACE Consortium; she is one of nine children, raised to prize resourcefulness. “The concept I buy into is gentle

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persuasion relentlessly applied,” she told the NCAR audience.

That persuasion has resulted, seven years after the first visit to Arizona by Vincent Felitti, co-principal investigator of the ACE study, in a network of more than 200 members. The Arizona ACE Consortium has led “train the trainer” workshops for 400 people, produced a public television call-in special titled “Ask an Arizona Child Trauma Expert” and developed a tool kit for communities.

Their slogan: Strong Communities Raise Strong Kids. Their wish list: more money for staffing, communication and continuing education for trainers.

Stanton noted that it took time for the ACE Consortium to establish credibility. “Now we have a committed group of people. Those [400 trained] ambassadors are working in their communities. But we see that they need a lot more support. We

need to expand the resources...there are kids and families that are suffering. We have to accelerate the pace of this work.”

Roberta Waite let the patients speak for themselves. In a short video made about Philadelphia’s 11th Street Family Health Center, where Waite is Assistant Dean of Academic Integration and Evaluation of Community Programs, people called the center “magic” and said its absence would devastate the neighborhood. One young woman praised the pre-natal care and support that resulted in a healthy baby. “This health center got me through,” she said.

The center, established in 2002, uses a team approach that fosters well-being across the life course: patients at 11th Street can receive primary care, dental care and behavioral health counseling on-site; they also participate in movement, music and art therapy programs,

pre-natal and parenting groups, nutrition and smoking-cessation programs.

Staff members of this nurse-managed center also pay serious attention to their own health, trauma and resilience. The 11th Street Center recently began the process of becoming a Sanctuary Model organization, a three-year undertaking that involves everyone in the building, from physicians to security guards.

"We wanted to formally learn about trauma-informed care from an organizational standpoint," Waite said. As they plunged into the Sanctuary process, they bumped into underlying issues of power, race, access and democracy. "That's the elephant in the room," Waite said. "We thought this had to be a core component of our training: Does everyone have a voice at the table?"

A vigorous question-and-answer session made it clear that, where ACEs and resilience are concerned, in Stanton's words: "We're making it up as we go." All four panelists said their organizations are grappling with issues including:

- **What structures help move a group from a "coalition of the willing" to something more formal?**
- **What are the best ways to secure stable funding? What role should local and state governments play?**
- **How important is it to have a "backbone" organization that brings other groups together without being a competitor for resources?**
- **How can efforts to mitigate ACEs and build resilience focus on long-term change when funders want to see immediate results?**

"The scope of the work is so large, and yet, I'm an optimist," said Nadine Burke Harris, founder and CEO of San Francisco's Youth Wellness Center. "I look around the room and feel like each one of us has a different piece of the puzzle covered. I feel a tremendous level of excitement and promise."

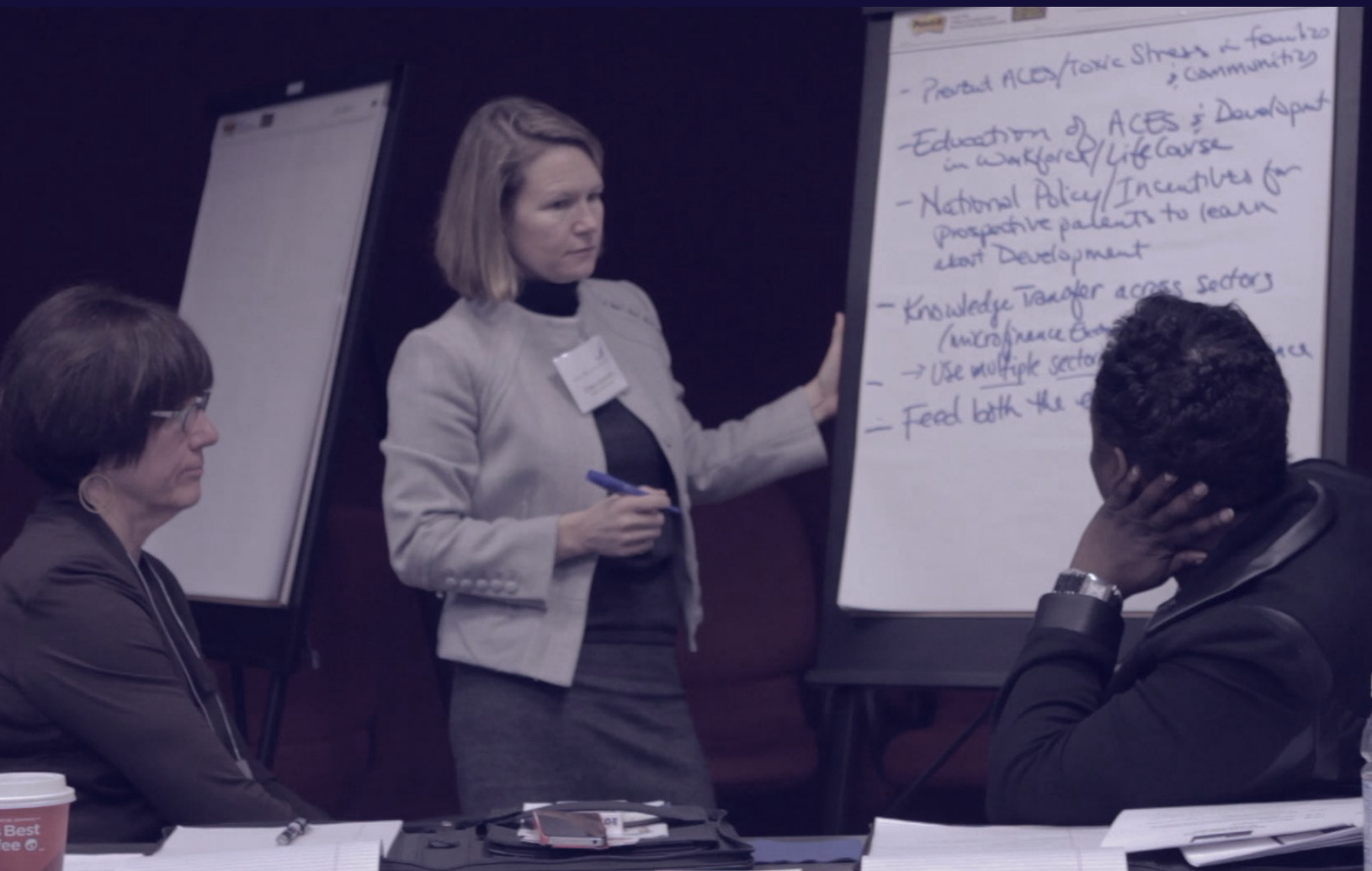


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ACEs and the Socialstructured World

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“This is the distribution network we’ve talked about. The opportunities are extraordinary.”

Linda Chamberlain, PhD, MPH

New technologies call for new language. Think: laptop. Think: e-mail. Think: bitcoin. And welcome to the socialstructured world.

Jane Stevens, journalist and co-founder of ACEsConnection.com, painted the picture of a network co-created by all participants, a virtual web in which information and value flow in many directions at once rather than from a single hub. On a slide shown at the meeting, this network resembles a connect-the-dots game gone wild, with many nodes and multiple, crisscrossing links. In action, it works to de-centralize information, allowing anyone to contribute knowledge, experience, questions and leadership.

Stevens cited *The Nature of the Future: Dispatches from the Socialstructured World*, by Marina Gorbis, as her touchstone. ACEsConnection is a perfect example. The site, launched in 2012, is a social network

for people implementing (or thinking of implementing) ACE-informed practices in their communities.

Rather than being driven by a large institution (a corporation, a foundation, a government agency), this network’s members include social workers, educators, health professionals and parents. Community managers monitor the site, sharing relevant news, posting blogs and connecting members with one another. “All of us are contributing and creating new nodes in the network,” Stevens said.

In the socialstructured world, participation is broad (ACEsConnection grows weekly, with 2,200 members at a recent count). The network gives every member access to the best information, and to a virtual learning community.

But the socialstructured model can happen in real time, too, like when the vice-mayor of Tarpon Springs, Florida, who envi-

sioned an ACE-informed town, held monthly meetings that were open to anyone. “Often you will get energy and dedication in that way,” Stevens said. “You have to be open to being messy, open to unpredictability.”

She named socialstructured worlds that have become familiar places—Facebook, Twitter and Wikipedia—along with sites such as GalaxyZoo.org (an interactive project allowing users to participate in large-scale galaxy research) and DoSomething.org (for young people who want to take action; the tagline is “Make the world suck less”).

Stevens noted that socialstructured sites are not just online gab sessions. “It’s about groups setting goals and achieving them.”

Some NCAR participants are already venturing into the socialstructured world—or, at least, imagining how such a world would alter their work.

Susan Dreyfus, CEO of the Family Alliance of America, described the planning for a United States/Canada cohort of non-profit organizations that will strive to be “transformational agents” for ACE-informed programming in their communities. “I’m going to have a map in my office with a remote control that shows all the ways we are propelling movement,” she predicted.

Roy Wade, an instructor in pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and a member of that city’s ACE Task Force, is working with other leaders to develop a local ACEsConnection group to share protocols, ACE assessment tools and outcomes. A

community advisory board will ensure that people affected by ACEs have a voice, he said. “And it will allow us to connect what we’re doing with other organizations that are doing the same thing.”

And in Alaska, where Linda Chamberlain runs the Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project, ACEsConnection has the power to create conversation across a sparsely populated state. “This is the distribution network we’ve talked about. The opportunities are extraordinary,” she said.

Stevens has been a journalist for 30 years, but that role is changing, she said—in some ways, reverting to an earlier era when small-town journalists felt responsible to their communities and deeply embedded in the fabric of daily life. They acted as investigators, reporters and advocates. “In a socialstructured world, journalists can make sure everyone has the best information,” she said. “This is a beast with many heartbeats. Everybody can talk with everybody else.”

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Jane Stevens



NCAR PARTICIPANTS ENVISION A WORLD OF WELL-BEING



“This is not one more thing on my plate. This is the plate.”

Christopher Blodgett, PhD

What if a national movement on adversity and resilience gained momentum and reached into every corner of society? How might that change policy, practice, research and funding? How would it change people’s lives? Envision five years into the future: What achievement of a national movement on resilience makes you most proud?

This was the imaginative question posed to NCAR participants, thirty-five leaders in health, human services and education. Through hours of vigorous conversation, those leaders outlined the strengths, challenges and world-changing potential of a national movement on adversity and resilience.

They were encouraged to “think big.” They imagined this:

- **In cities and small towns across the United States, people are talking about adversity and resilience—and**

not only talking, but working together, linked through virtual and in-person networks, to prevent ACEs, promote healing and build communities that thrive.

- **Medicaid and private insurance companies reimburse for universal ACEs screening and treatment.**
- **Educators have the time and resources to make schools safe, vibrant learning environments for all students and staff, using the science of brain development, trauma and resilience to inform their practice.**
- **Workers in human service systems receive reflective supervision to help them manage the “secondary trauma” that can result from working with those in distress.**
- **Elected and appointed leaders, backed by public support, use their understanding of adversity and resil-**

ience to shape programs, policy and budgets for health care, education, human services, law enforcement, juvenile justice and the military.

- **A team approach to primary care strives for a new and broader definition of “wellness”—one that spans physical, emotional, spiritual and community health.**
- **The science of early childhood adversity, brain development and resilience is part of every health professional’s education; it is also embedded in the curricula of education, social work and law—in every system that touches human beings.**
- **Evidence shows that these efforts are working! The incidence of child adversity is down; parents report feeling more effective and more loving; public policy supports the healthy development of children and the well-being of their caregivers; communities are safer and more deeply connected in both good and hard times.**

Some of these goals, participants acknowledged, may be decades off. But the national movement on ACEs and resilience is already under way.

From Walla Walla, Washington, to Tarpon Springs, Florida, communities are changing the conversation about health and illness, human suffering and

strength. Trauma-informed schools are noting a decline in suspension rates and violence; some clinics are weaving behavioral health, mindfulness, creative arts therapy and other supports into the delivery of primary care. Trauma-sensitive caseworkers are learning to ask not “What’s wrong with you?” but “What happened to you?” a question that invites dialogue and reflection and opens the door to healing.

Can we create a stronger, more systematic understanding of what’s emerging? Can we get it documented and disseminated?

In the past fifteen years, since publication of the Centers for Disease Control’s Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, individuals across the country, from living rooms to legislative chambers, have experienced “aha” moments as the science of adversity and resilience suddenly illuminates their own behavior, their families and their professional lives.

Jane Lowe, senior advisor for program development at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), recalled learning of that 1998 study, which showed that childhood adversity was



both common and corrosive to long-term health. “It was like light bulbs going off all over the place.”

In small-group strategy sessions, NCAR participants brainstormed ways to spread that light. They discussed how best to frame and share the emerging scientific knowledge and the ACE-related initiatives built on that science.

Some recommended creating a national map of adversity- and resilience-related initiatives so that practitioners can learn about others’ efforts and compare notes on challenges and triumphs.

“What are the best 50 ideas out there now?” wondered David Bornstein, a New York Times journalist who writes about social innovation. “Put those on a map. Do those people know each other? Have they talked?” Another idea was to expand the reach of virtual networks such as www.ACEsConnection.com where practitioners can share ideas, ask questions and learn of new research developments.

Others spoke of the need for a common language. Even among NCAR participants, a variety of terms emerged: adversity, trauma and toxic stress; resilience, health and well-being. An effective national movement, they agreed, will need a “core story” that emphasizes both the reality of human suffering and the potential for healing and change.

“Awareness has to be coupled with stories of recovery,” said Nadine Burke Harris, a physician and founder of the Center for Youth Wellness in San Francisco. “Otherwise the data could lead you to feel that it’s all hopeless.”

And yet, some said, “success stories” themselves can be damaging if they perpetuate a “bootstraps mentality,” implying that some individuals are exceptional, able to rise above dire circumstances. “We need to look at what’s helped them, how they’ve been able to be successful,” said Laura Porter, co-founder of ACE Interface and director of ACE Partnerships for

Washington's Department of Social and Health Services.

Even raising awareness about trauma carries risk, especially for those who lack family or community support. Ken Ginsburg, professor of pediatrics and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and director of health services at Covenant House, Pennsylvania, reminded the group that denial is an important survival tool. "We need to make sure the message doesn't increase shame and stigma, that it is hopeful and empowering."

It's critical, some said, to remember and address root causes—inequities of wealth, power and access that make it more likely for some people to experience ACEs and harder for them to heal.

NCAR participants agreed that the movement's strength is its universality. ACEs affect everyone—if not personally, then through relationships, schools, workplaces and the larger economic sphere we share. Treating and preventing childhood adversity could lead to lower health-care costs, less crime, more educational success, higher worker productivity and a more robust "gross national happiness" quotient.

The science of ACEs is another strength, NCAR participants said, because it spans disciplines, engaging health care providers, social workers, judges, police officers, teachers, community activists and others. New technologies—social

media, virtual networks, phone apps—make it possible for people and groups to quickly share news, ask questions and find resources. Even the economic downturn of the last five years creates an opportunity, because it has forced so many people to re-think the nature of a stable and meaningful life.

The NCAR group agreed that a national movement on ACEs and resilience must take the long view. "This isn't a quick fix," said Natalie Levkovich, chief executive officer of Health Federation of Philadelphia. "We're not going to get there in two, three or five years. This is a generational change."

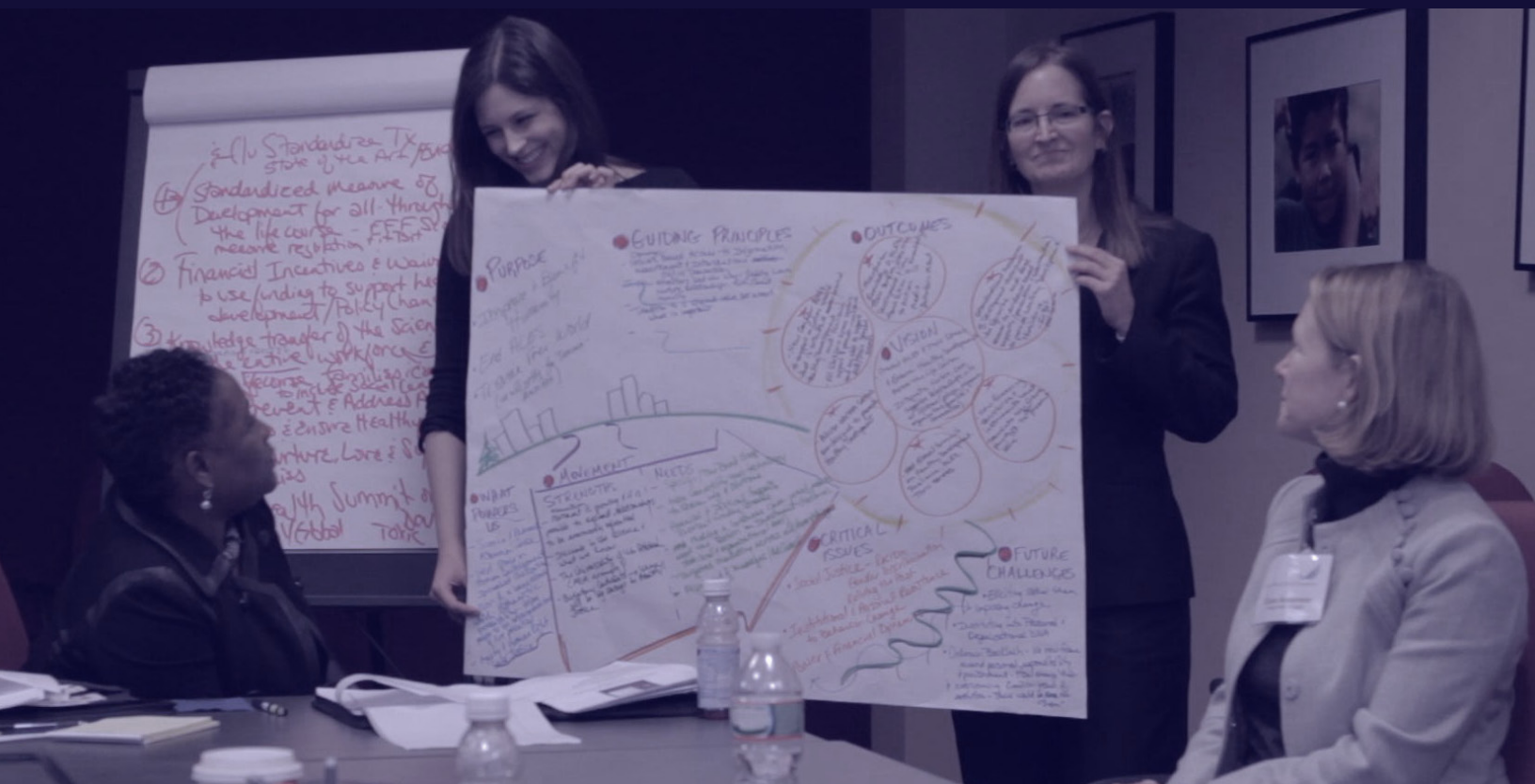
Robert Anda, co-principal investigator of the 1998 ACE Study, said the reality of children's suffering continues to propel his work. "What motivates me to do what I do is that it's painful to see what's out there," he said. "Empathy keeps me going."

And that change will be driven by both minds and hearts. "Any movement works because it creates moral outrage," said Lowe. "It is incumbent upon us to create the sense that all of these children belong to us."



NCAR'S STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

NCAR fuels the collective impact of people and organizations committed to a just, healthy and resilient world



Our Vision

We envision a just world in which individuals and communities have the power, resources and support to create and take part in robust systems of care. Those systems—health, education, human services and others—will help people understand the effects of their adverse experiences, build resilience in themselves and others, and acquire the tools to prevent adversity for future generations.

Our Purpose

The National Collaborative on Adversity and Resilience (NCAR) is a diverse group of people representing organizations and networks reaching across sectors and geographies to advance health equity. NCAR promotes ideas, policies and practices that minimize and prevent childhood adversity and that build resilience in individuals, families and communities.

Our Principles

NCAR is guided by the following principles in everything we do:

Inclusivity: We believe that community voices, alongside those of policy-makers, practitioners and researchers, should contribute to dialogue and change.

Equity: We believe that every person should be treated with fairness, dignity and respect. We challenge ourselves and all our organizations and systems of care to strive for cultural awareness, humility and justice.

Wellness: We embrace an expansive and holistic definition of wellness that encompasses physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. We support and promote a broad range of evidence-informed services and programs that contribute to the safety, health, happiness and empowerment of individuals and communities.

Heart-Head Connection: We believe in the powerful connection between empathy—our deep sense of connection to others—and the emerging biomedical science of adversity and resilience. We employ both heart and head to set standards and develop humane, evidence-informed prevention and intervention strategies.

Collaborative Capacity: We believe that strategic collaboration leads to better results when all partners have the capacity for leadership, adaptability and democratic decision-making—along with the core support and flexible, long-term funding to build that capacity in a sustainable way.

Our Strategic Goals

NCAR members will work together toward six strategic goals for growing impact and building a stronger national movement over the next three years:

1. Create a common language informed by robust data and brought to life by compelling stories of healing and recovery. Use key messages to inform and inspire policymakers, practitioners, funders, the private sector, the media and the public.

2. Educate leaders, policy-makers and the public about ACEs, brain development and effective interventions, including the paradigm shift from asking “What’s wrong with you?” to “What happened to you?”

3. Identify, promote and bring to scale research-informed, community-driven and cost-effective trauma and adversity prevention and recovery strategies, services and programs.

4. Engage elected and appointed officials, private sector leaders and other influencers as champions for health, educational, economic and related policy changes that improve community resilience, health equity and social justice.

5. Increase and leverage public and private funding for translational research, strategic collaboration, professional training, communications and the development of standards for trauma-informed services, organizations and communities.

6. Develop strong and adaptive leadership among members and allied organizations, coalitions and movements that share our commitment to a more just, healthy and resilient world.



Our Action Plan for 2014

NCAR will take swift steps to organize, mobilize support and build collective capacity to advance the national movement on ACEs and resilience and implement our strategic goals. Our action plan for 2014 will focus on the following priorities.

1. Establish a fluid, inclusive and forward-looking organizational structure modeled on best practices for collective action.

We must seek out missing voices, create a learning community that shares successes and failures, and identify a neutral convener and/or backbone support organization.

2. Leverage existing Internet and social media platforms and networks for sustained dialogue, decision-making, research and information-sharing.

Effective and responsible use of emerging technologies for networking, advocacy, fundraising, membership recruitment, digital storytelling and media outreach will help us manage our collaborative efforts and extend our reach.

3. Design shared measures of success to evaluate our progress and be accountable to our members and supporters.

We must agree upon a common set of measures and a reliable feedback loop to clarify our aims, determine whether our work is making a difference and gauge our return on investment.

4. Convene regularly to take collective action, widen our spheres of influence and advance our purpose and goals.

National and regional meetings, both in-person and virtual, are the best way to evolve our strategy, strengthen our relationships and discover new opportunities to advance our cause and build a national movement.

5. Secure funding to nurture and sustain our work.

We must seek investments in our collaborative capacity and infrastructure in order to realize our vision and accomplish our goals.

Join The Movement!

To learn more and to contribute your ideas and experience to the NCAR movement, please go to:

www.ACEsConnection.com to connect online or email NCAR@healthfederation.org

The NCAR programming is now housed at the Health Federation of Philadelphia

APPENDIX

Inspiration

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Inspiration

NCAR participants read and drew ideas, frameworks and inspiration from the following articles.

“Advancing Community Level Impact. Service to Social Change: A Series of 5% Shifts,” by Caroline McAndrews, Hai Binh Nguyen and Sean Thomas-Breitfeld. Published by The Building Movement Project, 2013.

<http://www.buildingmovement.org>

“Collective Impact,” by John Kania and Mark Kramer. Stanford Social Innovation Review, winter 2011.

http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact

“Connected Citizens: The Power, Peril and Potential of Networks,” by Diana Searce. Published by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Monitor Institute, spring 2011.

<http://www.connectedcitizens.net>

“Pathways to Grow Impact: Philanthropy’s Role in the Journey.” Published by Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, 2013.

<http://www.geofunders.org>

“Social Movements and Philanthropy: How Foundations Can Support Movement Building,” by Barbara Masters and Torie Osborn. The Foundation Review, Vol. 2:2, 2010.

<http://evaluationinnovation.org/publications/social-movements-and-philanthropy-how-foundations-can-support-movement-building>

“Storytelling and Social Change: A Strategy Guide for Grantmakers,” by Paul VanDeCarr. Published by Working Narratives, 2013.

<http://www.workingnarratives.org>

Participant Feedback

Following the retreat in December 2013, participants completed an online survey. The overwhelming majority found the meeting to be useful and motivating; many cited the opportunity to network and brainstorm with experts and activists who are “on fire” about creating a robust national movement that will build ACE awareness into policy, research, education and practice.

In narrative comments, participants said they wished to maintain the momentum, nurture and support the work of thought leaders, sustain the richness of diverse voices and focus on translating research into policy and practice at every level, including “on the ground,” in communities throughout the nation.

95% of respondents found the NCAR retreat’s networking and coalition-building to be of high value

95% of respondents felt they had a voice in the dialogue about strategies to mitigate adversity and promote resilience

86% would like to convene again, in person

62% would like to convene again, through remote means such as conference calls and/or online dialogue

Retreat Agenda

Purpose

There are many groups across the country working to mitigate adversity and promote resilience among individuals, families and communities. This retreat will bring leaders together from across the country to focus on creating collective impact across many sectors in policy, research, and practice.

Retreat Objectives

1. Explore, define, and prioritize a clear set of recommendations for funding, prevention and intervention, and policy that will mitigate adversity and promote resilience by: a) identifying, promoting, and scaling, what works and b) innovating better solutions to overcoming barriers to success.
2. Strengthen national and regional networks and relationships among thought leaders, researchers, practitioners and organizations engaging in ACE-related work.

Retreat Organizing Framework

The retreat will use “movement building” as a framework to develop a strategic plan:

1. Leverage the collective strengths, wisdom and knowledge of its members
2. Build on the momentum of the May 2013 National Summit
3. Yield outcomes relevant to the creation of NCAR’s strategic plan (as detailed in the purpose statement above).

Movement Building

Movement building refers to mobilizing support and building the collective capacity of groups to create positive social change. For NCAR, movement building is about helping organizations across sectors and geographies to align their commitment to resilience with their policies, practices, services, and strategic communications. There are many factors essential to building a successful movement. For NCAR these may include:

A strategic plan, including a shared sense of purpose and vision for change, strategic priorities, measurable outcomes, and recommendations for action
A communications plan to engage members and tell a compelling narrative to key audiences, including an idea frame, a story frame, messaging strategies, etc.
Leadership, capacity, infrastructure, and technical assistance to ensure successful movement building, learning, and collaboration

Retreat Schedule

Harvesting Great Ideas

Thursday, December 12, 2013

8:30 AM

Networking and Breakfast

9:00 AM

Call to Meeting

Christina Bethell, founding Director of The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Portland, OR

9:05 AM

Welcome and Framing Remarks

Jane Lowe, Senior Program Advisor, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Martha Davis, Executive Director, Institute For Safe Families

Angelo Giardino, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, Chief Medical Officer, Texas Children's Health Plan, Houston, TX

Jason Alexander, Principal and Co-Founder, Capacity for Change

9:15 AM

Introductions

9:30 AM

Context: What Are the Challenges to Creating Transformative Change?

Eight-minute presentation followed by discussion:

Idea Generator: Sandra Bloom, Co-Director, Center for Non-Violence and Social Justice, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

10:15 AM

Vision: What If We Could Successfully Grow a National Movement for Change?

Facilitator: Jason Alexander, Principal and Co-Founder, Capacity for Change

12:00 PM

Lunch

12:30 PM

Stories That Matter

James Redford, Filmmaker, KPJR Films, Marin County, CA

1:15 PM

Communicating for Impact

David Bornstein, Co-Founder, Solutions Journalism Network

2:00 PM
Break/Yoga

2:15 PM
Strategic Priorities: How Will We Achieve Our Vision For Change?
Part I: Panel Presentation and Discussion

Moderator: Jane Stevens Co-Founder of ACEsConnection with

- Sue Mackey Andrews, Co-Facilitator, Maine Resilience Building Network, President of Solutions Consulting Group, Dover-Foxcroft, ME
- Marcia Stanton, Coordinator, Arizona ACE Consortium,
- Phoenix Children's Hospital, Phoenix, AZ
- Teri Barila, Coordinator, Children's Resilience Initiative, Walla Walla, WA
- Roberta Waite, Associate Professor & Assistant Dean of Academic Integration and Evaluation of Community Programs, Steven and Sandra Sheller Eleventh Street Health Center, Doctoral Nursing Department, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

3:15 PM
Break

3:30 PM
Part II: Setting Strategic Priorities
Facilitator: Jason Alexander, Principal and Co-Founder, Capacity for Change

5:15 PM
First Day Wrap-Up

5:30 PM
Adjourn

6:30 PM
Dinner
Terrace Room, Westin Princeton Hotel

Movement Building

Friday, December 13, 2013

8:30 AM

Networking and Breakfast

9:00 AM

Call to Meeting

Christina Bethell, founding Director of The Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative, Portland OR

9:00 AM

Welcome and Framing Remarks
Martha Davis and Angelo Giardino

9:15 AM

The Socialstructured World: Connectivity for Collective Impact

Jane Stevens Co-Founder of
ACEsConnection with

- Roy Wade, Instructor of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Stoneleigh Foundation Fellow
- Susan Dreyfus, CEO Family Alliance of America, Milwaukee, WI
- Linda Chamberlain, Director of Alaska Family Violence Project, Homer, AK

9:45 AM

Building a Social Movement: Planning For the Future

Part I: Review & Discussion of First Day
Planning Sessions

Break

Part II: Action Planning: How Will We
Build a Social Movement To Advance
Our Strategic Priorities?

Facilitator: Jason Alexander, Principal and
Co-Founder, Capacity for Change

12:00 PM

Lunch and Wrap-Up Discussion

Martha Davis and Angelo Giardino

1:00 PM

Adjourn

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Clare Anderson recently joined Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago as its first Policy Fellow. At Chapin Hall, Clare will be focused on coordinating policy initiatives and helping disseminate Chapin's work so that it is actionable by policy makers, administrators and communities. Clare spent the first ten years of her career as a direct practice social worker in locations as varied as Children's National Medical Center and congregate care settings for children involved with child welfare and juvenile justice. At the Center for the Study of Social Policy, Clare provided technical assistances to states and communities implementing innovative partnership approaches to prevent child maltreatment. Prior to joining Chapin Hall, Clare was the Deputy Commissioner at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Children, Youth and Families. At ACYF, Clare used the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study as a basis for policy making in order to more effectively address the well-being needs of children and families.

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residency training at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and received her Masters of Science in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine's Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She has published extensively in the peer-reviewed literature, with articles predominantly focused on IPV and child health. Dr. Bair-Merritt has funded her work through institutional and federal grants. Dr. Bair-Merritt's published work has been cited in critical policy pieces and clinical guidelines including the Institute of Medicine's recent consensus report "Clinical Preventive Services for Women: Closing the Gaps," the upcoming World Health Organization's "Guidelines for Prevention and Clinical Intervention for Female Survivors of IPV", and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAPs) guidelines on IPV screening in the pediatric setting. She has been invited, based on her expertise, to present across the country and to have leadership roles in select violence-related committees and organizations. Dr. Bair-Merritt's long-term career goal is to lead multidisciplinary efforts to improve the health of children exposed to IPV.

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Teri Barila is coordinator of the Walla Walla County Community Network, part of the Washington State Community Network System. Together, this family-community-state partnership reduces expensive social problems by involving each community in finding its own unique pathway to thriving families. Building community capacity is a key element of the Network's mission. One example of community capacity development is the creation of the Children's Resilience Initiative (with Mark Brown, Executive Director of the Friends of Children of

Walla Walla) to bring awareness of the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences as the major determinant of adult- and public- health to the Walla Walla Valley community for practical application, with an emphasis on Resilience. This work has attracted national attention in part due to its grassroots organizational development and the focus on the hope of Resilience. Teri has a Masters of Science in Fisheries Management and a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Born and raised in Washington, D.C., she migrated west in 1981 and now calls the Pacific Northwest home. Her area of expertise for 20 years with salmon and steelhead Federal recovery planning in the Snake and Columbia River system was focused on fish stress and physiology. She shifted career goals in 1998 when she resigned from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and accepted the role of Network Coordinator. She has lived in Walla Walla since 1984, and has been the Network coordinator since 1998. She has two children: a 32 year old son and a 23 year old daughter. Experiencing the world of a special needs child with Asperger's Syndrome (Autism Spectrum) has significantly shaped Teri's thinking on systems, education, resilience and advocacy for children.

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Sue Mackey Andrews is the Facilitator for the Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN), a collective impact initiative designed to promote ACEs awareness, education and prevention. The MRBN is an organic, “bottoms up” Network which was formed in April 2012 as an outcome of the Maine ACEs Study and currently includes 33 statewide and local initiatives representing diverse stakeholder groups, populations and projects. MRBN is currently funded by the Bingham Program, and continues to seek funding to promote their collective mission of ACEs education and prevention. Sue has resided in Maine since 1979 when she and her family moved to rural Piscataquis County, in the midst of mountains, lakes and the Appa-

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James writes, produces and directs for film and television. His latest directorial project, *Aces* (working title), is a documentary film that explores the emerging link between childhood trauma and life-long health problems – and what can be done about it. He recently co-directed *Toxic Hot Seat*, premiering on HBO in November 2013 and produced and directed *The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia* currently airing on HBO. He also produced the film *Watershed* about the Colorado River and the acclaimed HBO documentary *Mann V. Ford*. Additionally, James wrote and directed *Quality Time*, an award-winning short comedy starring Jason Patric. He recently combined his passion for music and directing in Andain's new music video, *Much Too Much*. Other credits include producing *The Kindness of Strangers* which premiered at Sundance in 1999 and was picked up by HBO as well as adapting and directing Showtime's *Spin* starring Stanley Tucci, Dana Delany, and Ruben Blades. Redford also wrote the original screenplays for *Cowboy Up*, starring Kiefer Sutherland and Darryl Hannah as well as adapting Tony Hillerman's *Skinwalkers*, a PBS/Mystery! series that was the highest-rated PBS-scripted program of 2002. *The Acting Thing*, a comedic short written by James, was named best comedic short at the 1996 Houston Film Festival and aired on the Sundance Channel that same year. After surviving two liver transplants, James founded JRI, a non-profit dedicated to promoting a deeper understanding of the miraculous gift of organ donation. His live musical event, "Share the Beat", has been performed across the country with the help of notable talents such as:

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