Central Minnesota ACEs Collaborative
St. Cloud, MN

Purpose Statement

The Central Minnesota ACEs Collaborative will represent the community and build capacity by having representation from organizations, agencies and individuals who understand the impact of ACEs within their community and have a passion to create an environment to has fewer socio-economic disparities, increased health equity, and supports resiliency in the community setting.

Timeline

- March 2015. A community cohort involving public health, child protection, healthcare, law enforcement, county prosecutor’s office, probation, community mental health attends the Midwest ACEs Conference in Chicago.
- April 2015. Participants from the cohort meet to discuss act on what they learned in Chicago, and formed the Central Minnesota ACEs Collaborative.
- August 2015. Members of the Collaborative help to sponsor a conference in Saint Cloud with Vincent Felitti as the keynote speaker and presentations from the Minnesota Department of Health, the Minnesota Psychological Association, and the University of Minnesota Institute for Translational Research.
- Fall 2015. Collaborative member, CentraCare Health System, commits to support the production of TPT documentaries on ACEs in Minnesota.
- Spring 2016. Work begins to create a Child Advocacy Center in Saint Cloud.
- September 2016. The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) opens.
- November 2016. MCCC provides ACE Interface presenter training to a cohort of 30 presenters.
- March 2017. Work begins to develop a formal structure for the Collaborative with ongoing direction and funding.
- Fall 2017. CentraCare commits to funding a position for an ACE Coordinator who will lead the Collaborative and develop a program for education and implementation of ACE knowledge and trauma informed care within CentraCare.
- January 2018. ACEs Coordinator begins her work.

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ACEs Resiliency Coalition (ARC)
Brainerd, MN

Purpose

To achieve a healthier community through 1) public education about the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and 2) promotion of resilience building knowledge and skills at the individual, family, and community levels.

Timeline

Winter Spring 2013 MFFN Summit and Regional Workshops
October 2014 ACE Interface training
Spring 2015, connection with Crow Wing Energized
November 2015, ACE Interface Community Cohort training, Brainerd MN
May 2016, Formation of ARC
July 2016, Impact grant from Crow Wing Power Community Trust
March 2017, Mardag Foundation/MCCC grant

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