

## MISSION MOMENT

On Friday, May 4th, Minnesota Communities Caring for Children and the Children's Mental Health Division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services partnered to host the first **Collaboratives Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences: Growing Resilient Communities** gathering in St. Cloud. This event, offered through the ACE Collaborative Partnership Initiative, supported communities of practice connected with local Children's Mental Health & Family Services Collaboratives. The gathering brought together 106 representatives from Collaboratives to hear from leading resilience scholar and keynote speaker, Dr. Ann Masten, and six different breakout sessions. Participants engaged in shared learning that focused on a variety of topics related to developing resiliency and Self-Healing Communities, including; how to use local data to inform community action, a new framework for approaching mental health and wellbeing, and local examples of how communities in Minnesota have developed strategies to reduce the incidence of ACEs, build resilience, and sustain efforts in this work.



## NEWS FROM MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES CARING FOR CHILDREN (MCCC)



### MCCC is Looking for an Evaluation and Community Education Manager!

Interested in helping Minnesota Communities Caring for Children carry out our mission of empowering parents and communities to build supportive relationships, nurture children, and prevent child abuse and neglect? Please apply to be our Evaluation and Community education Manager!

The Evaluation and Community Education Manager is responsible for leading the organization's data management and evaluation efforts, serving as the Chair of the Data and Evaluation Committee, and coordinating the organization's ACE Interface training program and network of presenters. The Evaluation and Community Education Manager reports to the Development Director.

**Apply Today!** Deadline is June 20th.

### MCCC is Looking for a Development and Communications Coordinator!



If you're invested in helping to create healthy and happy communities and are looking for employment, then please apply to be our Development and Communications Coordinator.

The Development and Communications Coordinator performs fundraising and communications duties for Minnesota Communities Caring for Children, and provides administrative support to the organization's general operating functions. The Development and Communications Coordinator reports to the Development Director.

**Apply Today!** Deadline is June 27th.

## THE FACES BEHIND THE WORK

### Meet Our New Summer Interns!



**Zhawin Gonzalez:**  
**Summer Communications Intern**

Zhawin Gonzalez is a single father taking care of his children in Minneapolis. He is an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. As a full-time student at Augsburg University, Zhawin is majoring in Communications. His position at Minnesota Communities Caring for Children (MCCC) is Summer Communications Intern. In this role he will help to support fundraising and program duties around marketing by creating materials, doing outreach, and providing administrative support.

He chose MCCC for his internship because of his passion for child development. He has facilitated parenting classes for organizations in the past such as the FATHER (Fostering Actions To Help Earnings and Responsibility) Project, a nationally recognized program in Minneapolis; division of Indian Work, which has contributed to the Native community for more than 64 years by providing programs such as Youth Leadership Development Program (YLDP); Strengthening Family Circles; and Healing Spirit and Health Services. As an intern he wants to contribute his skills and bring his unique outlook through the lens of an indigenous man, to our organization. When he is finished with his time at MCCC – he will use what he has learned by bringing his experiences and offering them to families and any other organization that he encounters in the future – adding value to our community.

**Kellen Schalter:**  
**Graduate Student Intern**

Kellen Schalter is thrilled to be a Graduate Student Intern at Minnesota Communities Caring for Children (MCCC) this summer. She will be working with Kate Bailey, Development Director, and Dunia Dadi, Evaluation and Community Education Manager, to evaluate the current programs that MCCC offers. Upon completing the first

year of her Masters of Public Health at the University of Minnesota, she knew she wanted to spend her summer working for an organization devoted to community health and health equity. Through a program offered at the U of MN, she was able to connect with MCCC and was instantly inspired by the organization's work. As a part of the evaluation team, she looks forward to observing the current successes that are a result of MCCC's programs as well as discovering ways for MCCC to grow in its work.



It is her hope that one day she will be a public health policy professional working alongside people who are devoted to reaching underserved populations in Minnesota through health policy and healthcare reform. She is confident that the skills that she will learn at MCCC this summer will be used constantly in her future and is grateful to be joining MCCC's team.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & TRAININGS

### Circle of Parents Orientation Webinar for Prospective Circle Facilitators



**Wednesday, June 20, 2018**  
**11:30 am to 1:00 pm**

For More Information Contact:  
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The Minnesota Circle of Parents model is a peer-led, mutual self-help program providing support and parenting education. It's a place where parents can safely discuss with other parents and caregivers the challenges and successes involved in raising children.

Implementing a Circle of Parents group increases parent partnerships and leadership throughout the community. Support groups also help create and strengthen existing prevention initiatives throughout your community and other local programs.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



### Take me Out to the Ball Game!

Game Details:  
**Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 1:10 pm**  
**MN Twins vs Detroit Tigers**

For every \$20 ticket purchased, MCCC will receive a \$5 donation. Children under 30 inches tall are free. Seats are in the Grandstand.

**Deadline to Register is July 13, 2018**

Please share this invitation with friends, family and colleagues – we would love to have a huge crowd showing their support at the game! [Register here.](#)

## We Need Civic Engagement Volunteers!

*All Are Welcomed to Transform Their Communities*



Minnesota is a model for democratic participation. In the 2016 Presidential elections, **81% of registered** voters cast ballots, which made Minnesota the number one state for voter turnout. Despite national accolades, the state's voter turnout is another example of existing racial disparities in Minnesota. While **white voters had a 71 percent turnout, voting rates were 66 percent for blacks, 52 percent for Asians and 37 percent for Latinos.** The lower voter turnout in communities of color compounds other disparities including education, employment, and housing.

Join us in making Minnesota worthy of its national praise! Alongside your community, your voice has the power to create a more inclusive Minnesota by tackling racial voting disparities.

### Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Event Planning
- Recruitment
- Canvassing
- Phone Banking
- Voter Registrations

For more information call or email

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## NEWS YOU CAN USE



### Free Summer Activities in Ramsey County

Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative has updated their [guide to free summer activities](#) in Ramsey County! The list contains information about free summer camps, movies, and concerts in the park, sports, museums, and more family friendly summer adventures.

## Working Together to End the Opioid Epidemic

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) has launched a new webpage, [Working Together to End the Opioid Epidemic](#) to offer information about what DHS is doing to increase awareness, decrease the number of persons who develop opioid use disorder, and reduce the harms resulting from opioid addiction.





## Siblings Impact Your Empathy Levels By Child Trends

"ORLANDO, Fla. (Ivanhoe Newswire) – About 80 percent of Americans have at least one brother or sister. Consider this: kids today are more likely to grow up with a sibling than a father. But just what kind of influence can siblings have on each other? New research suggests it is significant.

They play together, share secrets, and sometimes fight! Still, growing up with a brother or sister can be rewarding. Now, science is showing siblings may play a big role in how kids develop empathy. Researchers in Canada looked at sibling pairs in 452 families. To measure empathy, the investigators pretended to be hurt and recorded how each child responded, then repeated the scenario 18 months later. Results showed kids who had very empathetic siblings during the first experiment became more empathetic themselves over the 18 months."

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## For Women of Color, the Child-Welfare System Functions Like the Criminal-Justice System By: The Nation



"For many, foster care feels like a foregone conclusion: 'I was born to a 14-year-old black mother, so I was already foster-care bound,' said Gerald Campbell, a 40-year-old who spent much of his youth in foster care. A report by the Schuyler Center confirms his view: 'Children born to teen parents are more likely to enter foster care or have multiple caretakers throughout their childhood.' The Schuyler Center also notes that 'Adolescents in foster care and those who age out are at increased risk of pregnancy compared to their peers.'"

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