

“The Power of Collaboration & Connection to Build a Healthier Community”

Friday May 20, 2016
Kalispell, MT
Hilton Garden Inn

Course Description:

ChildWise Institute & Intermountain present a Spring Conference 2016 focusing on the power of collaboration and connection to address the most critical public health issue of our time – Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Participants will hear from leading experts paving the way with effective and innovative collaborative tools, and learn from Montana community examples how to implement successful and effective collaborative approaches. The conference attendees will participate and connect with a unique network of peers in cross-sector learning groups, share collaborative challenges and gain practical tips, tools and “how-to” knowledge for immediate application in their own practice and community. Based on collective input, Ned Cooney, Facilitator/Consultant based out of Bigfork, will wrap-up the conference by leading attendees through a proven framework to develop their own actionable collaborative “plan” in which to utilize in their target communities.

The objective of this conference is to identify, discuss and plan ways to expand community awareness of the impact of ACEs on health and mental health across the lifespan, identify new collaborative relationships (local or distant), and enhance existing ones through a workshop environment to create a plan of future actions.

We are expecting an engaged and lively cohort of professionals representing a broad sector including: Corporate and Small Business Executives, Workforce Development Professionals, Educators, Mental Health Professionals, Healthcare Providers, Health Reform Administrators, Juvenile Justice Professionals and Officers of the Court, Chemical Dependency Professionals, Policy Makers, Parents, Foster Parents, Early Care and Education Professionals, Leaders of Philanthropy and the Non-profit sectors.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify, discuss and plan ways to expand community awareness of the impact of ACEs and trauma on health and mental health across the lifespan.
2. Explore the power of community partnerships and collaborations to address ACEs and build resiliency.
3. Identify new collaborative relationships (local or distant), and enhance existing ones through a workshop environment.
4. Understand what trauma-informed care is and why it is important.
5. Define the essential common activities that communities have used to become trauma-informed.

6. Understand the purpose of the Consented Referral System and how it can better assist children, families, and individuals who are in need of a referral or multiple referrals to other agencies in the community.
7. Introduce concepts of Project ECHO model.
8. Discuss moving toward a trauma-informed community and the strategic framework needed to develop first steps toward a “plan of action”.

Who should attend?

Corporate and Small Business Executives, HR Directors, Workforce Development Professionals, Educators, Mental Health Professionals, Healthcare Providers, Health Reform Administrators, Juvenile Justice Professionals and Officers of the Court, Chemical Dependency Professionals, Policy Makers, Parents, Foster Parents, Early Care and Education Professionals, Leaders of Philanthropy and the Non-profit sectors.

About the Speakers:

Speaker: Jane Ellen Stevens

Founder and Publisher of the *ACEs Connection Network*

Presentation title: “How ACEs Connection Network Can Help You Build Healthy Communities”

Course Description:

For communities to successfully integrate trauma-informed and resilience-building practices based on childhood adversity research, organizations from all sectors in a community must participate. Many communities are looking for guidance on how to do so. A practical resource is the robust community of people on the ACEs Connection Network (ACEsConnection.com and ACEsTooHigh.com) who are sharing best and worst practices, telling their stories, and developing and honing tools that anyone in the ACEsConnection community can use through network’s the Roadmap to Resilience toolkit. The presentation covers the essential activities that communities need to become trauma-informed, how to identify sectors and sub-sectors in communities, what the elements of becoming trauma-informed are, and how to lay a foundation in a community to start down the road of becoming a trauma-informed community.

Learning Objectives:

1. Define the essential common activities that trauma-informed communities have used to become trauma informed.
2. Learn how to analyze your own community's sectors and sub-sectors; identify organizations within those sectors in their own communities, as well as analyze organizations’ progress on becoming trauma-informed.
3. Learn how to lay the foundation for starting the process of becoming trauma-informed in their community.

Speaker Biography:

Jane Ellen Stevens, is founder and publisher of the ACEs Connection Network, which includes ACEsTooHigh.com, a news site for the general public, and its accompanying social network, ACEsConnection.com. The network focuses on research about adverse childhood experiences, and how people are implementing trauma-informed and resilience-building practices based on that research. The network is supported with generous funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The California Endowment. A long-time health, science and technology journalist, Stevens has written for the Boston Globe, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and National Geographic Magazine.

Speaker: Paula Hunthausen

Referral Coordinator, Consented Referral System

Presentation title: “Ensuring Families are Connected With the Services They Need!”

Course Description:

An overview of the Consented Referral System, a secure on-line tool agencies can use to make and receive referrals for individuals who are in need of services. Attendees will have an opportunity to see a demonstration of the referral system, discuss scenarios of how the system can better serve children, families, and individuals, and see data reports for agencies to use to make informed decisions about services. Communities that may be interested in adopting the referrals system as a local tool will learn what actions steps are necessary to have a successful implementation.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the purpose of the Consented Referral System and how it can better assist children, families, and individuals who are in need of a referral or multiple referrals to other agencies in the community.
2. Discuss how the system works, what data is collected, and how the data can be used to improve services across communities.
3. Identify the actions steps for communities interested in adopting the referrals system.

Speaker Biography:

Paula Hunthausen works for the Lewis and Clark City-County Health Department as the coordinator of the Consented Referral System in the Community Health Promotion Division. Paula holds a BA in Business Administration and Management from Seattle University. She is currently working on her MBA in the Human Resource Program at the University of St. Mary in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Speaker: Eric Arzubi, MD

Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, Billings Clinic

Presentation title: “Project Echo”

Course Description:

Dr. Arzubi, a child and adolescent psychiatrist, and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the Billings Clinic will give an overview of Project ECHO. ECHO (extension for community healthcare outcomes) model is the first of its kind in Montana. This model is a medical education and care management collaborative that empowers clinicians in remote settings to deliver better care to more people locally. This project puts local clinicians together with a specialist team at larger medical centers in weekly virtual clinics or teleECHO clinics. Project ECHO shares knowledge, expands treatment capacity and offers peer support to otherwise regionally isolated clinicians.

Learning Objectives:

1. Introduce concepts of Project ECHO model.
2. Discuss framework for teleECHO model which shares knowledge, expands treatment capacity and offers peer support to regionally isolated clinicians.

Speaker Biography:

Eric Arzubi, MD is a child and adolescent psychiatrist, and President-Elect of the Big Sky Regional Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. As Assistant Clinical Professor at the Yale Child Study Center, he remotely supervises trainees in New Haven, CT using telemedicine technology. Grounded and informed by his on-the-ground work, he was Co-Chair of the Keep the Promise Coalition, the public policy arm of the Connecticut chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the state's most influential mental health advocacy organization. In 2010, Dr. Arzubi organized Connecticut's first gubernatorial candidate forum on child mental health and, in 2012, he organized the state's first summit on school mental health. Before he uncovered his passion for medicine and advocacy, Dr. Arzubi was Bloomberg Business News' first Latin America-based correspondent and he spent five years as a bond trader for Morgan Stanley in New York, NY. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a Medical Doctor degree from the Yale School of Medicine. He completed his psychiatry training at the Yale Department of Psychiatry, and he completed his child and adolescent fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center. Dr. Arzubi is a ChildWise Institute Board Member.

Speaker: Nathan Stahley

Grant Coordinator, On behalf of the Alliance: Billings Clinic, RiverStone Health, St. Vincent Healthcare

Presentation title: "Trauma-Informed Care: Approaches in Yellowstone County"

Course Description:

The ACEs study laid the groundwork for communities to take action. It clearly showed that adverse experiences and trauma in early childhood directly impact health and behaviors as adults. What it didn't provide, is a road map on how to address these community issues. This presentation will examine the approach Yellowstone County has taken to address ACEs and trauma in the community. Areas of discussion will include trauma-informed care, coalition building, and specific approaches and techniques being used across sectors in response.

Learning Objectives:

3. Understand what trauma-informed care is and why it is important.
4. Examine Yellowstone County's model for collective impact (Healthy By Design).
5. Identify challenges, successes and early outcomes of the DE-STRESS grant.

Speaker Biography:

Nathan Stahley holds a BA in Business Management and currently coordinates a community grant-based project focused on the development of systems for trauma response and education in Yellowstone County. He works on behalf of the Alliance (Billings Clinic, St. Vincent Healthcare, and RiverStone Health) in conjunction with Healthy By Design, a community-wide coalition. Nathan is passionate about public health and previously worked as a Prevention Health Specialist at RiverStone Health, the local health department. While his current focus is coordinating local trauma-informed care efforts rooted in the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study, he has also worked on suicide prevention and tobacco prevention. He currently chairs the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Yellowstone Valley and is a certified Gatekeeper Instructor in Question Persuade Refer (QPR), national best practice training for suicide prevention.

Speaker: Ned Cooney, MD

Facilitator/Consultant – Bigfork, MT

Presentation title: "Now What? From Understanding to Vision through Action"

Course Description:

As they say in Chinese philosophy (and in hiking), "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Facilitator Ned Cooney will help small groups determine how to take all the ideas and insight gained during the conference, and bring it back to their local communities and individual organizations. Ned will provide a strategic plan framework designed to prompt attendees thinking and get them moving when they arrive back to work on Monday.

Learning Objectives:

1. Discuss and clarify participants' vision for a trauma-informed community.
2. Identify potential barriers to implementing vision for a trauma-informed community.
3. Identify potential stakeholders and supporters who could be enlisted.
9. Discuss moving toward a trauma-informed community and the strategic framework needed to develop first steps toward a "plan of action".

Speaker Biography:

Ned Cooney, Facilitator/Consultant has been serving Montana organizations as an independent consulting practice since 2005. Ned specializes in organizational development and facilitation for nonprofits, community groups, public agencies, and businesses. Since 2012 Ned has served as facilitator for the Flathead Best Beginnings Community Council.

Most of his career has been in the nonprofit sector, as executive director, program staff, volunteer, and board member. Now, Ned serves many organizations by following his passion for helping people learn and make better decisions together. Ned’s company specializes in organizational planning, board education and development, program development, funding strategies, support for executives and board members, and meeting and retreat facilitation. Ned is lucky to live in Bigfork, Montana with his lovely wife Cathy.

Ned is a former member and Board Chair of the Board of Directors of the Montana Nonprofit Association and has served as a member of MNA’s Nonprofit Public Policy Council since its start in 2006. Ned is adjunct faculty at Flathead Valley Community College in nonprofit and board development topics, and formerly taught in the Nonprofit Management Certificate program at University of California, Riverside.

Agenda

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8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Jane Ellen Stevens – Keynote Address “ACEs Connection”
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Small Group Discussion/Activity
11:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Paula Hunthausen – Consented Referral System
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Nathan Stahley - The Billings Alliance
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Dr. Eric Arzubi – Project ECHO
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Small Group Discussion/Activity
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Ned Cooney - Now What? From Understanding to Vision through Action