



EASTERN IOWA - WESTERN ILLINOIS  
**Trauma Informed Care  
Consortium**

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**Consortium Vision: A Community of Healthy Families**

Communities, families, business, health care, education - we all win when children develop healthy physical & emotional resilience. Together in partnership, the Eastern Iowa - Western Illinois Trauma Informed Care Consortium will provide this vision for Scott and Rock Island Counties.

**Consortium Theory of Change**

The understanding, treatment and reduction of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) leads to improved long-term well-being for children and families.

**"Consortium Connection" Meeting Notes**

MON 08/18/14, 3:00 to 4 PM.

United Way

**Team Members Present**

Christine Gradert, Mindy Foltz, Angie Kendall, Anne McNelis, Karrie Abbott, Nicole Barnes, Mary Newcomb, Diane Martens, April Berthiaume, Brooke Barnes, Megan Vance, Kay Ingham, Pat Barnes, and Lisa Bohland

**Note Taker**

Mindy Foltz

**Program**

Welcome and Introductions

**ACEs Connection "Iowa Group" update:**

The national website, ACEs Connection, has added a new group, the "Iowa Group." The Consortium was invited to join two other Iowa ACEs/TIC Teams to develop our own group. Christine and Angie will become "discussion leaders" along with others, to develop our state wide work. The training needed to form our group will occur this fall. The site for Aces Connection is: [www.acesconnection.com](http://www.acesconnection.com) and the link to our "Iowa Group" page is [www.acesconnection.com/g/iowa-aces-action](http://www.acesconnection.com/g/iowa-aces-action)

**SEARCH Work/Institute:**

A new research opportunity and partnership between the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend (CFGRB), the Consortium and the SEARCH Institute is underway. CFGRB is focusing on ways to invest in existing community capacities where youth development efforts are occurring with a focus on the importance of relationships in a child's life. Consortium organizations are viewed as key partners in this important work. The research seeks to capture information about how youth experience the supportive relationships they need to thrive. The goal of the study is to have up to 1000 "matched pair" surveys completed – in which a parenting adult completes Part A and a youth in the 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade population completes Part B.

*The week of September 15<sup>th</sup>* there will be 2 meetings for partner organizations to learn more about this research.

- 9/15/14 1:00 pm @ Community Foundation
- 9/17/14 9:00 am @ Community Foundation

If you are interested in your organization participating in this opportunity, please contact Angie or Christine.

**Initiative Team Reports:**

**Prevention** – This team has launched the ***NOW WHAT?*** Blog and social media campaign for parents. The goal of this campaign is to:

1. Normalize parents seeking help.
2. Provide bite sized concrete examples of ways to prevent child abuse.
3. Support family resiliency, utilizing the 5 protective factors.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Now-What-Child-Abuse-Awareness/237867546424228?fref=nf>

Blog: <http://www.childabuseqc.com/#!/now-what-blog-cqfo>

We urge all partners to like the page on Facebook and Twitter and share the status updates. We also ask you to read the blog and provide your feedback. Please note that all photos are pictures of local families who volunteered to be a part of this effort!

**Early Childhood:** Next meeting 8.26.14 @ All Our Kids (AOK), 4341 18th Ave, Rock Island, IL. The IL Forum is complete and the Iowa Forum is being planned for this fall. This IL forum provided a panel of local experts on trauma informed practices. They were able to provide early educators with ideas on new practices and programs designed to support children. This was a big success and the ECE Team is excited to plan another event in Iowa.

The ECE Team sent out a bi-state survey to child care providers to understand a baseline of their current level of trauma informed knowledge and practice. Results indicate a need for more training on trauma and referral systems. The team will be surveying other early learning programs (i.e.: home visitors, nurse/family partnerships, etc.) in September. These surveys are to gather baseline data.

The state of Iowa recently approved our 2 and 4 hour ACES/TIC training for credit for early childhood professionals.

**Community Education:** This team is continuing to deliver training in the community both at Iowa State Extension in Scott County and All Our Kids Network in Rock Island County. In addition to these monthly trainings, two, 2-day trainings will be offered again this fall at the AEA for educator recertification. This is a joint effort with Dawn Knutson at Scott County Kids. The first day will be cover Youth Mental Health First Aid and the second day will cover Intro to Truama and ACEs, Retraumatization, Vicarious Trauma, and Sensory Applications.

This Team is also working with the Health/Mental Health Team to develop training for the medical settings.

**Universal Screening:** This Team is working to review trauma screening in the early childhood setting with support from local Head Start programs. This Team is looking to develop and pilot a screening tool that will look at social emotional learning as well as incorporate trauma questions. The Team hopes to utilize the tool this winter and then review and modify later in the year with the goal of launching on a larger scale in the next school year.

**Civic Services:** This team has completed its initial “pilot” training of ACEs and Intro to Trauma Informed Care for Food Pantry Volunteers at the Friendly House. The Team is moving forward with Churches United to offer the training to all food pantry volunteers in Scott and Rock Island Counties.

**Data:** This Team is working along with members of United Way Health Impact Panel and Dr. Gary Rosenthal and his team at the Institute for Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Iowa. Networks are working together to develop a long term, measureable indicators/outcomes of our ACEs/TIC work at the community level. The conversation lead to a larger discussion of developing common indicators across all of the different ACEs projects in Iowa. We will be moving forward as a group to begin coordinating our conversation and efforts in TIC.

**School Districts:** This team has finished refining the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study and Trauma Informed Care training power point to specifically focus it to the needs of K-12 educators. North Scott Schools is planning to offer the training in October during in-service days.

**Marketing & Messaging:** This team is refining and moving forward with plans for a series of informational brochures (print and down loadable) to be utilized for variety of Consortium needs. The Team is also working on a short video (3-4 minutes) that will explain ACEs and TIC.

**Medical/Health:** This team is working to develop TIC training modules (both e-learning courses and live trainings). The Community Education Team is also exploring partnering with Genesis Health Group to pilot trauma screenings at one office site.

**Resource Development:** This team is continuing to explore all opportunities as they become available to fund the infrastructure of the Consortium. We have been successful in leveraging funding to support many of our projects (Now What? Campaign, community readiness assessment) as well as the talent of many student interns.

**Organizational Competency:** The “pilot” cohort is in process of working through the next domains of the Falloot and Harris tool “Creating Cultures of Trauma-Informed Care.” The tool includes six domains and pilot agencies will continue to meet periodically as they work through each phase of the assessment.

### **What Action Steps will be taken before the next meeting?**

Continued meetings with initiative teams; please notify Christine or Angie if you need assistance in setting up any meetings/getting notes or any other help and support we may offer.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3pm to 4pm; Co-captains meeting starts at 2:30.

### **Questions?**

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