



## Education Train the Trainer

**"Stressed brains can't learn and stressed brains can't teach."  
-Dr. Natalie Turner**

### **"Stress to Success" Curriculum:**

Legislation was passed in 2018 (SF 2113) that ensures all educators in Iowa are exposed to information about ACEs, toxic stress, and suicide prevention. The act does not require a specific training or exposure to a specific set of instructions or guidelines. The intent of the "Stress to Success" curriculum is to provide research-based information that can help formulate the understanding ACEs and their impact, and provide an overview of a set of responses.



Starting in July, Iowa AEA online learning will have an online module based on the "Stress to Success" curriculum to meet the ACEs and toxic stress requirement. All schools and education entities with access to AEA online learning will be able to access this module at no cost. [Click here](#) to learn more about the module.

In addition, ACEs 360 will continue to offer web-based train the trainers for school leaders who would like to deliver the content in person. For more information on "Stress to Success" curriculum training, [click here](#).



## ArtForce Iowa - An Transformational Partnership

Art Force Iowa is a 501c3 non-profit that was founded in 2012 by a group of concerned citizens, with a mission to transform youth in need through art. Working primarily with youth who have had involvement in the juvenile or family court system, or immigrant, refugee and first-generation American youth who have experienced violence and trauma, the ArtForce Iowa staff team recognized in 2017 that they were not doing everything they could for themselves or their students. That is when Executive Director, Christine Her, stumbled upon Central Iowa ACEs 360.

Read more about this unique partnership on our [website](#)!



The Chicagoland Trauma-Informed Congregations Network is an interfaith table that brings together faith-rooted organizations and others that are interested in using our collective wisdom to respond to the call to facilitate and deepen the role of faith communities in recognizing and creating “safe and brave spaces” that support the healing of trauma experienced by individuals and communities.

In May, we invited Rev. Kirsten Preachy to Des Moines with goal to learn about the development and future plans of the Chicagoland Network, and discuss opportunities here in Central Iowa. Learn more about our conversation [here](#).

Followup gatherings are being held in the central Iowa region. Faith leaders of all faith traditions are welcome.

Please connect with us through our website contact [form](#) if you would like to attend.



## Policy Coalition Update - We Need Your Thoughts!



The Iowa ACEs Policy Coalition leads collective advocacy on ACEs and trauma related policy in the state. The coalition includes community leaders from across the state, guiding our collaborative voice with state and regional systems and policymakers. To better support the efforts of ACEs/trauma informed stakeholders, we ask you to complete the [this survey](#) on advocacy related resources that would be helpful to you.

## Iowa Pediatrician Invited to Join National Pilot

The National Pediatric Practice Community on ACEs (NPPC) is a learning community of medical providers who are leaders in advancing clinical practice around ACEs and toxic stress in primary care. One of their goals is to engage medical providers as champions on ACEs and toxic stress by providing tools and resources needed to make ACEs screening a reality in practice, and become a hub about integrating an ACEs framework and what that means for pediatric practice.



Dr. Amy Shriver will be working along side the NPPC for the next 12 months in a cohort of a handful of other pediatric practices across the country as a pilot site to work on an implementation of an ACEs screening protocol, with the help of the experts, resources, and coaching NPPC provides. The pilot sites, like Dr. Shriver's clinic, is a pioneering practice, modeling the sustainability and feasibility of screening for practices around the country.

Read the official press release [here](#). More information, as it becomes available, will be shared through our newsletters and on our website.

Congrats to Dr. Shriver and Blank Children's Hospital for being selected for this exciting and important project!

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