**ACEs Consortium Rural Indigenous Subcommittee**

**September 20, 2023**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Rene RedDay (Coconino), Corey Lee (Coconino), Elizabeth Etsitty (Navajo Nation), Terea Sprigg (Santa Cruz), Paula Opeid, Byrde Nez (Navajo Nation), Mike Gaffney (Yavapai), Memarie Tsosie (Navajo Nation), David Obergfell, Feather Sprengeler (White Mountain Apache), LaToya Beatty (San Carlos Apache), and Julia James (San Carlos Apache).

**ACEs Consortium Updates**

* Board Nominations are open- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AZACESBOARD>
* RFP for ACEs & Resilience Summit- <https://azaces.org/summit2023>
* ARTIC Control Group Survey for educators- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARTIC_CONTROL>
* New survey results on Teacher Retention from Maricopa Superintendent’s Office- https://schoolsup.org/ retention data drop every month

**Terminology**

* SEL is referred to as “Optimal Learning Environment”, “Character Building”, or “Wellness”

**Strategies In Action**

* Santa Cruz County is seeing an increase in Asylum seekers. They do ACEs/Resiliency training for Customs and Border Patrol at the point of entry every other week. They display the artwork of the children to ensure Patrol has a connection to the community. See more at the Santa Cruz County website.
* Byrde Nez, Navajo Nation- Research consent study on Trauma Informed Care in Schools

**Community Updates**

* Life Is Precious (Suicide Prevention) Conference in San Carlos, AZ, Sept. 21
* Navajo Nation Early Childhood Summit, October 6-7, Twin Arrows <https://sites.google.com/firstthingsfirst.org/2022dineecsummit/home>
* Byrde Nez, Southwest Human Development, Navajo Nation- Hiring for a part-time Mental Health Consultant. <https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/SOU1060SWHD/JobBoard/81e99749-ac5d-4011-80d5-97016fa86db7/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=ea825e72-1458-4b85-b23c-ada02c6cec71>
* David Obergfell, DSW, LCSW, Vibrant.org- Rural crisis continuum work, gathering insights as to how tribal HHS can interface with 988 and crisis continuums of care. More to come in future meetings.
* Mike Gaffney, Arizona PBS- 5th-grade video contest - How does your monster/creature take care of their smile? And College Scholarships - <https://azpbs.org/early-childhood-educator-scholarship-program/>
* Byrde Nez, Southwest Human Development, Navajo Nation- We’re hiring for a part-time Mental Health Consultant. <https://recruiting2.ultipro.com/SOU1060SWHD/JobBoard/81e99749-ac5d-4011-80d5-97016fa86db7/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=ea825e72-1458-4b85-b23c-ada02c6cec71>
* Alicia Buckhanan, Cochise County Jail educational program for juveniles - We have a new mental consortium in Cochise County and a new behavioral health team that will provide services for our community. I will ask them to join us for the next meeting.

**Discussion** [**https://jamboard.google.com/d/1-kP2Mwa34\_1rQuG-aQr9DERQtDGovyolRy3t5Y2vpM/viewer?f=2**](https://jamboard.google.com/d/1-kP2Mwa34_1rQuG-aQr9DERQtDGovyolRy3t5Y2vpM/viewer?f=2)

**Childhood Adversities in your communities?**

* Overdose
* Cost of living=poverty
* Multiple deaths in family. Being raised without dads or either parent
* No transportation
* Lack of housing
* Dysregulation
* Abuse and neglect
* Murders and high crime
* High vape use; Drug and alcohol abuse
* Lack of access to mental health
* Divorce
* Anger, anxiety and depression in youth
* Domestic violence
* Lack of economic development
* Lack of agencies providing services
* Not enough food or clothing; Missing meals

**Examples of resiliency in your community**

* Online resources
* Language and culture
* Food banks
* Agencies working together and sharing resources
* Community gardening and harvesting
* Caring adults
* More services focusing on trauma-informed care
* Church youth outreach and services
* Strong sense of community
* Nature/Forest
* Grandparents advocating for their grandchildren
* **San Carlos is a trauma-informed district**

**How Can AZ ACEs Consortium Support Your Community?**

* Education for business leaders and Chamber of Commerce
* Share examples of programs that can be implemented
* Advocacy with leadership
* **Offer social media toolkits**
* Training for school staff on trauma-informed practices
* Training for Tribal Law Enforcement
* **Email conference and workshop opportunities directly to tribal communities/ tribal government**
* Promoting local programs
* Support Culturally sensitive programs

**Next meeting**

* **October 18, 2023, 12 pm- 1 pm, Zoom**

***If you know of Adverse Childhood Experiences/Resiliency “community builders” in the following communities, please provide an email introduction to Rene at rene@buildingcommunity.today.com****.*

*County: Tribes:*

* *Apache Ak-Chin Cocopah Ft. McDowell Yavapai Apache*
* *La Paz Ft. Mohave Ft. Yuma Quechan Gila River Yavapai*
* *Mohave Havasupai Hopi Hulapai*
* *Pima Kaibab Piute Pascua Yaqui Zuni Pueblo*
* *Yuma Salt River Pima San Juan Piute Tonto Apache*