



Hello ACEs community and guests, we hope your summer is off to a great start. Our next meeting will be on August 21st. **Committee and Partner updates:**

Communication Committee-

- Looking for new members...meets bimonthly on the 3rd Wednesday each month.
- Click [HERE](#) to take our quick, three-question survey.
- Want to know more? Email Sabrina Walton, at swalton@cc-az.org

Rural Indigenous Subcommittee-

- Looking for a new Chair...if interested, email Angie at angieemburleson@gmail.com

Training Committee-

- Review our upcoming Train the Trainer (TOT) opportunities below:
 - **REP School TOT-** <https://azaces.org/rep-school-tot/>
 - **Youth TOT-** <https://azaces.org/youth-tot/>
 - **ACEs TOT-** <https://azaces.org/tot-registration/>

Interfaith Group and Partner-

- Lead by Pastor Sanghoon Yoo, reach out by email at thefaithfulcity@gmail.com
- Click [here](#) for the Upcoming 3rd Annual Weave & Cleave Conference Program

School Workgroup-

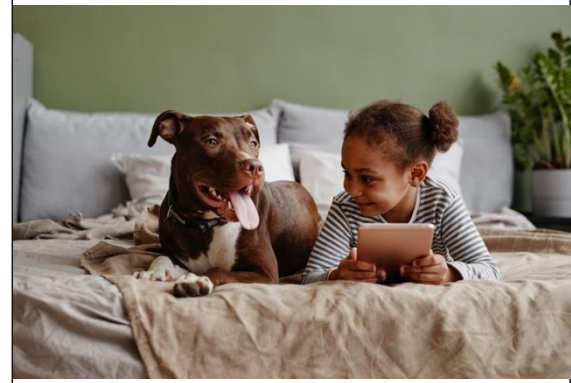
- On summer break until September. Check out the link for more info: <https://azaces.org/creating-trauma-sensitive-az-schools-work-group/>

Trauma Sensitive Schools-

- Connect with Jennifer @ Jennifer.Blau@bannerhealth.com.

Connect with SATIN for other trainings-

- Social media: [Southern Arizona Trauma Informed Network](#)
- Training link: [Southern Arizona Trauma Informed](#)



Awareness Observation Days/Months

June

- Infant Mental Health Awareness Week, June 6-16
- Gun Violence Awareness Month
- PTSD Awareness Month

July

- International Self-Care Day, July 24, 2025
- Birth Trauma Awareness Week, July 21-27, 2025
- Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Meet our new Board Members

Amy Shoptaugh, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Roxanne Murphy
Victoria Brandt, LPC

Mark your calendar

12th Annual ACEs and Resilience Summit

December 2nd & 3rd 2025 and
December 9th & 10th 2025

More information to come.



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

can have a profound impact on infant mental health by influencing brain development, emotional regulation, and attachment patterns. Infants exposed to high levels of stress, neglect, or abuse may struggle to form secure attachments with caregivers, which are crucial for emotional and psychological development. Early exposure to ACEs can dysregulate the stress response system, leading to heightened anxiety and difficulty managing emotions later in life. These experiences can also impair the development of cognitive and social skills in infancy. Responsive caregiving and early intervention can help buffer the negative effects of ACEs and promote resilience in infants. Mental health professionals emphasize the importance of supporting families to reduce the incidence and impact of ACEs. Ultimately, addressing ACEs early is critical for fostering healthy emotional and developmental outcomes in infants.

Upcoming Events by Origins Training & Consulting

Join Origins for an engaging overview of what a trauma-informed approach is—and what it isn't—along with practical strategies for applying these concepts in your setting. Whether you're just beginning to explore ACEs, toxic stress, and the impact of trauma, or you've been integrating this approach for years, this one-hour interactive session will provide you with actionable tips for fostering resilience in your organization or community.

3 Tips for Building Resilience

 Date: Tuesday, June 18 |  Time: 12:00–1:00 PM PT

 Location: Zoom – Register [Here](#)

Join us as we celebrate the launch of the Resilience Learning Community — a dynamic virtual space to pause, connect, and explore tools, techniques, and practices that foster resilience within your organization and community.

The launch party will feature an engaging panel discussion on why resilience matters now more than ever. You'll get a first look at the Resilience Learning Community, hear about upcoming events and trainings, and discover how you can get involved. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and your passion for making a difference.

Hear from: *Dana Brown, Director, National Cooperative of Communities PACes Communities, Rick Griffin, Executive Director, Community Resilience Initiative, Rhonda Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Sustained Dialogue, and more!*

Bring your questions, curiosity, and passion for making a difference. Let's build resilience—together.



Resilience Learning Community Launch Party

 Date & Time: Tuesday, July 22 |  Time: 12:00–1:00 PM PT

 Location: Zoom – Register [Here](#)

AZ ACES Subcommittee Highlight: ACES Training Workgroup

The focus of this workgroup is Trainer Support. A consistent challenge has been finding a platform where certified trainers can connect, share information and trainings so that recently certified trainers can possibly attend and observe or help.

Quarterly Communities of Practice; 1:1 Trainer Support

“Our trainers LOVE the Communities of Practice that are held quarterly. Surveys frequently state the networking and connection with other trainers is one of the best parts of the COPs.

Excited to (hopefully) soon be able to provide 1:1 coaching/technical support to trainers.

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