

Healing Communities



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September 8, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Kepler Theater
Hagerstown Community College
11400 Robinwood Drive
Hagerstown, MD 21742

**FOCUSING ON THE
PRINCIPLES OF
UNCONDITIONAL CARE,
THIS EVENT WILL
DEMONSTRATE HOW
COMMUNITIES CAN USE
THE POWER OF
CONNECTION AND TRUST
TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE
SHARED OUTCOMES AND
STRONGER
NEIGHBORHOODS.**

PANEL OF REGIONAL LEADERS

Dr. Anda will facilitate a community dialogue exploring successes and challenges when responding to community needs

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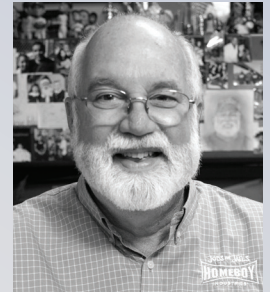
Register online at besterhope.org
or call 240-513-6370.

Category I Social Work
CEU's Provided. Questions?
Email Kerry Fair at
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Featured Speakers

Father Gregory Boyle

The Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J., is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, CA. From 1986 to 1992, Father Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church, then the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles, located between two large public housing projects with the highest concentration of gang activity in the city. He witnessed the devastating impact of gang violence on his community during what he has called "the decade of death" that began in the late 1980s. In the face of law enforcement tactics and criminal justice policies of suppression and mass incarceration as the means to end gang violence, Father Boyle and parish and community members adopted what was a radical approach at the time: treat gang members as human beings. Father Boyle is the author of the 2010 New York Times-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. He is the subject of Academy Award-winner Freida Lee Mock's 2012 documentary "G-Dog", and in 2014, the White House named Father Boyle a Champion of Change.



Dr. Robert Anda

Dr. Anda works in his role as Co-Founder of ACE Interface to deliver training materials at the state and community level about neurobiology, epigenetics, ACEs, resilience, and community capacity development. His dream is to help create a trauma informed nation. The public health and community wide implications of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study including specific examples of how this science impacts the goals and practices in human service systems such as education, justice, health care will be provided.



Self-Healing Communities use this science and the understanding and compassion that flows from it as a platform to engage the creativity, minds and hearts of all people in community; that can lead healing at the individual level and to a culture of change. These changes unlock the latent potential and creativity in communities that lead to new ways to interrupt the intergenerational cycle of ACEs and reduce exposure to ACEs for the generations to come.

Speakers subject to change without notice

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