

Overcoming Adverse Childhood Experiences:

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ARIZONA

YOU'RE INVITED: 4th Annual ACEs Forum ACEs & Addiction: Breaking Free Through Resilience

What: Community leaders will join members of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Consortium, along with City of Phoenix Mayor *Greg Stanton* and First Lady *Nicole Stanton*, to hear two pioneers in the field of medicine discuss the impact of adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress, and explore what's needed to promote resilience in individuals and communities. Local experts addressing the opioid epidemic will join the discussion highlighting the connection between ACEs and addiction. The event also celebrates the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Arizona ACE Consortium.

When: Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 9:00 – 12:30 noon

Where: Memorial Hall, Steele Indian School Park, 300 E. Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85012



Who: *Dr. Vincent J. Felitti*, a renowned physician and researcher, is one of the world's foremost experts on childhood trauma. Leading the charge in research into how adverse childhood experiences affect adults, he is co-principal investigator of the internationally recognized Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. Defying conventional belief, this study famously revealed a powerful relationship between our emotional experiences as children and our physical and mental health as adults. Revolutionary at its inception, Felitti's groundbreaking research remains extremely relevant to today's healthcare models.



Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, pediatrician, mom and the founder/CEO of the Center for Youth Wellness, is a leader in the movement to transform how we respond to early childhood adversity and the resulting toxic stress that dramatically impacts our health and longevity. By revealing the science behind childhood adversity, she offers a new way to understand the adverse events that affect all of us throughout our lifetimes. Burke Harris speaks to how we can disrupt this destructive cycle through interventions that help retrain the brain and body, foster resilience, and help children, families and adults live healthier, happier lives.



Dr. Kirk Bowden has been an addiction professional for more than 27 years. He chairs the Addiction and Substance Use Disorder Program at Rio Salado College and serves as a subject matter expert/consultant for Ottawa University. On April 4th of this year Dr. Bowden served as a panelist for a congressional briefing on opioid use disorders. He serves on the Opioids Review Panel of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, and served on the Society of Addiction Medicine Coalition for National Clinical Criteria steering committee.



Haley Coles is the executive director of Sonoran Prevention Works. She has advocated for health equity for people who use drugs since 2006 in rural and urban areas both in Arizona and Washington state. Her work with vulnerable populations has been recognized by Governor Doug Ducey of Arizona and Governor Jay Inslee of Washington. She sits on several state-level advisory groups for the prevention of overdose and HIV, develops harm reduction curricula, and pursues policy change to improve public health and health equity.

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