

# TAKING ACTION: BUILDING RESILIENCE

**“Reducing the effects of significant adversity on children’s healthy development is essential to the progress and prosperity of any society”**

- Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University

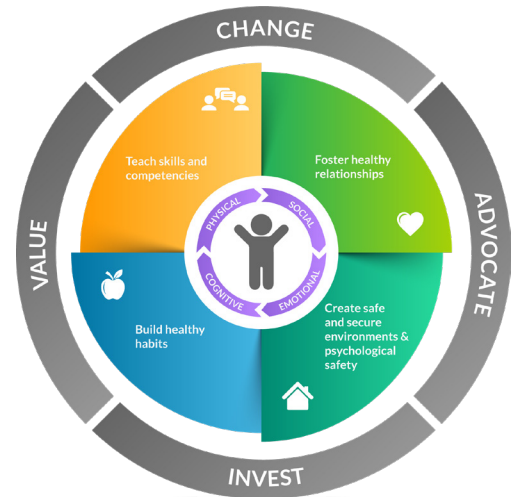
- Organizations have the unique opportunity to build and restore the core capabilities that promote resiliency, reduce stress, and support social and emotional health for adults and the children in their lives. Through a trauma-informed approach, organizations can make changes in organizational beliefs, policies, programs, practices, services and points of contact that value, advocate, and invest in healthy relationships; safe and secure environments and psychological safety; healthy habits; and skills and competencies.
- All organizations can become more trauma responsive by taking action:

**Join the Finger Lakes ACEs Connection Network—  
[acesconnection.com/g/finger-lakes-ny-aces-connection](https://acesconnection.com/g/finger-lakes-ny-aces-connection)**

- Join the Finger Lakes ACEs Connection to help build a trauma-responsive and resilient community. Membership is free, and the network promotes a collaborative approach to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and drive sustainable systems change to impact community resiliency.
- Visit the ACEs Connection website to share your plans and take advantage of the network’s resources about implementing trauma-informed and resilience-building practices and policies.

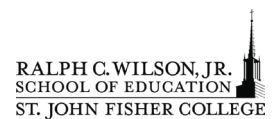
**Sign-up to participate in a future forum.**

- A winter or spring forum to focus on building organizational capacity for trauma response is being planned. Email Anita Black ([ablack@thegrhf.org](mailto:ablack@thegrhf.org)) from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation for information and to sign up.



# IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

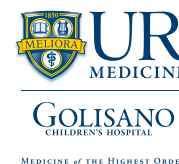
The Greater Rochester Initiative for Children's Social and Emotional Health Implementation Task Force (Implementation Task Force) is a group of cross-sector community representatives from medical, education, mental health, community-based and funding organizations. Convened by The Greater Rochester Health Foundation, the mission of the Implementation Task Force is to challenge the status quo and inspire action that will significantly improve the social and emotional health of children throughout the Greater Rochester area. Formed as an outcome of the work done by the Commission on Children's Behavioral Health in the Finger Lakes, the Implementation Task Force has prioritized its initial focus on trauma response and prevention.



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