

Bay Area and Sacramento Racing ACEs Network Virtual Series

SAVE THE DATES:

- Wednesday, September 1
- Thursday, September 23
- Thursday, October 14

TIME:

12-2:30pm (PDT)

To receive invite, please complete this interest form: [Racing ACEs Interest Form](#)

This series welcomes those working at the nexus of racial justice and ACEs science and policy in the Sacramento and Bay Area region. Please read further for history, purpose, and aims of the Racing ACEs network. Please join us as we come together, build alliances, and hear from core Racing ACEs leaders including [Dr. Ken Hardy](#), [Dr. Rhea Boyd](#), and [Erica Woodland](#), LCSW.

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What is the Fall Convening?

This three (3) part Fall series will feature learning, reflection, and collective action among those who are inspired to further the aims of the Network, and to contribute and co-create recommendations and key learnings to guide the larger state-led ACEs Aware vision and implementation.

Who this is for?

The Racing ACEs Network of Care welcomes those working at the nexus of ACEs/trauma-informed care and racial justice in fields of policy, communications, research, philanthropy, and government, and across disciplines of mental health, public health, medicine, education, youth development, child welfare, (in)justice systems, organizing, and healing justice.

This series is open to representatives in the Bay Area and Sacramento regions who are aligned to the following commitments:

Commitments

- This network is committed to disrupting the centrality and ideologies of whiteness and [de-centering characteristics of white supremacy culture](#) and our sessions will be grounded in these commitments and practices.
- As such, we commit to (and invite you to) [participate in these sessions with all parts of ourselves and especially our racialized selves](#).
- We commit to and seek others who actively examine, reflect, and interrogate how our racial identities inform and influence our work at the nexus of ACEs science, trauma-informed care, and racial justice.
- We commit to and seek others who seek to actively engage in our collective aims (see below) and who may be grappling in isolation with some of these tensions in the field and study of ACEs.
- We ask participants to review [network aims and history](#) prior to [completing interest form](#).

Who: The Racing ACEs Network

The Racing ACEs network and work is not new. A group of us came together in 2016 to reckon with the resurgence of interest in the ACEs study and science that, both then and now, centers conditions and characteristics of white supremacy. These include over-investment in resources to study early adversities that impact white, middle class communities, under-investment in resources to the experiences, conditions, and social determinants of early adversity and toxic stress (racism, state violence, wealth hoarding), over-surveillance, policing, and extraction of resources from BIPOC and minoritized communities.

The aims of the Racing ACEs Network are to:

- Reflect on how racial justice and connected movements for liberation have both influenced and contend with ACEs and extant legislation and funding.
- Reflect and consider how we prepare for and mitigate the potential and probable burdens of ACE screening for communities that are most structurally vulnerable, and by providers that are often more structurally protected.
- Reflect on and consider the need, value, and insights of screening tools and algorithms that measure systems harm and system-induced adversity.
- Grapple with the often invisible, yet insidious, ways in which white privilege drives trauma-informed and resilience-building approaches, policies, investments, and field/sector leadership.
- Cultivate a beloved community of care committed to creating shared core values, tools, frameworks, and language that support and sustain mutual accountability, and investments that prioritize racial equity and healing across trauma-informed approaches, policies, and investments.

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