



**ROAR – Robeson Overcoming Adversity through Resilience
Resolution of Support and Membership Agreement**

WHEREAS, multiple factors cause community problems: therefore, efforts to address behavioral, environmental, and social change must be collaborative and multidimensional;

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are traumatic experiences, such as abuse, neglect and household dysfunction, and can result in toxic stress and have a profound effect on a child’s developing brain and body;

WHEREAS, protective factors serve to buffer to prevent families from becoming “at risk” for abuse, neglect and toxic stress;

WHEREAS, multiple agencies provide services, resources and supports to parents, children, and other family members;

WHEREAS, collaboration across governmental jurisdictions and across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors is needed to reinforce one another’s work and investments;

WHEREAS, individual citizens are invested in improving the quality of life for children and parents in our community;

WHEREAS, we can choose a course for change that will lead to the mutually reinforcing outcomes of optimal child development, increased family strengths, a responsive service system and a decrease in child abuse, neglect and toxic stress;

WHEREAS, there is a network of prevention partners ensuring access to evidence based/evidence informed prevention programs for children and their families all along the age continuum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ hereby endorse and commit to assist the work in Robeson county around reducing the occurrence of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), resulting in a reduction in abuse, neglect and toxic stress.

ROAR Membership Agreement

- Creating an inclusive, safe space for all at ROAR meetings;
- Doing everything we can to reduce ACEs at the individual, family, and community level;
- Educating staff and/or community about ACEs and its impacts;
- Supporting and Implementing the action plan outlined by ROAR and work towards trauma-informed policies and procedures, seeking to avoid re-traumatizing clients, students, and/or colleagues;
- Supporting and taking care of providers so they are safe and well and better able to care for the people they serve;
- Collaborating with other agencies and individuals working towards our common goals;
- Participating as able in ROAR monthly meeting and sub-committees as needed;
- Sharing data as able with ROAR to aid in our collective work.

ENDORSED this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Signed _____ Print name _____

Print title (if applicable) _____

- I am signing on my own behalf I am signing as leader/representative of an organization

Organization (if applicable) _____

Sector (circle one) Business ● Child Care ● Civic ● Community Service Organization ● Community Initiatives
Education (Pre-K-12) ● Education 13+ ● Emergency Responders ● Faith-based ● Funders ● Health ● Media Justice
System ● Political Organizations ● Recreational Clubs & Organizations ● Social Services ● Youth Organizations