



MOBILIZING ACTION FOR RESILIENT COMMUNITIES (MARC)

ABOUT Mobilizing Action For Resilient Communities (MARC)

MARC is a national effort aimed at promoting resilience and preventing and reducing adverse childhood experiences. The Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Study recognized the long term effects of traumatic childhood experiences. MARC funds community efforts that seek to overcome adversity through policy and system change and by promoting health and well-being in their community. Fourteen communities across the United States, each with well-established, multi-sector networks, have been awarded a MARC Grant coordinated by the Health Federation of Philadelphia with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the California Endowment.

In November 2015, Harmonium was pleased to be selected as one of the recipients of this grant which allows us to support San Diego's efforts. As an awarded community, San Diego has been nationally recognized to be at the forefront of collaborating across sectors to prevent ACEs and to create systems that are trauma-informed through the well established work of the San Diego Trauma-Informed Guide Team (SD-TIGT) and Building Healthy Communities.

PROJECT COORDINATION

Recognized for their long standing advocacy, system change, and prevention services, Harmonium was awarded the MARC grant to serve as the backbone organization for San Diego. Harmonium, in partnership with the San Diego Youth Development Office (YDO) and Dr. Audrey Hokoda, will advance collective impact by managing the MARC project; supporting the current activities of the SD-TIGT, Building Healthy Communities, and other efforts; coordinating the evaluation and outcome process; advancing policy; and mobilizing funding.

GOALS

To strengthen trauma-informed practices through the work of the San Diego Trauma-Informed Guide Team (SD-TIGT) to promote resilience throughout San Diego:

- Strengthen and grow the SD-TIGT as a cross-sector movement aimed at promoting resilience and preventing / reducing ACEs in San Diego.
- Enhance the capacity of the SD-TIGT network to establish system change within the policy, program, and practice levels.
- Compliment and expand upon the goals and objectives of the Building Healthy Communities initiative specific to resident and youth leadership.

RECOGNIZING YOUR WORK

We invite you to be a part of the MARC community. We look forward to learning more about the efforts of your community or organization to promote resilience and prevent / reduce ACEs in San Diego. You can get involved by:

- Participating in the SD-TIGT meetings, sharing your trauma-informed journey, and learning about what others are doing.
- Joining the San Diego ACEs Connection group at <http://www.acesconnection.com/g/san-diego-county-aces-connection-group>.

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