



Resilient Santa Barbara County: An Overview

Resilient Santa Barbara County is a countywide network dedicated to preventing and reducing the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in Santa Barbara County. We educate, exchange ideas, share opportunities and work collectively to transform lives through practical and community-centered solutions.

Santa Barbara County KIDS Network is a cross-sector, umbrella organization that serves as the hub for Resilient Santa Barbara County. KIDS Network promotes comprehensive, coordinated and collaborative approaches among service providers and community stakeholders to identify priorities and improve outcomes for children, youth and families in our community. Bi-monthly meetings of the KIDS Network include updates and activities designed to support the ongoing evolution of ***Resilient Santa Barbara County***. KIDS Network membership is open to all.

Community Partners are organizations that demonstrate their commitment to being ACEs-informed, trauma-responsive and resiliency –focused by signing the Resilient Santa Barbara County Community Partner Agreement and contributing their knowledge and expertise to the countywide movement.

Benefits of Being a Community Partner

- Your organization will be part of a visible and well-publicized effort to make our community more resilient.
- You will share a level of commitment with other Community Partners that fosters trust and stimulates ideas for mutually supportive endeavors.
- Resilient Santa Barbara County will link you to resources that will support you on your journey to becoming ACEs-aware and trauma-responsive.
- Your organization will be visible on the Santa Barbara County ACEs Connection website and you will be part of the countywide Community Tracker database.
- Partnership is designed to enhance the capacity of member organizations and systems to identify and effectively meet the needs of community members, thereby improving outcomes in every sector.
- Partnership will create opportunities for successful high-level collaboration that can attract resources to our community and potentially to your organization.

The ACEs Steering Committee is a group of volunteers who are shaping the vision, purpose, principles, and objectives of Resilient Santa Barbara County. Members are committed to supporting the evolution of the Resilient SBC Network. The Steering Committee represents different sectors and different regions within Santa Barbara County. KIDS Network provides support for leadership and meeting facilitation. This group leads the development of Santa Barbara's multi-year, cross-sector plan for coordinating the ACEs and Resilience work across the county. Participants commit to monthly meetings for a minimum of three months. Work Groups and/or Task Forces are formed with additional stakeholders as necessary to complete time-limited projects.

ACEs Connection is an international, web-based social network where anyone can join the movement to prevent ACEs, heal trauma and build resilience. [ACEs Community](#) is an active, influential community where people using trauma-informed/resilience-building practices can connect with one another. The network creates a safe place and a trusted source where members share information, explore resources and access tools that help them work together to create resilient families, systems and communities. A companion site, [ACEsTooHigh.com](#), provides news for the general public.

Santa Barbara County ACEs Connection is the Santa Barbara community site on the ACEs Connection website and will serve as the official RSBC website. KIDS Network staff manage the site. Anyone can join and post updates, information and questions. This site will also serve to link Community Partners and Resilient SBC stakeholders with recommended resources and updates on work groups and local accomplishments.

<https://www.acesconnection.com/q/santa-barbara-county-aces-connection>



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT Resilient Santa Barbara County and Community Partners:

(PRINT NAME of Partner Organization)

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*The purpose of this **AGREEMENT** is to clarify roles and responsibilities and to engage partners in the shared vision of the network. **Community Partners** will receive a Resilience Toolkit that includes basic information and links to sector-specific resources to inspire participation and guide actions. **Resilient Santa Barbara County** will track progress using the ACEs Connection website, recognizing that each organization will proceed at its own pace.*

Vision: A Resilient Santa Barbara County where organizations and systems work collaboratively to ensure the health and wellbeing of all individuals, families and communities

Purpose: To create an integrated and resilient community built upon a foundation of relational health and wholeness

Principles:

- Build trust and healthy relationships as a foundation for resilience
- Create a supportive, safe, equitable, accessible and inclusive network
- Bring our whole selves with fidelity and integrity
- Welcome, hear and honor all voices
- Innovate and experiment with imagination and creativity
- Use data and stories to inform decisions and direction
- Embrace trial and error to learn and grow
- Grow our capacity to collaborate

As a party to this AGREEMENT, we understand that:

- Adverse childhood experiences are present in every community, regardless of demographics or socio-economic status;
- A correlation has been demonstrated between adverse childhood experiences, trauma, toxic stress, and medical, emotional and behavioral health challenges;
- Challenges from ACEs and toxic stress impact both individuals and society, and may contribute to adverse circumstances such as learning difficulties, truancy, joblessness, homelessness, substance abuse, family and community violence, incarceration, early death and suicide;

- Toxic stress is also fueled by community disruption, discrimination, poverty, food insecurity, lack of affordable housing, and/or lack of opportunity and economic mobility;
- A successful resilience movement will require leadership and a widespread commitment to addressing the causes and consequences of trauma and toxic stress through a coordinated and comprehensive community effort.

As a party to this AGREEMENT, we will strive to:

- Strengthen relationships within our organization and throughout the network
- Support a shared vision that promotes multiple pathways to resilience
- Operate from the Resilient SBC vision, purpose and principles in seeking to become ACEs-informed, trauma-responsive, and resiliency-focused at every level
- Embrace both organizational and network goals, responsibilities and priorities
- Coordinate existing actions for greater impact
- Collaborate at higher levels across sectors for community level systems change

Our organization will:

- Strive to achieve the vision, purpose and principles of Resilient SBC within our organization, and to support well-being in all of our team members, service recipients, and supporters
- Develop relationships that support cross-sector partnerships and interagency connections
- Consider participating in projects, programs, or networks that are focused on the vision and purpose of Resilient Santa Barbara County
- Accept the invitation to share activities, progress and lessons learned through participation in the KIDS Network and/or posts to the [SBC ACEs Connection](#) webpage
- Capture and contribute relevant data and stories to inform our learning community

As a Resilient Santa Barbara County Partner, we agree to support connection, healing and transformation for our community and ourselves by:

1. Utilizing information and resources available through the Resilience Toolkit
2. Sharing lessons learned to enhance the collective wisdom of our community
3. Tracking organizational progress using the ACEs Connection milestones, completing questionnaires with honesty and fidelity
4. Practicing and promoting trauma sensitivity among friends, family and co-workers, some of whom struggle daily with trauma-related challenges we may know nothing about.

This AGREEMENT will remain in effect indefinitely; either party may terminate the AGREEMENT upon written notice to the other. **Welcome to Resilient Santa Barbara County!**

Community Partner Representative

Signature

Date

Resilient Santa Barbara County, Director or Officer

Date