



Beyond Prevention:
Cultivating Resilience
and Hope in Childhood

2024 FALL CONFERENCE

Agenda & Session Descriptions
Mount Pleasant Comfort Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Thursday, October 17, 2024			
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast		
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Welcome - Suzanne Greenberg; Executive Director, Children Trust Michigan		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Opening Keynote: Fostering Connections Through Storytelling	Bethany Van Delft Moffi; Parent Advocate and Storyteller	Bethany Van Delft Moffi - mother of two, comedian, storyteller, and a passionate Parent Advocate - underscores the significance of storytelling in fostering connection and building trust with families, allowing for meaningful collaboration and outcomes.
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch (included)		
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Afternoon General Session: Get Ready to Show Up and Show Out: Moving from Parent Engagement to Parent Partnership	MaryJo Alimena Caruso, TTA Coordinator; FRIENDS National Center for CBCAP	Join us for a personal and interactive moderated discussion with parents and family caregivers. Audience members will hear panelists' authentic experiences and insights highlighting their journey from participating in programs to leading child abuse prevention efforts. Together, we'll discover the richness that results as families evolve from showing up to showing out for child abuse prevention and experience how parents make a difference in their families, prevention programs, and communities through small but significant leadership opportunities.
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Break (snack provided)		
2:15 – 3:30 PM	Breakout Session One		
	1A: Is it Medical Child Abuse or Something Else?	N. Debra Simms, MD; Child Abuse and Neglect Pediatrician, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital	Medical Child Abuse, Vulnerable Child Syndrome, and Over Utilization of health care services are a collection of parental responses that can harm children. We will discuss what these conditions are, why they may happen and what do we do about them.
	1B: Distracted Parenting: Phone use as both a support and hindrance to parenting	Brandon T. McDaniel, PhD; Senior Research Scientist, Mirro Center for Research and Innovation	In this session, participants will have the opportunity to understand and reflect on (1) their personal smartphone habits as well as the phone habits of parents, (2) the motivations behind parent phone use, (3) different effects that come from actual versus perceived phone use, (4) the complex feelings connected to parent phone use, and (5) how to work with parents regarding their phone use.



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3:30 – 3:45 PM	Break		
3:45 – 5:00 PM	Breakout Session Two		
	2A: A Place at The Table: is it assigned seating or musical chairs?	MaryJo Alimena Caruso, TTA Coordinator; FRIENDS National Center for CBCAP; Katherine Logan-Dinco, MS; Family Coordinator, Children Trust Michigan	Engaging parents in leadership and collaborative roles is anything but a linear process and the rules of engagement may be unfamiliar. Should we be saving a seat at the table? Should we be building the table together? Are we even seated in the same space? This session will provide participants with the opportunity to actively engage in conversations with family leaders and colleagues around strategies extending from parent participation to co-design and everything in between. Using shared wisdom, the session will spark ideas and identify the relationships necessary to strengthen parent/practitioner collaboration in your community-based organization.
	2B: Building a Trauma informed Barry County	Bill Mattson; Program Director, Family Support Center of Barry County; Deb Timmerman, RN, DAIS, HMCT; Child Resilience Officer, Less Stress in Life	This session will look at the process of pulling together a collaborative community group focusing on building a community that understands the effects of trauma and positive childhood experiences on the residents of the county. The session will look at successes achieved by the group and will dive into roadblocks encountered and how the group overcame these stumbling blocks. The session will describe steps taking in building a trauma aware and informed community, activities used to build buy-in, activities used to build resilience in the community, and takeaways on what they would have done differently.
5:00 PM	Conclude		
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Networking Reception/Hors d' Oeuvres		



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Friday, October 18, 2024			
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration & Continental Breakfast		
9:00 -9:15 AM	Welcome Day Two		
9:15 – 10:30 AM	Day Two Opening Keynote: HOPE – Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences	Robert Sege, MD, PhD; Director of the HOPE National Resource Center, Tufts University School of Medicine	Children’s growth and development responds to their experience. The HOPE – Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences framework lays out those key positive experiences that children need to thrive, and that promote healing and resilience in the face of adversity. HOPE powers approaches that reduce bias in care, increase family engagement, and honors the empathy that leads us to dedicate our lives to caring for children and their families. This keynote concludes with a call to action - and resources - to transform care for children and their families.
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break (snack included)		
	Breakout Session Three		
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	3A: Building Stronger Communities with HOPE and Strengthening Families™	Holly Wingard; Facilitator, Trainer and Consultant, Wingard Consulting, LLC	HOPE and Strengthening Families™ are both strength-based approaches to understanding and working with children and families, grounded in shared values including: the belief in the resilience of individuals, families, and communities; the importance of cultural humility and anti-racist strategies; and the power of identifying and building on strengths. The developing science of the positive demonstrates the incredible impact that can be made when we create communities where the Building Blocks of HOPE are strong, and when we combine these efforts with supporting parents in building their Protective Factors™, the impact continues to grow! In this session, we will discuss how the two frameworks are related, and how you can use them together to improve your work with children and families.
	3B: Building a Strong Nonprofit Board of Directors: 10 Key Strategies	Suzanne Greenberg; Executive Director, Children Trust Michigan; Amy Tattrie Loepp, MSA; Board Chair, Children Trust Michigan	Join CTM Executive Director Suzanne Greenberg and Board Chair Amy Tattrie Loepp for an interactive discussion about all things related to non-profit boards. They will be sharing valuable information, including tips and strategies for recruiting, engaging and retaining effective board members.
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch (included)		



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1:00 – 2:00 PM	Closing Keynote: Beyond Capes and Masks: Transforming Family Engagement with Compassion	Cole Williams; Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Delta Project	Join us for an unforgettable closing keynote with Cole Williams that will reignite your passion for supporting youth and families. As the visionary behind the Delta Project and a relentless advocate for Black and Brown boys and fathers, Cole doesn't just fight for justice – he empowers others to become the heroes of their own stories. In a world that often looks to the sky for heroes, Cole Williams invites you to look in the mirror. Prepare for a keynote that will redefine heroism and revolutionize your approach to family engagement! Don't miss this opportunity to breathe new life into your approach to supporting youth and families. Cole Williams will show that true heroism doesn't require capes or masks—just an open heart and a commitment to making a difference. This isn't just a keynote—it's a celebration of the unsung heroes dedicated to uplifting families. Cole will weave together the key themes of the conference, creating a rich tapestry of inspiration and practical wisdom. Join us and be a part of this transformative experience! By the end of this keynote, you'll: Uncover how everyday compassion creates extraordinary impact. Learn how the Children Trust Michigan network forms an unbeatable team. Find inspiration to become the hero in your own narrative of change. Not all heroes wear capes, but they all have the power to transform lives through compassion!
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Closing Remarks		
2:30 PM	Conclude		