Framework, Strategies for Addressing and Preventing Community Trauma

The health, behavioral health, and social service fields have paid strong attention to the impacts of individual trauma. An emerging understanding is that we must focus on reducing trauma at the community level. Increasingly prevention practitioners are emphasizing that community trauma interferes with well-being and with other efforts to advance health. Elements of community trauma include a breakdown in trust, social isolation, and deteriorated public spaces. Like trauma in individuals, trauma in communities contributes to poor health outcomes.

Featuring Dr. Howard Pinderhughes, co-author of our Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience (ACE|R) report, and moderated by Prevention Institute (PI) Director Sheila Savannah, this web conference will present the ACE|R framework, including discussion about the production of trauma and violence in communities.

Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience: A Framework for Addressing and Preventing Community Trauma

Monday, April 18, 2016
11:00 am-12:30 pm PT / 2:00 pm-3:30 pm ET
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Panelists will include representatives from Kaiser Permanente’s Community Benefit sites, who were interviewed for the ACE|R report, and representatives from PI’s national initiative, Making Connections for Mental Health and Well-Being, which aims to improve the mental health and well-being of men and boys. Panelists will highlight the importance of a multi-sector approach, and the roles of multiple sectors, in preventing and addressing community trauma. The discussion will also include community-level strategies that promote healing from and resilience to Adverse Community Experiences and community trauma.

The ACE|R framework was developed by Prevention Institute and Dr. Pinderhughes to understand and address Adverse Community Experiences. While the harmful impacts of individual trauma are increasingly being addressed, the ACE|R framework is the first of its kind to explore community trauma and set a foundation to address it.

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