



## Children's Social and Emotional Health

### The Greater Rochester Initiative for Children's Social and Emotional Health Implementation Task Force

Convened by the Greater Rochester Health Foundation, the Implementation Task Force is a group with representatives from a cross-sector of the community. The mission of the Implementation Task Force is to challenge the status quo and inspire action that will significantly improve the social and emotional health of children throughout the Greater Rochester Area. The Implementation Task Force has prioritized their initial focus on trauma response and prevention. Examples of their efforts are listed below. For more information, contact [Anita Black](#).

On January 9, 2018, the Implementation Task Force hosted the Raising Resilience Summit at St. John Fisher College. The Summit brought together leaders from multiple professional disciplines to advance a comprehensive approach to promoting the social and emotional health of children and their families, and to plan and build cross-sector prevention actions. Materials from the Raising Resilience Summit are available on the [Finger Lakes ACEs Connection website](#). The Finger Lakes ACEs Connection promotes a collaborative approach to raise awareness of adverse childhood experiences and drive sustainable systems change to impact community resiliency. We invite you to become members of this free online resource and post, share, learn and connect.

In late 2017, the Implementation Task Force started its efforts to help organizations become more trauma informed. Task Force members shared the "[Taking Action: Building Resilience](#)" presentation to encourage groups and organizations to become more trauma responsive through organizational self-assessments, training in trauma informed care and cultural humility, training in youth mental health first aid, and participation in school-based initiatives such as the Trauma, Illness and Grief Consortium.

On May 24, 2017, WXXI's Connections with Evan Dawson hosted three members of the Implementation Task Force for a discussion about gaps in the quality of care related to children's social and emotional health. The conversation also focused on the positive work being done in the community to support children's social and emotional health. [Listen to the program from WXXI](#).

### Crisis in Care Report

In 2016, the Greater Rochester Health Foundation's Commission on Children's Behavioral Health in the Finger Lakes presented a report that identified gaps in behavioral health care for our region's children. More than 150 community and health care leaders joined together to discuss the challenges facing our region's children and how we can work together to make a difference. Read the compelling report: [Crisis in Care](#).

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