# Adverse Childhood Experiences, Trauma, and Response

**THE THIRD ANNUAL CAPITAL DISTRICT SYMPOSIUM**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 | 9:00AM – 3:30PM | University at Albany Performing Arts Center | Main (uptown) Campus

## AT 9:00 A.M. WELCOME

EILEEN WOOD – CDPHP  
Senior Vice President for Clinical Integration & Chief Pharmacy Officer

## AT 9:15 A.M.

Offering our children the best possible opportunity to develop intellectually, socially and emotionally is an investment in the future prosperity of our communities. Emerging science tells us the future for many children can be seriously undermined when toxic stress damages the early architecture of the brain or even impairs brain development in adolescents.

**MELISSA T. MERRICK, PhD** will share why the CDC has recognized the damaging effects toxic stress, and its impact on wellness as a significant public health concern.

Dr. Merrick is Behavioral Scientist, Surveillance Branch, Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Atlanta, GA

## AT 9:00 A.M.

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## AT 11:00 A.M.

When communities make investments in family wellness, such as early childhood development or building resiliency in adolescents, they help to insure that a child’s foundation will be more durable. Such durability contributes to the long term opportunities a child has to fully participate in his or her community.

**MARJORIE SIMS** will speak about emerging support for a two-generational (2Gen) focus for work with children and families.

Ms. Sims is Managing Director, Ascend Program of the Aspen Institute - Washington, DC

## AT 1:30 P.M.

Vicarious trauma experienced by individuals across the continuum of the human serving field, is a serious issue impacting retention, safety, productivity and client outcomes.

**DINA MCMANUS, LCSW-R**  
**CAMЕLA M. STEINKE, PhD** will outline the benefits of and strategies for creating a trauma-informed milieu, focusing on workplace trauma, self-care, and methods to ensure staff feel supported and safe day-to-day.

Ms. McManus is Associate Director, Clinical Services at LaSalle School - Albany, NY  
Dr. Steinke is Program Assessment & Effectiveness Research Specialist at LaSalle - Albany, NY
Offering individuals with various responsibilities across a wide span of human services a unique opportunity to gain important and useful knowledge about the effects of trauma on brain development, how prevention- and trauma-informed care can be of significant benefit, and how ACE-informed practice can assist with prescriptive treatment and improved use of resources. The program will be especially targeted to DSS Caseworkers and Supervisors, Child Welfare Administrators, Clinicians and Therapists, Juvenile Probation Staff, Special Education Professionals, Health Care Practitioners, Direct Care Staff and Supervisors within the non-profit provider sector and others working with children.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT . . .**

**REGISTRATION**
- Go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACESSymposium](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACESSymposium) to register to attend AND apply for CEUs, if desired.
- There is no fee to Attend the Symposium
- The Symposium is approved for 5 social work CE hours and the total cost for CE credits is $100. University at Albany, School of Social Welfare is recognized by the NYS Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0011.
- Questions about registration – attendance AND continuing education – should be addressed to sswceu@albany.edu

**SITE, PARKING, LUNCH, PROGRAM UPDATES**
- The address for the University at Albany Performing Arts Center (PAC) Uptown Campus is: 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222
- Campus Parking will be available at no charge.
- Box Lunch Provided (Vegetarian option will be provided. However, NO special dietary needs can be addressed). No food or beverages allowed in the PAC.
- Parking Pass and Instructions will be sent via Email to Registrants the first week in April. Further information can be found at www.lasalle-school.org.

**THE PRESENTERS**

**Melissa T. Merrick, PhD** serves as Science Lead for the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Child Abuse and Neglect. She also leads the surveillance of safe, stable, nurturing relationships for the CDC’s Division of Violence Prevention in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Survey of Children’s Exposure to Violence.

**Marjorie Sims** has over 20 years experience in advancing the status of women and families at local, state, national and international levels. She served as executive director of the California Women’s Law Center and as a policy analyst with the International Center for Research on Women. Ms. Sims leads Ascend’s Two-Generation learning network developing approaches for trauma and ACE resilience responses.

**Dina McManus** has 20 years of experience in the field of trauma and sexual abuse. She is now involved in the nuances of vicarious trauma and self-care with respect to staff and caregivers. Ms. McManus presents trainings and consultations regionally and nationally on trauma informed care, ACEs, sexually harmful behavior, vicarious trauma and self-care.

**Camela M. Steinke, PhD** performs research in the influence of vicarious trauma on staff and caregivers, evidence based practice, trauma informed care, linkages between client characteristics, treatment interventions, and outcomes for youth in treatment. She is adjunct professor at the University at Albany, College of St. Rose, SUNY Plattsburgh and Excelsior College. She represents LaSalle in the ‘Change in Mind’ brain science cohort sponsored by the Alliance for Strong Families & Communities.