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KidsReadyNC group to host four public screenings of “Resilience” documentary

Learn about toxic trauma and its long-term effects

ASHEBORO, N.C. (September 10, 2018) — Randolph County’s KidsReadyNC team will facilitate four public screenings of Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope, a 60-minute documentary in September and October.

“If I had to boil it down for one thing for people to learn from this science, it’s to totally put to bed forever this sense that children who are born under disadvantaged circumstances are doomed to poor life outcomes. The science is saying that’s just not true,” said Dr. Jack Shonkoff, Pediatrician, Director, Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University in a media release.

The documentary, which is the recipient of nine film festival awards, chronicles the birth of a new movement among pediatricians, therapists, educators and communities using cutting-edge brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease.

By understanding what Adverse Childhood Experiences are and how they affect us, we can work toward implementing “trauma-informed” policies and practices in our homes and communities. In this way, Randolph County can realize drastic reductions in rates of high-school drop-outs, teen pregnancy, youth suicide and domestic violence, as well as increased health outcomes and longevity.

Randolph County was one of four counties to be selected for the KidsReadyNC initiative, which is facilitated by the Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) at N.C. State University and was funded in part by grants from The Belk Foundation and The Duke Endowment. Locally, United Way of Randolph County and Randolph County Health Department supported the initiative by providing required matching funds.

Randolph County’s team is specifically concentrating on the local 0-3 population and the services and care opportunities in place. They are tasked with identifying areas of need and problem-solving to ensure the best start possible for our infants and toddlers with the intent of



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positively impacting outcomes at kindergarten entry and grade-3 reading proficiency; which in turn will positively impact the overall workforce and community-at-large.

Members of the local KidReadyNC team include County Commissioner Chair David Allen, Micki Bare, RPC; Cheryl Benford, Randolph County Department of Social Services; Nancy Cross, Randolph County School System; Katherine Davis, The Growing Place; Andee Edleson, RPC; Susan Hayes, Health Department; Lisa Hayworth, RPC; Niccole Hugg-Suttles, Randolph County Public Libraries; Paula Owens, Communities in Schools; Erica Rosencrans, Asheboro City Schools; Karen Sepulveda, Harmony Place; Donza Timmons, RCS Head Start; Kristy Umfleet, RPC; Dr. Patricia Vinocur, Randolph Health Pediatrics; Heather Vuncannan, Uwharrie Charter Academy; Kathy Walker, Children's Developmental Services Agency; Pat Woodall, The Children's Center of Asheboro.

The screening events, which will be followed by a facilitated community discussion, are for parents, grandparents, extended family, educators, health professionals, social workers, elected officials, child care professionals, public safety officers and other concerned adults. There will be four opportunities to participate:

Tuesday, September 18, 6-8 p.m. at Southwestern Randolph High School, 1641 Hopewell Friends Road, Asheboro.

Tuesday, September 25, 6-8 p.m. at Providence Grove High School, 5555 Mack Lineberry Road, Climax.

Thursday, September 27, 6-8 p.m. at Wheatmore High School, 3678 Finch Farm Road, Trinity.

Monday, October 1, 6-8 p.m. at Randolph Community College in the R. Alton Cox auditorium, 629 Industrial Park Ave., Asheboro.

These events are not appropriate for children. For more information, please contact Micki Bare at the Partnership for Children at 336-629-2128 or mbare@randolphkids.org.

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About the Randolph Partnership for Children: Since 1999, the Randolph Partnership for Children (RPC), a non-profit organization, has made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Randolph County children and their families. As the community's lead organization for young children and their families, RPC brings together diverse agencies, individuals, organizations and communities to ensure all children enter school ready to succeed. RPC is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.randolphkids.org.

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[still 10] Toxic stress can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children. Image courtesy of KPJR Films.

[still 20] Nadine Burke Harris, MD, Pediatrician CEO, Center for Youth Wellness San Francisco, Calif. working with a patient. Image courtesy of KPJR Films.



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[still 21] Kindergarten students in New Haven, Conn. participating in a support program developed to build resilience. Image courtesy of KPJR Films.