Building Trauma-Informed Schools and Communities: Resilient Southern Illinois

ACEs are adverse childhood experiences that harm children’s developing brains and lead to changing how they respond to stress and damaging their immune systems so profoundly that the effects show up decades later. ACEs cause much of our burden of chronic disease, most mental illness, and are at the root of most violence. They also interfere with a child’s ability to learn and be productive in school and life.

Fostering and building resilience among children is the focus of Resilient Southern Illinois (RSI). Supported by a host of regional and state-wide partners, RSI will work over two years with up to 15 school districts in the Illinois Delta to become “trauma-sensitive.” Resilient Southern Illinois will also work with a smaller group of districts on building community-school partnerships to bolster what the schools are doing.

To learn more about Resilient Southern Illinois and how school districts can participate in the effort

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To apply to become a Resilient Southern Illinois school district go to:

http://site.ieanea.org/survey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=llMMmm73

- Application deadline is April 20th.
- Announcements of selected districts will occur by email by May 1st.
- A Resilient Southern Illinois Orientation/informational session will occur on May 8th. Location TBA at 9:30 a.m.

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