

Health Improvement in North Carolina

Healthy Places Funding Opportunity

Addressing Childhood Trauma in the Southeast

At the Trust, we work to help rural communities thrive, and that starts with supporting children's social and emotional well-being, especially those impacted by toxic stress. Evidence continues to emerge about the negative social-emotional and health impacts of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress. Young children who have experienced significant trauma and toxic stress are more likely than their peers to have developmental delays and difficulty with self-regulation, which impacts their health and well-being. To address this, the Trust plans to support community engagement, awareness, and system change efforts that directly engage the communities most impacted by trauma and toxic stress in Robeson, Columbus, and Bladen counties.

Goal

Address childhood trauma for children in families with low incomes.

Strategy

Build community, organizational, and individual capacity in areas with low incomes so that historically marginalized populations can participate in health improvement efforts.

Convene, facilitate, and coordinate stakeholders to collectively address goals. This could include better coordination within and across systems and regularly convening community partners.

Timeframe for Applications

Call-by date: July 20, 2021

Application deadline: August 10, 2021

Geographic Focus

Robeson, Columbus and Bladen counties

Opportunity Details

Organizations and collaboratives in Robeson, Columbus, and Bladen counties are working to address the impacts of toxic stress and Adverse Childhood Experiences. The problem is acute in this region that is prone to hurricanes, flooding, and economic dislocation. The communities in the southeastern sections of the state are resource starved, which leads to provider shortages and too few services to meet the demand. These counties also have tremendous community leaders and organizations that consistently demonstrate persistence and resilience in the face of challenges. But they need opportunities and resources to access technical assistance and funding to implement trauma informed approaches.

The Trust is interested in hearing from applicants who can convene stakeholders in the Southeast to consider greater coordination and system changes that can mitigate trauma and address adverse community conditions such as poverty and systemic racism that drive disparate outcomes. We also are interested in initiatives that build the capacity of people who have been marginalized and communities of color to address adverse childhood experiences in the Southeast. Competitive applications will directly engage the communities that disproportionately suffer from toxic stress and trauma.

Contact

To schedule a conversation about this opportunity, please contact Program Coordinator Alison Duncan for an initial consultation at alison@kbr.org or 336-397-5521.