

# Great Expectations Funding Opportunity

## Implementing Strategies to Prevent and Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences

Evidence continues to emerge about the negative social-emotional and health impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), trauma, 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 success in school.

Persistent poverty, housing instability, hyper-segregation, and systemic racism contribute to this trauma and impact the ability of parents and caregivers in our county to help their children learn and grow. The Trust understands that creating the conditions for our youngest children and their families to thrive requires multi-faceted solutions. These solutions must begin with a strong foundation of knowledge about the root causes of trauma and toxic stress in our county and what gaps and opportunities exist within the current system of supports for families.

### **Goal**

Reduce the occurrences and impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress among young children.

### **Strategy**

Conduct broad-based communications, community education, and advocacy efforts that advance goals.

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

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

### **Timeframe**

Call-by date: **January 26, 2022**

Application deadline: **February 9, 2022**

### **Geographic Focus**

Forsyth County

### **Opportunity Details**

The Trust plans to support efforts that directly engage the communities most impacted by trauma and toxic stress in the development of trauma-informed early childhood systems in Forsyth County. Collaboratives in the community are mapping gaps and assets and formulating recommendations for building a more trauma-informed county. This opportunity is to begin implementation of system change strategies that create the conditions for all sections of our society to thrive. This could include shifting policies or practices at institutions or organizations interacting with young children, or the parents of young children, to ensure that they take trauma sensitive approaches. It could also include broad-based communications or outreach campaigns or advocacy efforts. We understand that stakeholder coordination may also be needed.

Applicants should be willing to connect to the larger community-wide planning and mapping process on addressing adverse childhood experiences and coordinate with existing collaboratives.

### **Contact**

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