

the Consortium

for resilient young children

The Consortium for Resilient Young Children is a

collaboration of early childhood and mental health organizations dedicated to supporting young children's social and emotional development.

Our Vision

All children are socially and emotionally competent and resilient. Parents, teachers and other caring adults support, build, and advocate for young children's social and emotional well being. Systems and communities serving young children and families are high quality, aligned and coordinated.

MEMBERS:

4C for Children

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Children, Inc.

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CRYC Newsletter April 2014

Greetings! We hope the CRYC eNewsletter will provide you with useful updates and resources to support your work with young children.

Highlights from 2013:

In May, CRYC hosted a community forum titled "The Essential Role of Social Emotional Development in School Readiness." The forum featured a presentation by Mr. John Kinsel, Director of Mental Health at Miami Valley Child Development Centers, Inc. summarizing the research on school readiness, brain development and social emotional development. Participants then engaged in a discussion with panelists representing a variety of initiatives working in this area. The forum was attended by more than 80 community leaders and was a big success.

In October, CRYC partnered with the Northern Kentucky Education Council, the Strive Partnership, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati and U.S. Bank/Haile Foundation to bring internationally recognized author, Paul Tough, to Cincinnati to discuss his book, How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity and the Hidden Power of Character. Mr. Tough spoke to a crowd of over 400, outlining the findings of his research on the importance of social emotional skills to life-long success. He also participated in a community discussion with more than 50 community leaders on how our community could help children be more successful.

Also in October, CRYC participated in a panel hosted by the Southwest Ohio Association for Infant Mental Health at the *Protecting Babies, Projecting Hope* conference with internationally respected child advocate and founder of the *Roots of Empathy* program, Mary Gordon. It was an incredible conference and CRYC was proud to be a part of it.



In late 2013, CRYC approved a new strategic plan. Its work will focus on Parent Partnerships to strengthen children and families, Community Partnerships to support the mission of CRYC and Community Awareness and Advocacy to increase community understanding and support for social and emotional development and learning.

CRYC's Promoting Resilient Children program was recognized as a promising practice in the report "Understanding and Using Ohio Research on Programs for Young Children" authored by The National Center on Children and Families at Columbia University. The report was commissioned by the Ohio Governor's Early Childhood Council.

CRYC's Strengthening Families Initiative expanded to serve communities in Butler, Hamilton and Warren Counties. It is also supporting child care resource and referral agencies across the state of Ohio to form Strengthening Families Learning Networks.

Both Promoting Resilient Children and Strengthening Families have developed tools to assess the progress of early childhood programs in implementing the practices taught through coaching and consultation.

CRYC's programs have provided **coaching and consultation services** to more than 80 early childhood programs serving approximately 4,000 children in the Greater Cincinnati region.

The Resilient Children Project, funded by the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Social Innovation Fund, began its third and final year. The staff will be wrapping up the extensive evaluation in the coming year.

Staff of CRYC's Resilient Children Project presented at the National Social Innovation Fund Convening and the American Evaluation Association Conference, both held in Washington, D.C.

Resources you can use:

- The [Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning](#) (CSEFL): A resource for information on social emotional development and school readiness
- The [Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning](#) (CASEL): A resource for information about social and emotional learning
- Zero to Three's [The Development of Social Emotional Skills](#): A series of publications on how to support social emotional development for infants and toddlers

Looking forward to 2014:

CRYC begins the new year with new leadership. In January, Harold Howard, Talbert House, was elected Chair and Lisa Bernath, the Young Child Institute of Central Clinic, was elected Vice Chair. Many thanks to Sallie Westheimer, 4C for Children, who served as Chair for the last two years.

The end of the 2013-14 school year will mark the conclusion of the Resilient Children Project funded by the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Social Innovation Fund. Later this year, CRYC will host community meetings to share the results and learnings of this project.

If you would like more information our work or if you would like to join us, please contact Jennifer Zimmerman, CRYC's director at: director@resilientchildren.org and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

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