

OUR MISSION

The Consortium for Resilient Young Children is a collaborative of mental health and early childhood organizations that promotes the social and emotional development and well-being of young children, strengthens the capacity of all adults who care for them, and advocates for coordinated, aligned systems.

WHAT'S NEW

United Way of Greater Cincinnati Innovations Project

In June, with a focus of promoting the social emotional wellness of young children, CRYC entered into a new partnership with UWGC to provide professional development to Head Start programs across the region. This grant initiative is designed to support nonprofit community-based Head Start providers in implementing evidence-based interventions that enhance the social-emotional development of children. By strengthening these foundational skills, UWGC aims to improve kindergarten readiness and long-term educational success. Over the past few months, we have met with Head Start partners to better understand their existing services and identify opportunities for further growth and development. Plans are to incorporate components of our Resilient Children and Families program, that offers 2-generation and trauma informed strategies, to complement ways in which the Head Start programs meet the social emotional and emerging behavioral health needs of young children. We are excited to take on this new work in partnership with Adams and Brown Community Action Partnership, Child Focus, Community Action Agency of Hamilton County, Hamilton County Education Services Center, and Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission.

Resilient Children and Families Program Impact

Serving 17 early childhood programs across Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky, RCFP reached over 800 children and 600 families. Through coaching, reflective supervision, and practical tools, 94% of staff reported increased confidence in addressing child behaviors and family stressors, and 85% reported increasing or maintaining their use of RCFP trauma-informed practices. Across RCFP sites, the majority of children demonstrated age-appropriate social-emotional competence, with notable movement among those starting in the "area of need." In aggregate, 87% of children are assessed as age-appropriate on validated measures, and 81% of children initially flagged for concern showed improvement. In addition, among families screened at risk for toxic stress, 76% engaged in a motivational interview and were connected to additional resources and 93% of parents reported having a social network in place and being willing to ask for help.

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RCFP IN PRACTICE

Crisis Situations can be viewed as a "set back" or as an opportunity for creative problem solving and growth. Those who negotiate challenges effectively hold on to their vision in good times and in bad, confident that they weather the storms that may come their way. - Karen Mumford



CRYC Member Spotlight



Dean Woodring, CEO

Kim Ginn, CPO

4C for Children, as the child care resource and referral agency that serves 15 counties in Southwest Ohio and the Miami Valley, is a hub for families searching for quality child care and is the largest local provider of training and technical assistance for child care providers in our region.

In June the agency welcomed Dean Woodring as its new president/CEO. She brings more than 3 decades of education and leadership roles across public schools, higher education and national organizations. Dean has served as deputy director of education for the American Montessori Society and held leadership positions in Cincinnati Public Schools.

In addition, Kim Ginn was recently promoted to chief program officer for the agency. Kim has been with 4C for 21 years and is the 4C representative on the CRYC Advisory Committee. As one of the founding members of CRYC, we are excited to have staff member Andrea Jackson serve as a Resilient Children and Families Program (RCFP) coach. Andrea has a BA and MA in Early Childhood Education and over 10 years experience in early childhood, that includes expertise in trauma-informed practices, Conscious Discipline and Head Start.

Learn more about 4C at www.4cforchildren.org

RCFP: Orientation Guide for Newly Hired Providers

Continued growth and changes in the child care industry has led to new employees entering the field. For many new staff, managing and responding to children's social emotional needs can create quite a challenge. To assist child care programs in building the capacity of their staff, we developed an orientation checklist. Based on our Resilient Children and Families program, this checklist provides easy to follow guidance documents that incorporate key strategies outlined in our Meet Me Where I am Workbook. Content includes:

- Understanding Behaviors Have Meaning
- Labeling, Validating, and Supporting Feelings
- Honoring the Value of the Child's Family
- Promoting Self-Regulation Through Co-Regulation
- Using Cozy/Be-by-Myself Spaces
- Supporting Children's Mastery and Problem Solving
- Daily Routines and Predictability
- Avoiding Power Struggles

To access the RCFP Checklist go to: <https://resilientchildren.org/professional-publications/>

Supporting Children's Social Emotional Well-being Growing Stars Therapeutic Child Care Network

With funding from Ohio's Department of Children and Youth, CRYC partners have come together to create a resource for Hamilton County Child Care providers to access social emotional and developmental supports for young children. This exciting network is designed to ensure our early childhood community is well positioned to respond to the growing needs of children in our care. Resources include training for educators and leaders, classroom observation and coaching, screening and resource coordination and therapeutic child care placement. To learn more about this opportunity go to <https://bestpoint.org/growing-stars-therapeutic-childcare-network/>