



## **MIACE Workgroups**

The Michigan ACE Initiative consists of workgroups responsible for implementing the activities of the Initiative. Workgroups and Initiative priorities will align with the Michigan ACEs State Action Plan. Workgroups will contribute to the overall vision of the Initiative, identify opportunities, encourage multiple perspectives, and cultivate a focus on equity. The Workgroups will serve as a bridge to the Initiative's work with Community Partners, nurture relationships, and develop networks. The workgroups will drive the implementation of strategies, champion the voices of Michigan's communities, utilize data to understand disparities and develop activities to accomplish the State Action Plan Objectives.

**The initiative's four workgroups correspond to the core objectives of the State Action Plan: Prevention, Education and Training, Data and Surveillance, and Policy and Advocacy.** Additional ad hoc and special interest work groups may be explored or established by the Advisory Council if there is a need and capacity to support them.

### **Workgroup Structure & Reporting Process**

Two (2) Co-Chairs will lead each workgroup. The Co-Chairs will liaise between the Advisory Council and the Initiative's backbone staff. Co-chairs will consist of one (1) Advisory Council member and one (1) Community Partner member. Co-chairs are responsible to:

- Identify and recruit workgroup members, using the Collective Impact Model, to welcome all Initiative Partners and organizations that want to engage with the Initiative.
- Establish workgroup meeting frequency. (Minimum four meetings per year/quarterly)
- Lead and facilitate meetings, using consensus agreement to make decisions.
- Facilitate workgroup activities and focus areas (using the state action plan as a guide).
- Provide updates on workgroup activities at scheduled Advisory Council meetings.
- Project staff will assist the Co-Chairs by scheduling the meetings and distributing communications.

### **Workgroup Attendance Policy**

Attendance and participation at all scheduled workgroup meetings are essential for capturing members' contributions and perspectives. We encourage all workgroup members to:

- Attend all workgroup meetings (held virtually) and notify project staff when they cannot attend.
- Complete work between scheduled meetings and collaborate on action items.

Project staff will maintain a workgroup roster and assist in recruiting new members to sustain adequate membership and broad representation across the state and partner sectors.

### **Prevention Workgroup**

Increase the adoption of evidence-based strategies to prevent the occurrence of ACEs and build resilience in Michigan's children, youth, and families.

Co-Chairs: Maribeth Leonard & Tomoko Wakabayashi

Staff Liaison: Angie Flores, [aflores@mphi.org](mailto:aflores@mphi.org)

### **Data & Surveillance Workgroup**

Expand access to and use of data on ACEs, Social Determinants of Health (SDoH), and other risk and protective factors to support program development in Michigan's communities.

Co-Chairs: Michelle Walters & Kim Hekman

Staff Liaison: Pavneet Banga, [pbanga@mphi.org](mailto:pbanga@mphi.org)

### **Education & Training Workgroup**

Develop and provide trauma, ACE, and PCE training and education across all service sectors to strengthen communities and Michigan's workforce.

Co-Chairs: Annette Christiansen & Zoe Lyons

Staff Liaison: Amy Stagg, [astagg@mphi.org](mailto:astagg@mphi.org)

### **Policy Workgroup**

Advance advocacy efforts and policy initiatives to expand strategies that support health and well-being through access to funding, resources, and programs to minimize the prevalence of trauma and build resilience.

Co-Chairs: Lisa Farnum & Kadi Prout

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