

Side Event 1: People - Adverse Childhood Experiences: A trauma informed approach to early years

Children who are routinely exposed to situations such as domestic violence, mental ill health, alcohol and other substance misuse problems in their homes experience a negative impact which can last well into adulthood.

These chronic stress situations are called Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and are often associated with poorer outcomes for children in educational attainment, employment, involvement in crime, family breakdown, and a range of health and wellbeing measures.

This event will explore an increasing body of international research identifying the long-term harms that can result from chronic stress during childhood.

Chair: Maurice Meehan, Head of Health and Social Wellbeing Improvement, Public Health Agency

June Wilkinson, Department for Education Northern Ireland

Welcome

Maurice Leeson, Health and Social Care Board, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

A Strategic View to addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences in Northern Ireland

Helen McKenzie, Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland

Early Intervention Transformation Programme: Trauma Informed Practice

Maurice Meehan, Public Health Agency, Northern Ireland

Building Resilient Communities – Cross Boarder CAWT MACE Project

Katy Hetherington & Tina Hendry, National Health Service Scotland, United Kingdom

A public health approach to ADVERSE Childhood Experiences in Scotland – from evidence and policy to action in communities