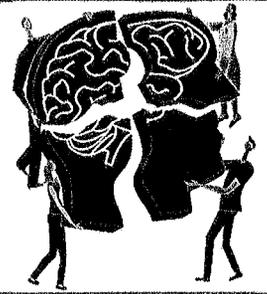


Change in Mind

Applying Neurosciences to Revitalize Communities



Change in Mind: Applying Neurosciences to Revitalize Communities is a three-year initiative of the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities. It is conducted in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Palix Foundation's Alberta Family Wellness Initiative. The initiative was established in early 2015.

The primary purpose of Change in Mind is to demonstrate the larger impactful role of the nonprofit sector as educator, convener, advocate, and true influencer of getting appropriate systems aligned to the science.

The initiative will identify, support, and evaluate the processes that 15 organizations in the U.S. and Alberta, Canada will use to align the science with the goal of influencing systems to impact outcomes across the life course.

Ten U.S. members of the Alliance and five non-governmental organizations in Alberta, Canada were chosen to infuse, align, and accelerate established neuroscience discoveries about the effects of life-altering toxic stress into their community-based work. It is the goal that their work will determine if this groundbreaking science can transform policies to move the needle on some of the most difficult social issues facing our communities.

The cohort sites were chosen by an independent selection committee through a competitive application process.

U.S. Cohort Sites

Children and Families First in Wilmington, Delaware
 Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee
 Wellspring Family Services in Seattle
 LaSalle School in Albany, New York
 KVC Health Systems in Olathe, Kansas
 The Family Partnership in Minneapolis
 Martha O'Bryan Center in Nashville, Tennessee
 East End House in Cambridge, Massachusetts
 Family Service Association of San Antonio in San Antonio
 Children's Home Society of Washington in Seattle

Alberta, Canada Cohort Sites

CASA Child, Adolescent, and Family Mental Health in Edmonton, Alberta
 CUPS Health, Education, Housing in Calgary, Alberta
 Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Calgary and Area in Calgary, Alberta
 Boyle McCauley Health Centre in Edmonton, Alberta
 Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre in Calgary, Alberta