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CCRN HOSTS COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ON TRAUMA INFORMED CARE LEAD BY LOCAL EXPERTS

BUFFALO, NY, April 12, 2018 — Researchers have discovered a dangerous biological syndrome caused by abuse and neglect during childhood. These Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have been shown to put children at a greater risk for disease, homelessness, prison time and early death.

To help combat the effects of ACEs and toxic stress Child Care Resource Network (CCRN) in partnership with Prevent Child Abuse New York, Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, and the Western New York Chapter of the New York Association for the Education of Young Children (NYAEYC) are hosting a screening of the documentary *Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope*. The film chronicles the dawn of a movement that is determined to fight back against the harmful effects of ACEs. Immediately following the film there will be a panel discussion with several local experts on how we can best combat this epidemic in our community. Panelists include Monica Brown, Program Officer, Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, and Timothy Hathaway, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse New York, among others.

“We know – unequivocally – that young children having experienced trauma go on to be negatively affected throughout their lives, and this toll also extends outward our communities in lack of employment, lost productivity, and poor health outcomes. This event will shine a spotlight on how this affects us at a community level. We are bringing local experts together to talk about how we as a community can work together to ensure that all children have access to the interventions and tools needed for weather difficult times and building resilience.” Says CCRN CEO Amanda Kelkenburg

The screening and panel discussion will begin at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 17th at the North Park Theater on Hertel Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Community members are encouraged to come out to learn more about the epidemic that is sweeping the nation and discuss ways we can help combat it in our community. For more information and a full list of panelists please visit <http://bit.ly/ResilienceCCRN>

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