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Our mission is to lead collaborative, proactive community efforts to prevent underage substance use and to foster the development of healthy and resilient children and youth.

## What's Happening at the Forum

### Medication Safety Community Conversation

#### Safeguard Your Medication, Safeguard Your Home

##### Medication Safety Community Conversation

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 | 6:30PM to 8PM  
Gallagher Board Room, Community Medical Center

Did you know 49% of the 1.24 million calls made to poison centers each year for children are medicine-related? Hear what Missoula area pediatricians, pharmacists, police detectives and prevention experts recommend to keep children safe.



Please RSVP to Foundation for Community Health, lead agency of Safe Kids Missoula, at 406.926.2522 or email [kirah@fchwmt.org](mailto:kirah@fchwmt.org).

Parents are encouraged to attend this vital conversation about medicine safety to help protect our homes and our community. Light snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Foundation for Community Health, lead agency of Safe Kids Missoula, at 406.926.2522 or email [kirah@fchwmt.org](mailto:kirah@fchwmt.org).

## Understanding the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study

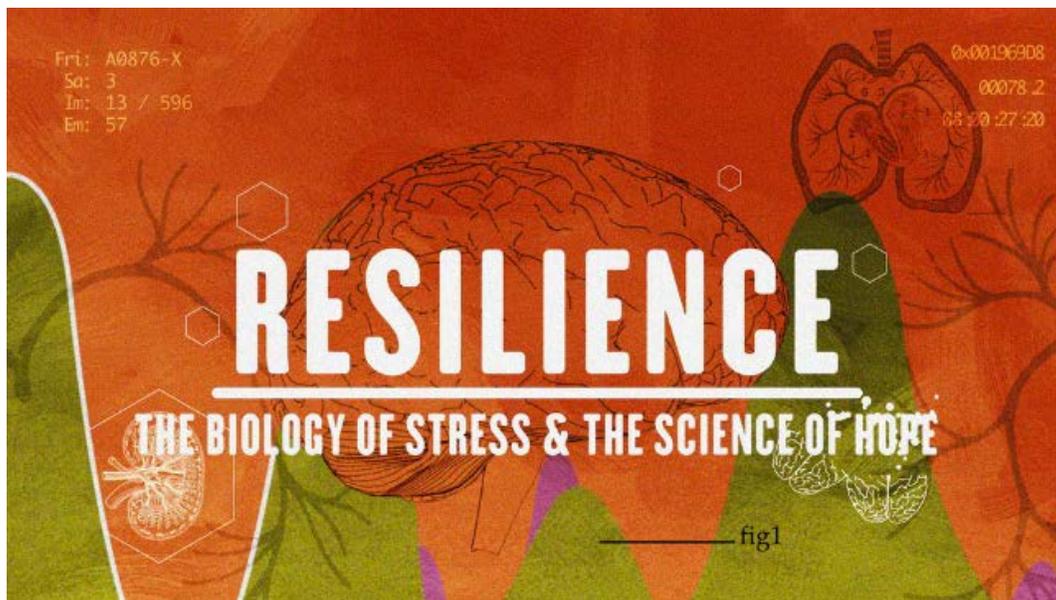


Help build a more resilient Missoula by attending "Understanding the ACE Study." This free training will give you an overview of the impact of toxic stress on children's brain development, the Adverse Childhood Experience Study, and steps you can take to create a more trauma-sensitive and resilient community.

Tuesday, November 15th, 2016  
2:30 PM to 4:30 PM  
Missoula Public Library, Large Meeting Room

[Register](#)

## Resilience Film Screening Update



**Registration is CLOSED!!**

There has been an overwhelming number of people wanting to register for the film so far. Registration is currently closed because we have reached our capacity at the UC Theater, but we are trying determine how to best try to accommodate everyone who wants to see the film. We haven't started a waiting list and/or made a plan for an additional event as of yet, but we will absolutely let you know as soon as we make some more decisions on this. Please be on the lookout for updates soon!

Please contact Leah Fitch for more information: [leah@missoulaforum.org](mailto:leah@missoulaforum.org).

## In Other News

### Promoting Resilience

"ChangeMakers: Baltimore Receives \$5 Million Dollar 'Trauma' Grant"

Over the years, Tyeshia Harrell has heard the staccato pop of gunshots, seen the blood-stained sidewalks, and too often heard the wails of grief-stricken mothers whose sons and daughters have succumbed to violence.



"We lost six people yesterday," said the resident of Gilmore Homes, a public housing project in West Baltimore where [Freddie Gray](#) was arrested in April 2015, before later dying in police custody. Yet amid the pain, Harrell, an activist with the citizen's advocacy group, [Communities United](#), is determined to help change conditions for the better. And recently, she heard some good news. Baltimore, joined by seven other municipalities nationwide, will receive nearly \$10 million dollars from the Obama Administration to promote community healing.

"I know I'm not Wonder Woman, but it makes me feel like Wonder Woman," said Harrell.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a federal agency under the Department of Health and Human Services, will disperse a total of \$9.7 million in grants to eight jurisdictions via the 'Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma' program, known as ReCAST. The ReCAST program is designed to assist high-risk youth and families. It promotes resilience and equity in communities that have recently faced civil unrest by implementation of evidence-based violence prevention and youth engagement programs, as well as linkages to specialized health services. The goal, officials say, is for local communities to work together in ways that lead to improved behavioral health, empowered residents, reductions in trauma, and sustained change.

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### Medicine Safety

"Walgreens Weighs in on Safe, Nationwide Medication Disposal & OTC Naloxone Now Available"

As many of you might remember, several months back we reported that in the first national effort of its kind by a retailer, Walgreens - one of our nation's largest drugstore chains - was going to install free, permanent, and secure medicine collection kiosks in more than 500 of its pharmacies across 39 states and Washington, D.C. The stores are primarily those which are open 24 hours.



At the time, CADCA Chairman and CEO General Arthur T. Dean shared in a statement, "on behalf of our organization and our 5,000 coalitions nationwide, CADCA applauds Walgreens for the launch of a comprehensive new effort to combat drug use and prescription and over-the-counter drug misuse, which have reached epidemic numbers in this country." He continued, "Their bold move will make the disposal of medications easier and more convenient while helping to reduce the misuse of medications and the rise in overdose deaths, especially with opioids."

We are happy to report that as of this writing, Walgreens has successfully installed 500 drop boxes in 35 states, with Nevada and Maryland being added in November 2016. Access to the kiosks is available during regular pharmacy hours (24 hours a day at most kiosk locations).

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## Innovation in School Policy

"Seeley-Swan High sees better attendance, fewer fails with 4-day week"

Seeley-Swan High School has a year of shortened school weeks under its belt, which the principal says led to improved attendance and better grades. Seeley-Swan, a school of 103 students, [switched to a four-day week](#) in the 2015-2016 school year.



In 2014-2015, the school had 86.5 percent attendance.

As the four-day week was implemented last fall, that bumped to 92.8 percent. This spring, it was 95 percent. So far this fall, they've had 97 percent attendance.

School starts earlier and ends later: 7:53 a.m. to 3:36 p.m. Lunch was shortened to 25 minutes and classes were extended to 59 minutes. It's a four-day week, but they call it "four-plus." Friday morning is the "plus." School runs from 7:50 a.m. to 11 a.m., with breakfast served first thing and lunch from 11-11:30 a.m. That time is used for intervention - students who need to re-do exams or homework - or for those who want some extra help.

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## Child Care Ratings

"Lack Of Child Care Rating Systems Leaves Parents In A Bind"

There are rating systems for hospitals, nursing homes and doctors. So why is it so hard to compare providers of child care? Part of the reason is that there are no nationally agreed-upon standards for what determines the quality of child care. The standards that do exist are formulated in each state, and they vary widely.



For example, some states require that child care workers have a teaching certificate. Others require certain college courses. Some have strict ratios of how many caregivers are required per child. But all of these criteria are important in assessing the quality of a child care facility, says Susan Hibbard, director of [Build Initiative](#), which works with states developing early childhood programs.

What's needed, she says, is a tool that makes it easier for parents to evaluate and compare the child care options in their communities.

"So you know that if you see 3 stars out of 3 stars, your child is going to have teachers who are nurturing, have experience, understand child development and know how to work with children and help them thrive," she says.

About 20 states are "on their way," Hibbard says, having received federal funding in 2011 to build a system to define, measure and improve quality. Some [states](#) are working to create online tools based on standards suggested by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. These standards are the

basis for a rating system HHS calls the Quality Rating and Improvement System.

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## Upcoming Events & Announcements



### **Mondays, November 7th - December 12th**

#### **Gathering of Generations for Good Medicine**

A Missoula Indian Urban Health Center program  
for all Indian Families w/ Beading and Sewing

Potluck Style Dinners

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: Payne Family Native American Center, UM Campus

[Learn More](#)



### **Saturday, November 12th**

#### **Embrace Your Story: 2016 Girls for a Change Summit**

A full day, immersive experience for teen girls.

8:00am - 4:45pm

Montana State University in Bozeman, MT

Cost: \$25/person

[Learn More](#)



### **November 14th - 18th**

#### **Building a Resilient Missoula Week**

A variety of events helping to create a more resilient and trauma informed  
community.

Schedule of Events: <https://www.resilientmissoula.org/>

[Learn More](#)

### **Tuesday, November 15th**

**The Provost's Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series Presents:  
The Development of the Young Child's Brain: Why the Environment  
Matters**

**w/ Dr. Julie Bullard**

5:00pm

UC North Ballroom, University Center



Cost: Free

[Learn More](#)



**November 15th**

**Holiday Community Workshop: Honoring Grief Throughout the Season**

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Missoula Public Library

Cost: Free

[Learn More](#)



**Job Opening**

**Mountain Home Montana  
Resident Care Coordinators**  
Part-time Night Shift or Relief

\$10.25/hr

[Learn More](#)

## Attend a Coalition Meeting!

### Healthy Start

Thursday, November 17th, 2016

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Missoula Family YMCA

3000 South Russell Street, Missoula, MT 59801

Coordinator Anna Semple

[anna@missoulaforum.org](mailto:anna@missoulaforum.org)

### MUSAP

Wednesday, December 7th, 2016

General meeting: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

MAC meeting: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Missoula Emergency Services (MESI)

1200 Burlington Ave, Missoula, MT 59801

Coordinator Brandee Tyree

[brandee@missoulaforum.org](mailto:brandee@missoulaforum.org)

### Rx Task Force

Friday, December 2nd, 2016

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
City Life Community Center  
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Coordinator Brandee Tyree  
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