

South Eastern Partnerships Conference April 2018

Background

Stress arises when children are routinely exposed to issues such as domestic violence, mental ill health, alcohol and other substance misuse problems in their homes. Collectively, such childhood stressors are called ACEs (Adverse childhood Experiences) and the research shows that exposure to ACEs is associated with poorer outcomes for children including in educational attainment, employment, involvement in crime, family breakdown, and a range of health and wellbeing measures.

The CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group with partners brought together over 90 delegates in April 2018 to understand the wealth of partnerships contributing to improving outcomes for vulnerable children and young people in the South Eastern Outcomes Area & how we work better together.

The conference was organised by the CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group, South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership, Local Government Community Planning Teams, Police and Community Safety Partnerships and the South Eastern Child Care Partnership etc.

The presentations from the conference can be downloaded by visiting the CYPSP website by clicking here www.cypsp.org/responding-to-childhood-adversity-in-south-eastern-outcomes-area/

Making a contribution to
the following High Level
Outcomes for children

All Children and Young People have good
physical and mental health

All Children and Young People live in safety and
stability

All Children and Young People Learn and Achieve



**Guest speakers with South Eastern Graduate
Interns at the South Eastern Partnerships
Conference, 19 April 2018**

*Front row: Helen McKenzie, Julia Lewis, Martha,
Hamish, Yvonne Adair, Roberta Marshall, Cathy
Polley, Liam Hannaway*

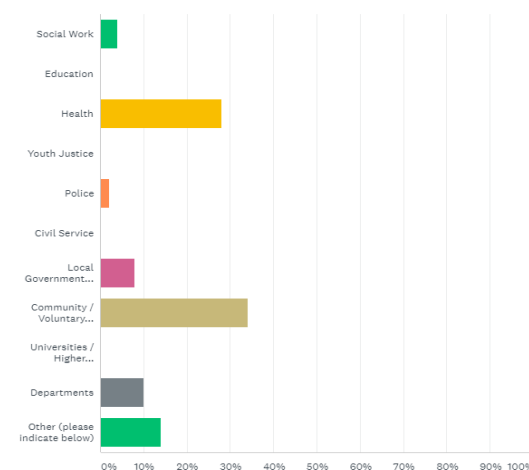
*Back row: Brendan Whittle, Eveylyn Curran,
Maurice Leeson, Michael Murray, Ed Sipler, Mark
Peters, Hugh McCaughey*

How much did we do?

- 1 full day conference was hosted and co-funded by an HSC partnership of 3 agencies CYPSP South Eastern Outcomes Group, SBNI, SEHSCT
- 90 participants attended the conference. There was a 56% response rate to the conference evaluation
- 7 sectors were primarily represented by the delegates attending the South Eastern ACE conference including Local Government, Health, Community/Voluntary Sectors, Police, Departments and Social Work
- 14 partnerships presented at the conference on their role in addressing childhood adversity including community planning, family support hubs, domestic and sexual violence partnership and Police led Support Hubs

What sector were you representing at the Conference?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 0



How well did we do it?

- 96% of participants who completed the conference evaluation rated the relevance of conference material as very good to excellent
- 78% of participants who completed the conference evaluation rated the conference as very good to excellent as a forum for networking
- 82% of participants who completed the conference evaluation rated the quality of presentations from very good to excellent
- 76% of participants who completed the conference evaluation rated the venue as very good to excellent with suggestions of better lighting and an induction loop system for those hard at hearing

Communications:

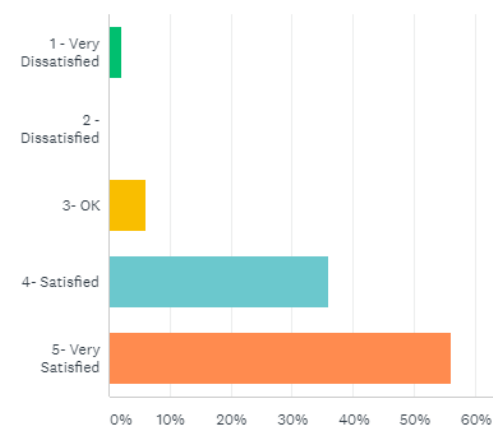
- Twitter has reached 18,281 people through conference posts during and post the SE Partnerships Conference through the hash tag #separtnerships
- There were 66 tweets, 98 retweets and 182 likes



90 participants from across 7 sectors attended the South Eastern Partnerships Conference on 19 April 2018 to find out about the work taking place to address childhood adversity in the South Eastern Area

Is anyone better off?

- 92% of participants who attended the South Eastern Partnerships Conference and responded to the evaluation reported that the conference was satisfying or very satisfying
- 99% of participants who attended the conference and responded to the evaluation reported to feel better informed of the ACE approach since attending the conference whilst 72% felt better informed on the work of the partnerships across the sector
- 65% of participants who attended the conference and responded to the evaluation reported that the time provided to each speaker was ample whilst 31% felt there were too many speakers.
- 10% of participants felt better informed about ACEs but felt they could do with additional support and guidance & 24% of participants suggested smaller workshops between partnerships with overlapping priorities



Recommendations moving forward from the conference

- Planned schedule for 2018/19 of the resilience documentary to raise awareness locally for practitioners in communities
- Practical workshops to implement research in practice for grass roots staff – particularly Infant Mental Health, Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health and Domestic Violence work
- Local Signs of Safety training
- Workshop on how various partnerships can build on the approaches of ACEs locally
- The understanding and communication between adult and young people's HSC Trust Mental Health teams
- Workshop to capture the range of young people's programmes, parenting programmes, parental engagement tools in the SE Area in terms of what works
- Further case studies of grass roots practice to share locally re family support techniques
- Safeguarding in the Digital World

Is anyone better off?

Feedback From Participants Since Attending the ACE Conference

Great to hear the level of engagement taking place between sectors

Well done to the young people who shared their journey!

The Resilience Documentary was very long

Lack of discussion at tables between participants

Fantastic networking opportunity between presentations

Variety of short presentations kept my attention over the day

A recap would have been helpful to bring it all together throughout the day

A few presentations were quite strategic and meaningless for grassroots staff

The ACE Documentary was long but helped set the context for the rest of the day

It was useful to hear about different international case studies and approaches and practice in other countries

A lot of content to absorb but good leaflets and resources