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Lead the Fight: Statewide Panel and Resource Series

This is a live, online event.

As a leader and advocate, we invite you to join us for the first part of our Lead the Fight statewide panel and resource series.

Designed for system, business, philanthropic, nonprofit, and civic leaders, this event aims to combat the effects of childhood trauma and adversity on families and communities through education, discourse, action, and advocacy.

Research shows that ACEs are the root cause of many crises our communities face. Gun violence, domestic abuse, overflowing jails, homelessness, child abuse, addiction, chronic disease, and mental illness - compounded by system racism, adverse community environments, and now, the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 20th, we will host an important conversation and call to action moderated by Justice Barbara Pariente. The panel is part of an action-oriented, 3-part Lead the Fight series, developed in response to the pandemic to support children's resilience and well-being.



Barbara Pariente has been a lawyer and a judge in a career spanning over 46 years. She served as a Justice on the Florida Supreme Court from 1998 until her recent retirement in January of 2019. Her commitment to ensuring that cases involving children and families received the utmost attention in the court system and her advocacy for a fair and impartial judiciary are two of many issues she championed during her 21 year tenure on the Court.

She is a voice for children in our child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

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In the absence of healthy or buffering relationships, trauma can devastate the minds and bodies of children. Research confirms that children carry the effects of trauma throughout their lives...and ACEs pack a major blow on the economic and social health of businesses and communities.

As a society, we simply can't afford to wait for children to fall apart before we do something. From ACEs science, effective strategies have emerged. There has never been a more critical time to invest in them.

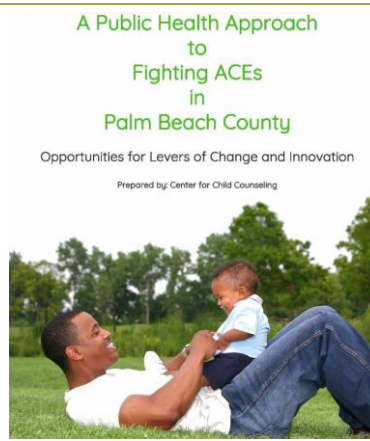
I hope you can join us on May 20th and be a part of the solution.



Sincerely,

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Read the White Paper (2019):

[A Public Health Approach to Fighting ACEs](#)



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