

Stay #HealthySafeStrong.



[COVID-19 Resources](#)

Testing sites, meals sites, health tips and more COVID-19 updates and resources

Children's Services Council has compiled an ongoing list of local resources that Palm Beach County families may find helpful in these uncertain times. [Click here](#) for links to federal, state and local resources and as well as educational resources for your family.

News

**#GetYourGreenOn this
Thursday, May 20!**

May is Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Care Month and Palm Beach County is celebrating! Birth to 22: United For Brighter Futures and community partners are hosting the 6th annual Get Your Green on campaign countywide throughout the month. Everyone in Palm Beach County is encouraged to wear green on **May 20** and post pictures on social media (#GetYourGreenOn and #GYGO2021) to show their support for mental health awareness and trauma-informed care. Learn more about the campaign [here](#).

**Mental Health Weekend of Faith
Guide for Palm Beach County
May 21 - 23**

As a part of Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care Month, community partners, local faith-based organizations and Cities Thrive are partnering for the 5th Annual Mental Health Weekend of Faith from May 21 - 23. Throughout this weekend, clergy of all faiths in palm beach County are encouraged to use their toolkit where you will find talking points to help frame meaningful messages around mental health and well-being, and encourage congregants to seek help whenever needed. [Click here](#) to access the toolkit and to learn more.

Leadership PBC now accepting proposals for Engage Forward 2021-2022

June 8, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

June 17, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Virtual workshops

Engage Forward empowers class members from the Engage program to take active roles in the community through this partnership with local nonprofit agencies. Engage Forward connects your nonprofit organization with this year's Engage Program class members to actively collaborate on finding solutions to issues facing your organization or the community you serve. There will be two virtual collaborative workshops on June 8 and June 17 to review this opportunity, best practices, and create project ideas from your supplied issues, then how to generate successful project proposals. Proposals are due back to LPBC no later than **June 25**. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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WWE superstar to join local nonprofit at two-day virtual event set out to inspire afterschool professionals

Prime Time Palm Beach County (Prime Time) will host its virtual Afterschool Symposium 2021 on May 13 and 14, 2021. The Afterschool Symposium is a two-day event offering networking and learning, while celebrating the accomplishments that Palm Beach County afterschool professionals have made to create quality afterschool programs that provide opportunity, education, positive relationships and fun to the children and youth who attend. Thaddeus M. Bullard, an accomplished athlete, philanthropist and entertainer as WWE Superstar Titus O'Neil who has a heart for youth and the community, will join attendees as Prime Time's keynote speaker. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Smarty Ants: Early literacy program available to county children through the School District of Palm Beach County

The School District of Palm Beach County is partnering with Achieve 3000 to offer Smarty Ants, an early literacy, phonics-based program to support every child, age three to six in Palm Beach County. The collaboration is designed to provide children with educational content in a fun online environment that will prepare them for kindergarten success, using an effective, researched-based literacy program. Developing solid early literacy skills is the cornerstone for future academic success, and offers a strong start to a child's academic experience. Parents can activate a free Smarty Ants subscription, either by phone or online. Call 877-235-2525 and use code: SmartyAntsPBCSD

- [Click here for English](#)
- [Click here for Spanish](#)

Once a subscription has been activated, the child will have access to Smarty Ants until September 30, 2021. The program is available at no cost to all children ages three to six in Palm Beach County.

Benefits Outreach Program with Palm Beach County Food Bank

The Benefits Outreach Program assists individuals and families with applying for federal food assistance benefits (SNAP). Palm Beach County Food Bank is one of only seven organizations in Florida that provide the DCF required federal food relief interview. This interview will be conducted during your meeting with one of our Benefits Specialists, who speak English, Spanish and Creole. [Click here](#) to learn more and to view the Benefits Outreach Calendar for May.

Prime Time Palm Beach County out-of-school time program enhancement grant

Prime Time is offering QIS participating programs funding to support and enhance their program supplies as they kickstart summer camp activities and/or make plans for fall 2021 programming. Funds are generously provided by the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County QIS participating programs are eligible to receive up to \$1,000 per out-of-school time program (OST) as part of this one-time grant. [Click here](#) to learn more and to apply.

**Office of Equal Opportunity
Handicap Accessibility and
Awareness Grant**

Palm Beach County's Office of Equal Opportunity is seeking proposals from qualified agencies to improve accessibility and equal opportunity and promote or increase awareness of the rights and ambitions of persons with disabilities through an Awareness Program. Handicap Accessibility and Awareness Grant Program will improve accessibility and increase awareness for the approximately 99,000 disabled persons living in Palm Beach County. \$30,000 is proposed to be slated for funding. Deadline for submissions is **June 18 at 4 p.m.** [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

**CSC's Healthy Safe and Strong
Funds for in-person and virtual
events**

If you are planning an in-person or virtual event for mid-summer or back to school, consider applying for Healthy, Safe and Strong Funds. Children's Services Council Palm Beach County sets aside special funds each year to assist in sponsoring public awareness events, conferences and community outreach activities for children and families in Palm Beach County. The public awareness events, conferences and activities are important to Children's Services Council in achieving its goals. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

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Scholarships and grants available in Palm Beach County

The Office of Community Revitalization provides Palm Beach County residents and all interested parties with information regarding grant opportunities, relevant community events, and tools or information that can be used to assist in community revitalization efforts. See the links below to learn more about these available grant and scholarship opportunities:

- [Look Out Foundation](#)
- [Wells Fargo Community Giving: Local Community Grants](#)
- [SC Johnson Grants and Product Donations](#)
- [Walmart Foundation: Community Grant Program](#)
- [Bank of America: Sponsorships](#)
- [The Jim Moran Foundation](#)
- [Kars4Kids: Small Grant Program](#)

Florida Children's Council: Capitol Connection

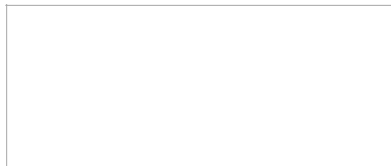
Florida Children's Council's Capitol Connection is a weekly email update sent during Legislative Session to keep you informed of all proposed legislation related to children, youth and families in Florida. This newsletter provides concise and timely information regarding current public policy issues. Each subsequent edition will only include the bills from the initial list that moved through the process that week:

- [Week 1](#)
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New videos on our YouTube channel

This Mental Health and Trauma Informed Care Month, our Ask the Expert series on YouTube discusses mental health and trauma informed care topics. From signs of postpartum depression to quick tips to help your child with test anxiety, subscribe to our YouTube channel for more helpful tips and expert advice.



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Events

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**Building Resilience: Using
Social Capital to Advance
Economic Mobility**

Monday, May 24
1 - 3 p.m.

Learn about social capital and how it impacts families experiencing poverty. To discuss ways to help low-income families build social networks and use social capital to improve their well-being and opportunities for economic mobility. For questions, please contact Jodie Boisvert at jboisver@pbcgov.org. [Click here](#) to register.

**Racial Wealth Gap Learning
Simulation**

Thursday, June 3
6 - 8 p.m.

Why does poverty impact people of color disproportionately in our nation? As awareness of the realities of racism in our nation grows, Bread for the World offers this 2-hour virtual experience, designed to introduce participants not just to the current racial wealth gap, but how for centuries, it has been and continues to be embedded in the fabric of the U.S. economy. Learn more about the systems that create many of the challenges we face, as well as sustainable approaches to changing them. Participation is limited to 75 persons. This program is free to participants. [Click here](#) to register.

Heart of the Matter: Mental Health during the pandemic and beyond

Wednesday, May 19

12 p.m.

Virtual event

In recognition of Mental Health and Trauma-Informed Care Month, local nonprofit and community leaders will be having a virtual conversation about the mental health landscape in PBC and the impact of the pandemic and recent social and racial unrest on our community's well-being. Panelists will discuss various types of trauma, how to foster resiliency skills, and local behavioral health initiatives and resources for adults, youth, families, veterans, and businesses. [Click here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

Lead the Fight: Statewide panel and resource series on ACEs and Trauma

Thursday, May 20

10:30 a.m. - noon

Virtual

On May 20th, Center for Child Counseling will host an important conversation and call to action, moderated by Justice Barbara Pariente. This panel is part of an action-oriented, 3-part Lead the Fight series, developed in response to the pandemic to develop long-term strategies to support children's resilience and well-being. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

EMPOWER 21 – Making the Most of Every Interaction – Full Day Conference

Saturday, June 12

2 - 3 p.m.

Virtual

The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County will be hosting it's 3rd Annual Early Childhood Educators Virtual Conference: EMPOWER 21 - Making the Most of Every Interaction on **Saturday, June 12, 2021**. This year, ELC will offer more than 20 interactive, live, virtual workshop sessions for Child Care Providers – and for families/parents! ELC is currently accepting registrations for both audiences, with the child care provider EARLY BIRD RATE of only \$12 available through May 9. The child care provider who has the MOST PARENTS register with their provider name listed will receive a raffle prize. Please click here to register now. [Click here](#) to register and [click here](#) to become a virtual sponsor or exhibitor.

Back to School PBC: Drive-Up Event

Saturday, July 24

Registration is now open for the 2021 Back to School PBC Drive-Up Event! Students can receive free school supplies and other resources by **registering online and entering the code: PBCOCR**. Registration is required. Students must reside in designated neighborhoods or mobile park homes in unincorporated Palm Beach County to be eligible. [Click here](#) to register by **June 4**.

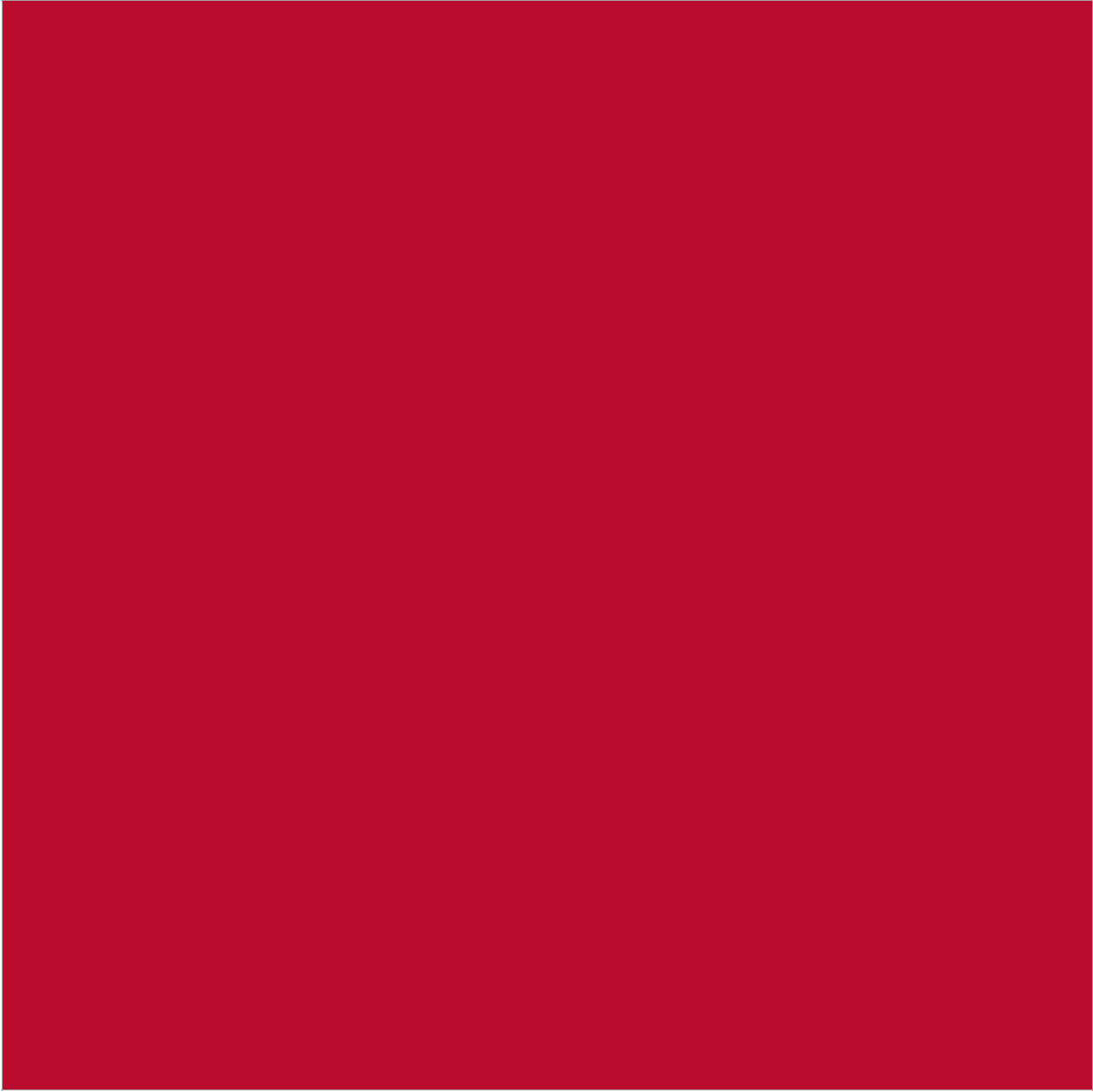
Florida Grade Level Reading: Learning Tuesdays Webinar

Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Virtual

Learning Tuesdays affirms the Florida Grade Level Reading Campaign's commitment to get better at getting better by learning with and from each other. We are using these webinars as a portal through which to access and explore the best science, ideas and programs. We expect to be informed, inspired and energized by an eclectic mix of presenters who will bring knowledge derived from research, practice and lived experience. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Trainings



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Culturally Competent Play Therapy for Grief and Loss

Friday, June 18

2-4 p.m.

Zoom

Grief and loss are ever present - yet we often are not taught how to help children, teens and adults. Cultural norms, counter-transference and societal pressures combine to make talking about death, divorce and loss difficult. Models of grief and loss, talking with bereaved children and teens, as well as typical versus atypical grief reactions will be processed. This webinar will serve as a guide for therapists to infuse their practice with art, play and sandtray activities that will support bereaved and grieving individuals. APT Contact CE's and Florida LMHC, LMFT, LCSW CEU's included in the registration. [Click here](#) to register.

Lunch and Learn with CSC and T. Leroy Jefferson Medical Society

June 3, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

July 1, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

August 5, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Online

Gain insight into principles for a diversity-informed practice. Working with infants, children and families requires all individuals, organizations and systems of care to reflect on our own culture, values and beliefs. It also requires attention to the impact that racism, classism, sexism, able-ism, homophobia, xenophobia and other system of oppression have had on our lives in order to provide diversity-informed, culturally attuned services. [Click here](#) to register.

May classes for pregnant and new parents with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

Throughout May 2021

Virtual

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County is here to support you through pregnancy with educational classes and groups. Register today for upcoming support groups and educational classes for pregnant and new parents like Small Steps, Great Parents classes and Circle of Moms. All are at no cost, but registration is required. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

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Access CSC's Learning Management System!

Have you logged in to the CSC Learning Management System lately? We have added a lot of new dates and courses for the spring and summer. Check it out by [clicking here](#).

The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old

June 4 - July 16

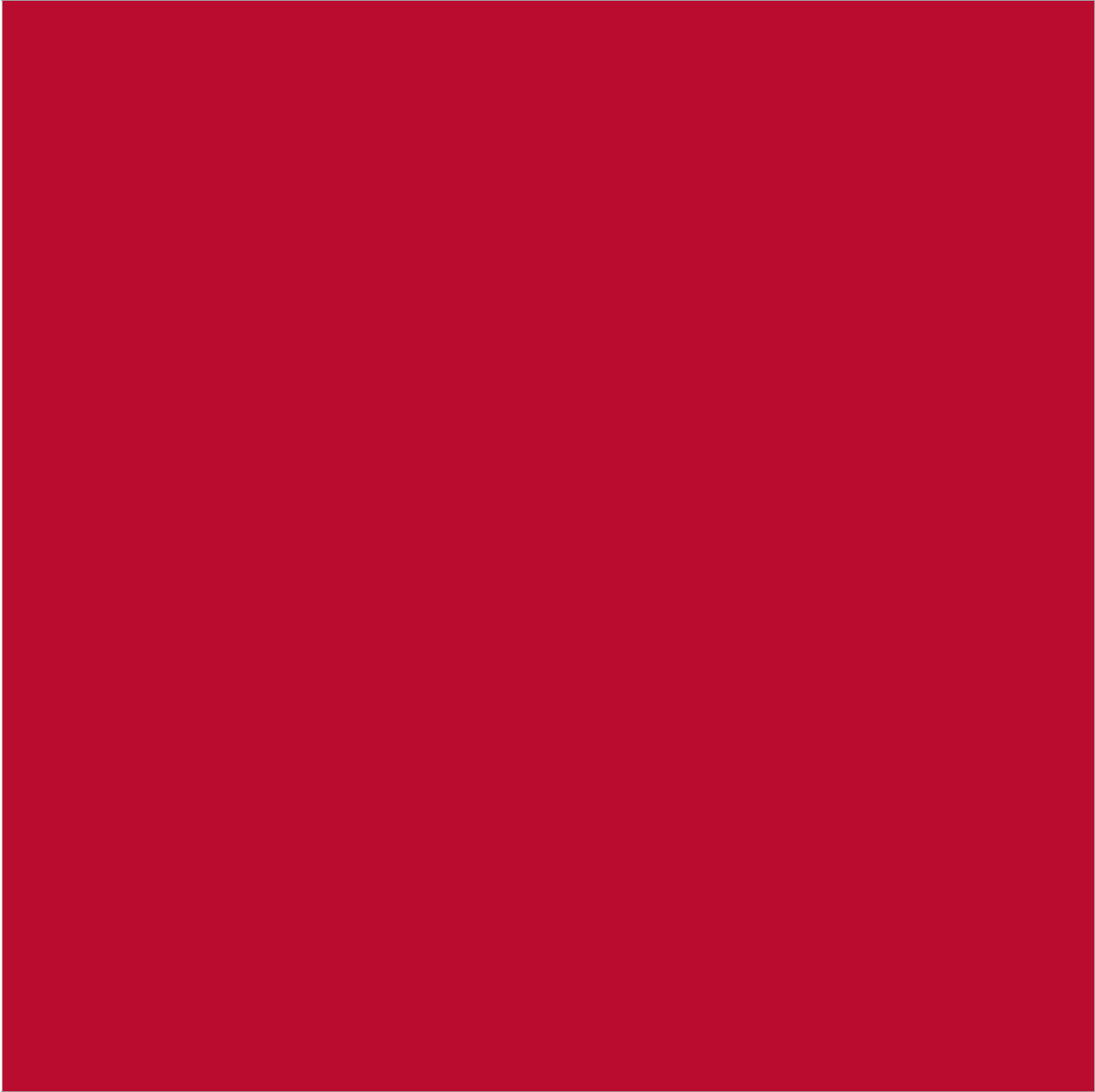
1 - 4 p.m.

Decades of research indicate that the early years of life are a period of exponential brain development, characterized by great opportunity and vulnerability, dependent on the relationships and environment in which the child is growing. This innovative workshop presents the information using lecture, hands-on activities and discussion to illustrate the comprehensive concepts every practitioner should know when working with young children and their families. [Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

ACEs: Trauma to Resilience

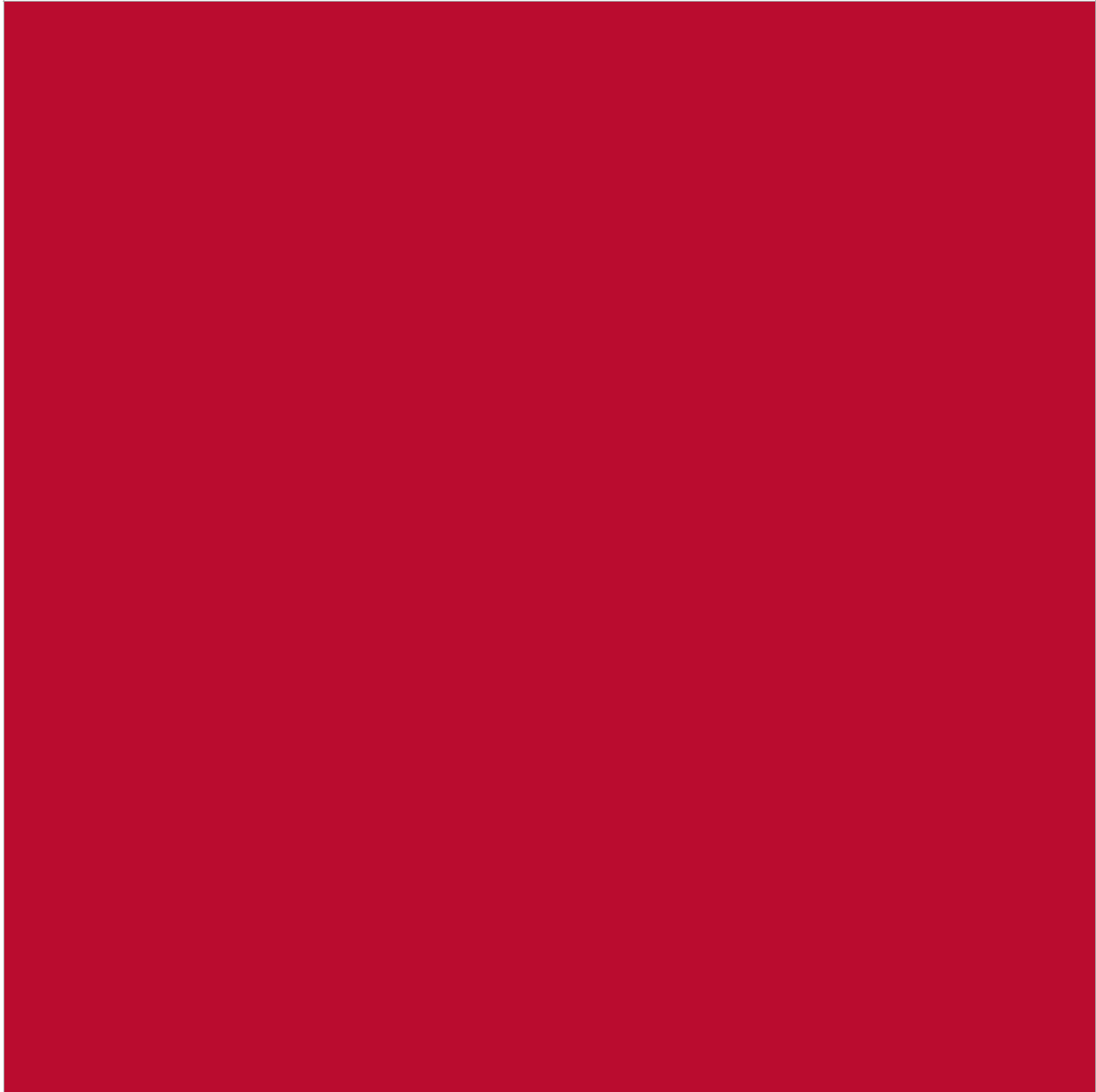
Virtual

This 2.5 hour on-demand, online workshop provides an overview of the ACE study, the impact of ACEs, brain development, the results of ACEs, and how to build resilience. Participants will learn outcomes and findings of the ACEs study; the impact of ACEs over lifelong health; the definition of toxic stress and its impact on the developing brain; the results of ACEs and the importance of Resilience and how resilience is built. [Click here](#) to register or learn more about this workshop.



Additional Resources

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Do you have information for the MMU?

Email your MMU submission to mmu@cscpb.org. [Click here](#) to review the MMU Submission Guidelines.



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