

### **About this Event**

# **Inviting Sustainable Change in Communities**

This work session is about orchestrating a shift in the ways that people think, act, and affect family systems in a community. While most community change models use the power of push (positional leaders make decisions that affect everyone), this session is about a community change model that uses the power of pull: making small moves that effectively engage and align local actions and produce outsized results. Based on the Self-Healing Communities partnership between Washington State and forty-two communities, an overview of the structures, processes, and tools that were used to stimulate system innovation and community learning will be presented. The focus will be on how system improvements are invited and reinforced over time. Lessons learned from the work will be shared, including the importance of activating natural helping systems of family, friends, and neighbors as leaders of intergenerational wellbeing.



Event Details:

Speaker: Laura Porter, ACE Interface Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12 - 1 pm (EST), Zoom event



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## About the Presenter



Laura Porter is a Co-Founder of ACE Interface, a public health education and consultation firm that helps leaders to use ACE Study concepts to build Self-Healing Communities. Laura is passionate about the power of community to improve people's lives. Laura is a former elected County Commissioner and Director of a Governor's Cabinet initiative in Washington State, U.S.A. For nearly two decades, Laura worked with 30 communities and 9 Tribal Nations to create a model for community capacity development that is consistent with living systems theory and indigenous healing wisdom. Positive population-level results associated with using the model are documented in peer reviewed journals, the documentary film by James Redford titled Resilience, and in an article published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation titled: Self-Healing Communities, a Transformational Process Model for Improving Intergenerational Health. With her business partner, Dr. Rob Anda, she has trained over 1500 ACE Interface educators, to engage everyone in Adverse Childhood Experience prevention and the practice of building Self-Healing Communities. Laura is a member of the Board of Directors for the Campaign for Trauma Informed Policy and Practice (CTIPP), and provides support and services to a wide range of groups, from parents and youth who are convening neighborhood conversations, to philanthropic leaders and government officials who are using ACE science in investment and policy decisions.

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### Associated Readings:

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