Community Resilience Conference 2027

ECTIC 2027 Conference Details

Proposed Date:
Wednesday, March 3, 2027 – Virtual only

Proposed Title & Tagline:
Healthy People + Healthy Systems = Healthy Communities
Building resilience from the inside out.

Proposed Description:
The 2027 ECTIC Conference brings together professionals from healthcare, behavioral health, education, business, government, public safety, and community organizations to explore the science and practice of resilience. Through engaging keynote presentations, practical breakout sessions, and cross-sector collaboration, participants will discover innovative strategies that strengthen mind-body well-being, foster resilient leaders and organizations, and build healthier, more connected communities.

Together, we'll explore how resilience can be intentionally cultivated—within ourselves, our workplaces, our systems, and the communities we serve. Whether you're shaping policy, leading teams, supporting individuals, educating future generations, or strengthening communities, you'll leave with practical tools, fresh perspectives, and meaningful connections to help create lasting, positive change.

RFP Draft - Call for Session Proposals

2027 marks the **6th Annual Erie County Trauma-Informed Community Conference!** With continued support from the **Erie County Department of Human Services**, this year's **FREE virtual event** will be held on **March 3, 2027, from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (EST).**

We anticipate more than **800 participants** representing diverse sectors (behavioral health, healthcare, education, childcare, long-term care, child welfare, and beyond), along with community leaders, advocates, volunteers, and concerned citizens who are all working to strengthen connection and resilience in Erie County, Pennsylvania and beyond.

The conference planning committee invites proposals for **Breakout Sessions** from speakers, groups, or organizations who can meaningfully address this year's theme and support one or more of the following conference **goals**:

1. **Understand** the impact of trauma on Health at the individual, organizational, and/or community level, and explore ways to build resilience from an inside out perspective.
2. **Identify** practical trauma-informed, resiliency-oriented strategies to promote mind-body health and wellness, whole-person care and strength-based practice.
3. **Strengthen** personal and collective resilience by embracing a broader understanding of resilience as a capacity that can be developed over time.
4. **Promote** cross-system collaboration that builds connections with mind-body wellness, supports resilience, and minimizes retraumatization.
5. **Develop and sustain** trauma-informed organizational practices that address barriers to mind-body health while fostering compassionate leadership and system level change.
6. **Identify** innovations and trends in trauma-informed, resiliency-oriented care driven by technology, personalized treatment approaches, collaboration across disciplines, mind-body health, culturally competent care, prevention and early intervention strategies, workforce development, and research.

Breakout Sessions are designed to meet the diverse learning and practice needs of **educators and school personnel, behavioral health professionals, health care workers, child welfare workers, early childcare providers, law enforcement, community leaders, and others** impacted by or serving those that have experienced trauma.

Session Topic Areas May Explore (but are not limited to):

1 Building resilience from the inside out.
2 Mind-body health and wellness.
3 Whole person care.
4 Strength-based practices.
5 Neuroscience of resilience.
6 Cross system collaboration promoting mind-body health.
7 Trauma-informed organizational practices.
8 Innovative trauma-informed, resiliency-oriented care frameworks.
9 Fostering healing and sustainable change in challenging times.
10 Developing literacy about the connection between resiliency and mental health.
11 Fostering resilient workplaces through leadership, performance, and workforce wellbeing.
12 Techniques that support regulation, belonging, and relational safety.

13 Building environments of dignity and resilience across varied intersections of identity.
14 Restorative Community Practices that reduce isolation, foster engagement, and rebuild trust.
15 Sustaining the workforce with strategies to prevent burnout and compassion fatigue in trauma-exposed roles.

Inclusive Invitation
ECTIC welcomes proposals from professionals and community members at all levels of experience.

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Address timely and relevant topics with practical, actionable strategies, trauma-informed and resilience-oriented approaches.
- Incorporate engaging and interactive educational methods that enhance learning and participation.
- Offer concrete takeaways, tools, or resources, and/or demonstrate measurable outcomes or impact.

Deadline: December 7, 2026