



For the members of the MN ACE
Interface Presenter Network

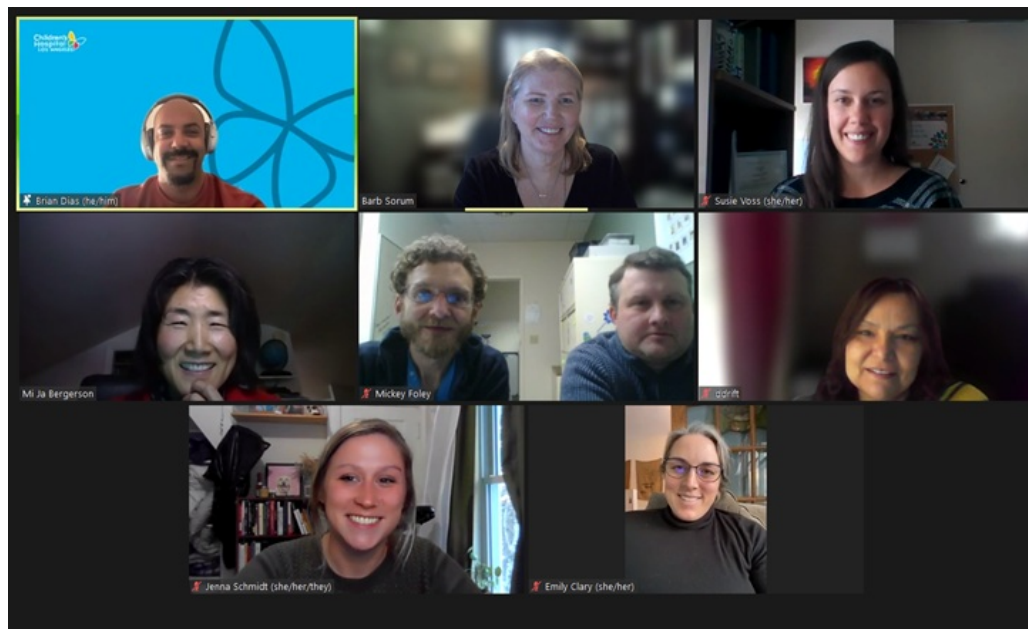


December 2022

New ACE Interface Slide Release and New Slide Overview workshops - coming in winter and spring of 2023!

New ACE Interface Slide Release Scheduled for January 2023!

Throughout 2022, FamilyWise has been partnering with Dr. Brian Dias (Epigeneticist – Cherry Blossom Study), ACE Interface (ACE Interface founders Laura Porter and Dr. Robert Anda), Dr. Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart (Historical Trauma scholar), and Minnesota trainers and consultants to update our current ACE Interface slide deck. Many of the slides will be the same, but we have added some additional slides, as well as new framing and photos on some of the existing slides. Audience and presenter feedback from our Minnesota network have been critical in moving this project forward – thank you! These updates will allow our ACE Interface Network here in Minnesota to continue bringing the most up-to-date content to our communities!



Upcoming New ACE Interface Slide Overview workshops

This winter and spring we will be offering ***New ACE Interface Slide Overview*** workshops to highlight some of the new content and changes to our existing slide deck. The first workshop will be held on **Thursday, February 23rd from 11:00 –**

12:30, and a second workshop will be offered in spring for those who cannot attend the February workshop.

[Register Here!](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Learning Community about Sharing NEAR Science with Youth

FamilyWise has embarked on a project to customize ACE Interface content for youth in a way that is engaging and developmentally appropriate. We are partnering with a community youth-serving organization for this project, and would also like to seek the wisdom of our broader network.

If you are interested in joining a learning community that will explore how to most effectively share NEAR Science/ACE Interface with youth, please add your contact information to this [Google Form](#). We will likely convene our first virtual “learning community” meeting in January, 2023.

Congratulations to the ACE Interface Presenters Certified in 2022!

In 2022, a total of 11 people were certified as ACE Interface presenters! These presenters represent various sectors, including community organizations, schools, and public health, among others.

Several newly certified presenters shared what motivated them or inspired them to become an ACE Interface presenter:

To help create a more inclusive and supportive community.

- Jenn Froehlich, Carver County

ACES continue to impact so many people, including children and adults. I want to be able to educate our communities about ACES and how people can familiarize themselves with what ACES is and to recognize it. I would like people to be able to talk openly about it and make it less scary to discuss.

- Kim Myers, Norman & Mahnomen Counties

I am passionate about sharing this information because we all need to understand how trauma effects the developing brain so that we may change the narrative from “what is wrong with you” to “what happened to you.” This information has changed my life at a personal level. It has also inspired me to learn new skills and develop greater compassion in all my interactions with people. One caring and trusted adult indeed makes a difference!

- Patty Salo Downs, St. Louis, Carlton, Lake Counties

Welcome DeDe Drift! New Director of Tribal Projects at FamilyWise Services



This month, DeDe Drift, the new Director of Tribal Projects, joined the FamilyWise team! DeDe is a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa located in Northern, Minnesota. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Duluth, writing her Master's Thesis on the importance of American Indian Language Revitalization and how it directly correlates to cultural practices.

She has collaborated with many non-profit agencies and county social workers in the Duluth area, explaining the importance of keeping Native children connected to their families, cultural identities, and is passionate about the compliance of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Previously, she was a Commissioner of Human Services for her Tribe, where she ensured ICWA standards were followed by every agency involved, as she advocated for the importance of relative and family placement of American Indian children. Deanna was appointed by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council in 2021. Welcome Deanna!

Welcome Mickey Foley! New Communication & Development AmeriCorps VISTA at FamilyWise Services

This month, Mickey Foley, the new Communication and Development VISTA, joined the FamilyWise team! He will assist the Prevention Services Department by researching best practices and piloting programs and trainings that support communities as they work to reduce adversity and build protective resilience factors into their individual, family and community practices.



Mickey hails from New Brighton, MN. He got his Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing from Beloit College in Wisconsin. After college, he studied comedy writing at The Second City Chicago and improv at the Brave New Workshop in Minneapolis. While doing data entry and clerical work in the financial industry, he wrote, directed and performed theater in the Twin Cities. For the last 4 years, he was an AmeriCorps member with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, building homes and supervising volunteers. Mickey will be working with FamilyWise until December 2023. Welcome Mickey!

Parent Leadership at FamilyWise

FamilyWise is in the planning phase of a new Parent Leadership program. We are currently engaging a Parent Leadership Council, which will play a key role in reviewing and shaping a curriculum to help organizations and systems engage parent leaders in a way that lifts up parent voices. Next year we will be recruiting parent leaders and partner organizations to participate in the program. We are seeking diverse parent leaders from across the state with experience navigating systems such as child welfare, mental health, and more. If you know parents that would be a good fit for this program, or if you have relationships with any

organizations or agencies that would be interested in engaging parent leaders, contact Lisa Deputie at ldeputie@familywiseservices.org.

Presenter Portal

This year we announced that we have a new Presenter Portal on the FamilyWise website, which you can find at [this link](#). To log on you will need to enter "NEAR" where it asks for a password. This portal features resources for ACE Interface presenter candidates and certified presenters, supplemental resources, link to the MN ACE Interface Slack platform, and the ACE Interface presenter network newsletter.

MCCC merged with FamilyWise Services in July 2020. FamilyWise Services is now the license holder of the ACE Interface Curriculum. If you have any questions about the merger, please contact your regional [FamilyWise Services staff person](#).



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