

Building Resilience for Individuals, Families & Communities



On June 18th & 19th, the AFWI brought together researchers, community leaders, educators, health care professionals, and government personnel to focus on how to best utilize a community of practice that shares the same language, tools, and guiding principles to apply the science of the Brain Story and the Resilience Scale.

Nearly 200 attendees connected with our partners from Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as the many organizations we work with in Alberta, Ontario, and Prince Edward Island.

Over the two-day event, we heard from guest speakers doing research on reducing adversity, adding positive supports, and improving skills and abilities. Our community panels and highlighted organizations shared their stories on how the Brain Story and Resilience Scale Framework can and are being implemented in their practice. We were given concrete examples of how the Resilience Scale can be used as a standardized clinical tool, and how to build an evaluation framework as communities look to implement this at a systems level.

We are grateful to all of the speakers and attendees who joined us to forge stronger connections and continue the conversation about building resilience for individuals, families & communities.

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Creating an Evaluation Framework



The AFWI has partnered with a group of researchers from NORC at the University of Chicago to generate an outcome framework for evaluating the implementation of the Brain Story and Resilience Scale into communities. Dr. Margaret Hargreaves, Dr. Nida Corry, and Julie Kubelka have been meeting with community leaders in High Level, Medicine Hat, and Lethbridge, AB to build a community evaluation design to assess the implementation and outcomes of the Resilience Scale Framework.

The team from NORC are using an implementation science approach to understand the factors that influence the implementation of evidence-based innovations in practice.

Once the evaluation design is completed, we hope to use the findings as a roadmap for communities who wish to start implementing the Resilience Scale Framework.

ECDAN Masterclass Series

The AFWI was invited to give a keynote presentation at the Early Childhood Development Action Network (ECDAN) Masterclass Series in Systems Thinking in April. Nancy Mannix and Claire Niehaus were joined by Sonja Giese (Executive Director of DataDrive2030) to present on the Brain Story and Resilience Scale Framework.

Over 250 early childhood educators from around the world joined the virtual session. They had great questions about how to apply the Resilience Scale in practice, ways to spread knowledge of the Brain Story to parents and educators, and how to adapt the Resilience Scale for locations with limited resources.

Thank you to the organizers of the ECDAN Masterclass Series for connecting us to this audience. We look forward to building relationships with these new global partners.