Protecting Our Children: COVID-19's Impact on Early Childhood and ACEs

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES
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Ms. Santoro joined NIHCM Foundation in September 2004 after receiving her Master’s degree in Public Policy from George Washington University with a focus on women’s health policy. Ms. Santoro previously served as a Project Consultant for Women in Government where she was responsible for compiling a state-by-state report card on access to cervical cancer screening. While pursuing her Master’s degree, Ms. Santoro was a Communications Assistant for a health policy consulting firm and a Graduate Intern for a Washington, D.C. based women’s and children’s policy research organization. Ms. Santoro attended Villanova University in Villanova, PA and graduated with a BA cum laude in Political Science.

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Dr. Shonkoff has received multiple professional honors, including elected membership to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine), the C. Anderson Aldrich Award
in Child Development from the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Distinguished Contributions to Social Policy Award from the Society for Research in Child Development. He served as Chair of the Board on Children, Youth, and Families at the National Academy of Sciences and led a blue-ribbon committee that produced the landmark report, *From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development*. He has authored more than 150 publications, including nine books and monographs.

**JANE ELLEN STEVENS** is founder and publisher of ACEs Connection, comprising the social network ACEsConnection.com and the news site ACEsTooHigh.com. The sites focus on the science of adverse childhood experiences, and how people, organizations, systems and communities are implementing trauma-informed and resilience-building practices based on that science. Their approach has always been to educate, nurture, nudge, encourage and support or more than 47,000 members and the more than 300 ACEs initiatives (and growing) in cities, counties, regions and states as they integrate ACEs science. They provide tools to measure progress and guidance in person or virtually. The network is supported by funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The California Endowment, the Lisa Stone Pritzker Family Foundation, and Genentech. Stevens has been a health, science and technology journalist for more than 35 years. Her articles have appeared in the Boston Globe, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and National Geographic. She began reporting about the CDC-Kaiser Permanente Adverse Childhood Experiences Study and the other four parts of ACEs science in 2005. She has lived and worked in Kenya and Indonesia, and has been to Antarctica — in the winter — three times on reporting fellowships.

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