Dear Community Partners,

We are pleased to announce an exciting new Health Foundation initiative titled, "Co-Creating Well Being:  Supporting Children and Families Through Trauma," which has a focus on enhancing the lives of children and families.

Co-Creating Well-Being is a multi-year, three-phase initiative that will build the capacity of the community to develop strategies and programming to support children and families who have or are experiencing trauma. In this first phase we are pleased to be working together with our partners, the Chautauqua Community Foundation, the John R. Oishei Foundation, The Peter and Elizabeth C. Tower Foundation and the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. We will work toward expanding the number and spectrum of trauma-informed programs and services available in central and western New York.

**Phase I** will provide two types of expert training: 1) trauma and trauma-informed practices, and 2) utilization of the Human-Centered Design approach to solving programs.

**Phase II** will provide in-depth, hands-on utilization of Human-Centered Design to assist organizations to engage with community members ‘to design with and not for’ when responding to community need.

**Phase III** will provide funds for organizations that participated in Phase I to identify, design and implement trauma-informed intervention and practices based on evidence and the insights gained through the utilization of Human-Centered Design.

Co-Creating Well-Being is targeted towards all who work with children five and under and their families. In addition to early childhood education and care providers, we are interested in working with organizations that engage with children in other ways such as libraries, museums and churches.  
  
To apply to participate in the expert training's on trauma and human-centered design, click [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/co-creating-well-being-supporting-families-through-trauma-application-tickets-49868859100).

We look forward to working with you on this important initiative,

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