

# **Executive Director's Report September 2025**



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I've Got Good News. If you cannot attend the 2025 CORE National Conference in person this year, I've got really Good News.

Methodist Children's Home, this year's conference host, is incorporating their Wilson-Johnson Lecture Series into the beginning of the CORE National Conference. The keynote speaker is Dr. Robert Anda.

Before I share information about Dr. Anda and the content of his presentation, let me say that you don't have to be present in person to hear his presentation. You don't have to be present to hear, but you do have to be registered to access the live-stream video. Please select the registration link and complete the

registration form. Registration is a free gift made available to you by Methodist Children's Home. There is no cost associated to accessing Dr. Anda's presentation. You'll be glad

this is the link

that you did because it highlights what is now known about adverse childhood experiences and the long-term impact from childhood trauma.

#### Dr. Anda's presentation will be delivered at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Dr. Robert Anda is co-principal investigator of the landmark Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. Dr. Anda's groundbreaking work has reshaped how practitioners, educators, and policy leaders understand the long-term impact of childhood trauma on health and well-being. His insights will challenge and inspire professionals working across sectors to adopt more trauma-informed and compassionate approaches to care.

This presentation will include a review of how adversity gets embedded in neurodevelopment and affects the way our genome may be used and affected. The public health and community-wide implications of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study will be reviewed, and specific examples of how this science has shown how ACEs affect the goals and practices in human service systems (education, justice, health care) in the community will be provided.

"Self-Healing Communities" use this science—and the understanding and compassion that flows from it-- as a platform to engage the creativity, minds, and hearts of all people in community, that can lead healing at the individual level and to a culture of change. This change brings people who have been affected by ACEs and the systems that serve them together to bring hope, new meaning, and understanding that is necessary for moving beyond old ways of thinking about trauma, ACEs, and their related outcomes. These changes unlock the latent potential and creativity in communities, leading to new ways to interrupt the intergenerational cycle of ACEs and reduce exposure to ACEs for future generations.

Join us for this important conversation as we continue to explore the evolving needs of those we serve—and how we, together, can respond with purpose and innovation.

For those planning to attend the conference in person, complete information regarding the 2025 CORE National Conference can be found on the CORE website [ www.coredc.org ]

Conference Registration has been extended and if you haven't registered, you can do so online

### SAVE The Date: December 2 & 3rd, 2025

As the year draws near to an end, we believe the timing and opportunity is right for members of the Coalition of Residential Excellence to collectively make our voices known on Capitol Hill.

We are planning for a **Legislative Advocacy Day** on December 3, 2025. It is IMPORTANT that the vast majority of our membership be in attendance. Two are better than one; they have a good return for



#### their labor.

In order to make the most of Advocacy Day, participants will need to travel to D.C. on December 2nd. We will calendar time for the group to gather and get organized late afternoon or early evening on Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

In addition, on the evening of Wednesday, December 3rd, Carols In the Capitol - Sing Along will take place. Reportedly, this is a very impressive experience.

## UPDATE ON H.R. 4972 - Create Accountable Respectful Environments (CARE) for Children Act

The bill was filed by Rep. Steube on August 15, 2025 along with 11 other cosponsors. As of today, there are 18 co-sponsors including Rep. Steube - 15 from Florida, 2 from Mississippi and 1 from North Carolina. They include:

Cosponsor	Date Cosponsored	
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-25]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-28]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Franklin, Scott [R-FL-18]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Ezell, Mike [R-MS-4]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]*	08/15/2025	
Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]*	08/15/2025	

Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-5]*	08/15/2025
Rep. Edwards, Chuck [R-NC-11]*	08/15/2025
Rep. Mills, Cory [R-FL-7]*	08/15/2025
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	09/02/2025
Rep. Haridopolos, Mike [R-FL-8]	09/08/2025
Rep. Bean, Aaron [R-FL-4]	09/16/2025
Rep. Moskowitz, Jared [D-FL-23]	09/17/2025
Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	09/23/2025
Rep. Patronis, Jimmy [R-FL-1]	09/23/2025

Read the full bill text here.

 $[\ \underline{https://steube.house.gov/press-releases/rep-steube-leads-bipartisan-effort-to-expand-housing-for-foster-children/}\ ]$