

Getting to know: Laura Porter, ACE Interface

For nearly two decades, Laura Porter directed a statewide family-community-state partnership that successfully implemented ACE Study concepts in Washington State. In partnership with over 30 communities and nine Tribes, she developed a model for increasing the capacity of communities to prevent ACEs and their effects. Stunning success from the model, including reduction in the rates of major social and health problems, are document in peer reviewed journals, an article titled “Self-Healing Communities,” published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and in the documentary “Resilience” by KPJR Films.



Laura now works with leaders in over 30 states, providing education, facilitation, and empowerment strategies for building Self-Healing Communities.

She provides support and services to a wide range of groups... from parents and youth who are convening neighborhood conversations, to philanthropic leaders and government officials who are using ACE science in investment and policy decisions. She and Dr. Robert Anda founded ACE Interface to help leaders to use ACE concepts to build Self-Healing Communities. Laura loves to travel, garden, learn, and play with her children and grandchildren.