MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

A.4908 SOLAGES /S.8320 BRISPORT - AN ACT to establish a task force to identify evidence-based and evidence informed solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experience

May 24, 2022: The Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) supports A.4908 /S.8320 sponsored by Assembly Member Solages and Senator Brisport which would establish a taskforce to identify evidence informed solutions to reduce children’s exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

ACEs harm the developing brain, initiating “survival mode” which impacts reactions to perceived additional threats and/or stress, ability to interact socially and focus, among others. These in turn, can lead to a variety of negative health, educational, and social outcomes that may lead to involvement within the criminal justice and child welfare systems.

It is crucial that our State systems use trauma informed policies and practices to prevent and mitigate the impact of trauma to protect the health and wellness of our children and better support our families and communities.

COFCCA supports A.4908 /S.8320 and encourages the Governor to sign the bill.

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