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NORTON SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Frances McClelland
Institute for Children,
Youth & Families



Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute,

We have launched a busy semester! Our [calendar](#) includes three talks in the [Pamela Turbeville Speaker Series](#). Our first talk on January 30th will feature Dr. Thao Ha from Arizona State University. See below for details. Read on to learn about recent accomplishments from our students and faculty and opportunities to engage with our community partners.

We are also pleased to share our annual report from 2025, Family Link, which highlights our key activities and impacts from the last year. Thank you to all of our partners who contributed to our work as we aim to fulfill our goals to work collaboratively to build family resilience so that children, youth and families have opportunities to thrive.

Please follow us on social media and visit our [website](#) to stay up-to-date on our events and to access the [resources](#) we share.

Our 2025 Annual Report

FamilyLink

Improving lives of children, youth, and families



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FALL 2025

Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families,

In this annual report, we highlight our achievements in 2025 and preview our plans for 2026. This year, we engaged in multiple activities to meet our goals to share timely, actionable research, including hosting a speaker series, providing accessible resources on our website, including a new infographic series on timely topics, and sharing research generated by our affiliated faculty and students. We also successfully advanced our strategies to educate the next generation of engaged scholars and leaders. We continued to partner to facilitate undergraduate experiential learning through community-based internships with Cooperative Extension and other organizations. Thanks to generous donors, we provided financial support for graduate students to pursue peer-reviewed manuscripts and dissertation research on critical topics facing children, youth and families. Our faculty and graduate students conducted innovative research that spanned topics from early child care access, to risk and resilience among sexual and gender minority adolescents and their families, to family processes in Latinx families, and coparenting and healthy romantic relationships in diverse contexts. This research shared an underlying focus on identifying youth, family and community strengths, and informing policies. The excellence of this research was recognized with grants, awards, invited presentations and publications.

In line with our commitment to meaningful community engagement, we moved the annual Frances McClelland Vision Awards Ceremony off-campus in October for a celebratory and moving event that included a youth mariachi performance and honored seasoned and emerging leaders and organizations. This event highlighted how our community in Southern Arizona comes together to support each other. The Science of Kindness Community Collective (SciKind) led by Dr. Jeannette Mare engaged in multiple collaborative strategies with a variety of new partners, including the launching of KindCats, an on-campus group of students dedicated to sharing the science of kindness to build more kind places.

As families and communities navigate ongoing and emerging challenges, we are very grateful to our supporters, donors, students, and community partners for helping us to meet our goal to work collaboratively to harness the power of research to build strong communities that promote family resilience so that children and youth from marginalized communities have opportunities to thrive. Please visit our website, fmi.arizona.edu, to learn about our research, events, and resources. Follow and like us on social media. Thank you for your support.

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-Melissa A. Barnett, Ph.D.

*Director, The Frances McClelland Institute for
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took part in throughout the year. From advancing the well-being of children, youth, and families to celebrating community partnerships, this issue is a reflection of the incredible work we've accomplished together.

We invite you to take a moment to explore FamilyLink and catch up on all that is happening at FMI in 2025. Your continued support and engagement inspire our mission and guide us toward a brighter future.

Thank you for being part of our community!

[READ MORE](#)

Upcoming Turbeville Speaker Series

The Frances McClelland Institute
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invites you to...



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SPRING 2026

TURBEVILLE SPEAKER SERIES

Speaker: Dr. Thao Ha,
Department of Psychology,
Arizona State University

Title: *From Love to Harm: The
Development of Adolescent
Romantic Relationships in the
Digital Age*

Time: Friday, January 30, 2026
from 1 PM - 2:15 PM

Location: McClelland Park Room
402 Or Zoom



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SciKind Updates

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Research from the Institute



Congratulations to Katharine (Katie) Hunsdon Zeiders!

We are proud to announce that **Katharine (Katie) Hunsdon Zeiders**, Professor in the Norton School of Human Ecology, College of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences, has been named **Secretary of the Faculty**. In this role, Katie will work as a Faculty Fellow to connect, listen, and collaborate with leaders across colleges and divisions—supporting Academic Success Goals by strengthening existing initiatives and helping identify new strategies that advance student success, impactful research, and meaningful community engagement.

Stronger Together: Community News &

Events

Community Connections

Whether you're hosting a workshop, highlighting a resource, or want to share a success story (no identifying info, please)—we'd love to help spread the word. If you have something to share, please email us at families@arizona.edu with:

- A short description of your event or opportunity
- Any relevant links or contact info
- Image or flyer (if applicable)

To be included in the following month's issue, please send your submission by the 15th of each month.

We're looking forward to uplifting the great work happening across our community!



Free Produce Giveaways November 2025 - May 2026

Area	Location/Time	Days
Ina/Shannon	ICS Food Bank 2820 W. Ina Rd. 5:30 to 7:30 a.m.	Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 2
Ft. Lowell/1st Ave	Sacred Heart Catholic Church 601 E. Fort Lowell Rd. 8 to 10 a.m.	Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 10, May 8
Ft. Lowell/Tucson Blvd	Northminster Presbyterian Church 2450 E Fort Lowell Rd. 8 to 10 a.m.	Nov. 13, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 16, May 14
Valencia/6th Ave	Unleashed Christian Church 265 W. Valencia Rd. 8 to 10 a.m.	Nov. 14, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 17, May 15
6th Ave/Grant	Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church 210 E. Lester St. 8 to 10 a.m.	Nov. 15, Dec. 13, Jan. 17, Feb. 14, Apr. 18, May 16
Irvington/6th Ave	El Pueblo Community Center 101 W. Irvington 8 to 10 a.m.	Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 24, May 22

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Schedule of Free Produce Giveaways November 2025 - May 2026

Location	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Campus of Sacred Heart Catholic Church 601 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.	7th	5th	9th	6th	6th	10th	8th
ICS Northwest Food Bank 2820 W. Ina Rd.	8th	6th	10th	7th	14th	11th	2nd
Northminster Presbyterian Church 2450 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.	13th	18th	15th	12th	12th	16th	14th
Unleashed Christian Church 265 W. Valencia Rd.	14th		16th	13th	13th	17th	15th
Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church 210 E. Lester St.	15th	13th	17th	14th		18th	16th
El Pueblo Community Center 101 W. Irvington	21st	19th	23rd	20th	20th	24th	22nd

These **Free Produce Giveaways** are open to anyone in the community who needs fresh, healthy food! No registration required to receive produce. If you'd

like to volunteer, you can help sort, bag, and distribute produce at our drive-thru events in partnership with the Community Food Bank. See the details below for dates, locations, and volunteer sign-up information.

Volunteer Locations & Times

Friday, January 9th 2026

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Campus

601 E. Ft. Lowell Rd

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Friday, January 23rd 2026

El Pueblo Community Center

101 W. Irvington Rd

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

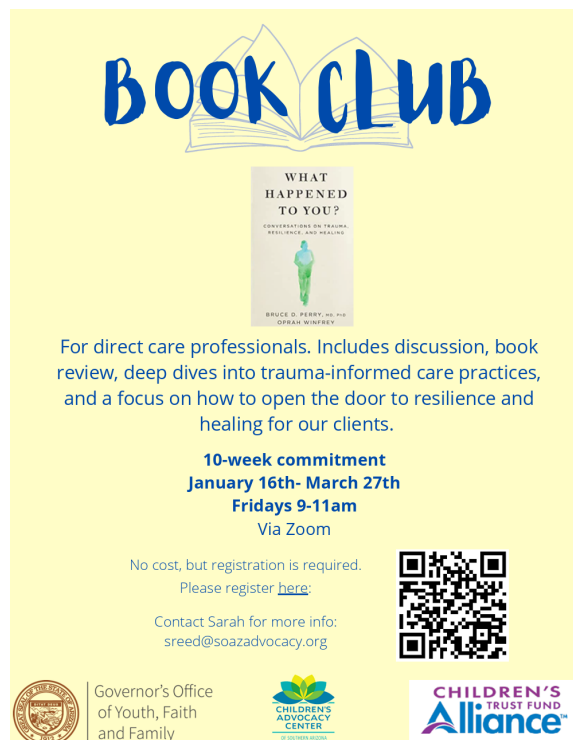
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Children's Advocacy Center

Hosting Virtual Trauma-Informed Book Club for professionals for one final time this Spring of 2026 - don't miss out!

Please see attached flyer for more information. Share at will!!

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BOOK CLUB

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
CONVERSATIONS ON TRAUMA, RESILIENCE, AND HEALING
BRUCE D. PERRY, MD, MHA
DEBRA WINTREY

For direct care professionals. Includes discussion, book review, deep dives into trauma-informed care practices, and a focus on how to open the door to resilience and healing for our clients.

10-week commitment
January 16th- March 27th
Fridays 9-11am
Via Zoom

No cost, but registration is required.
Please register [here](#).

Contact Sarah for more info:
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In Partnership,

Melissa Barnett, Ph.D.

Director, Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families

Norton Endowed Chair in Fathers, Parenting, and Families

Professor, Human Development and Family Science

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