



NORTON SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Frances McClelland
Institute for Children,
Youth & Families



Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute,

Campus is quiet this week after a buzz of activity earlier this month. We started the month by hosting our annual student poster showcase that featured projects by undergraduate and graduate students, including our student interns, and we concluded the semester celebrating graduations and promotions of our faculty. Read on to learn more about our latest activities and achievements.

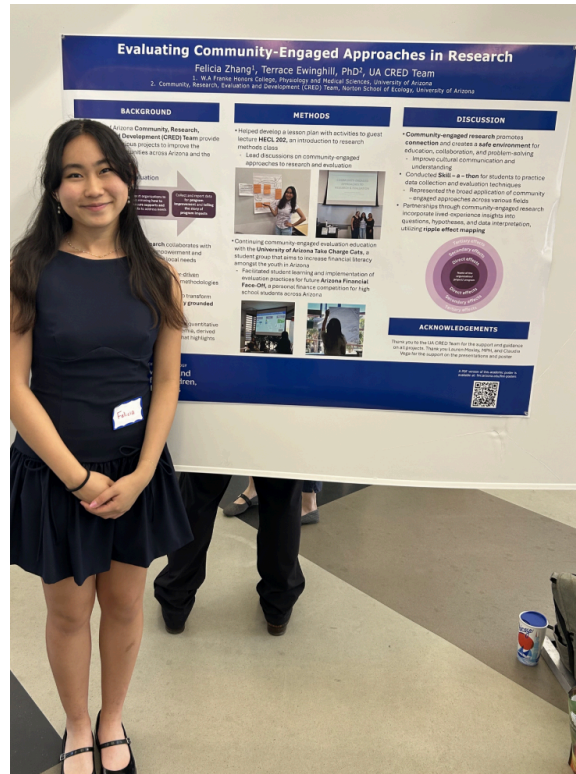
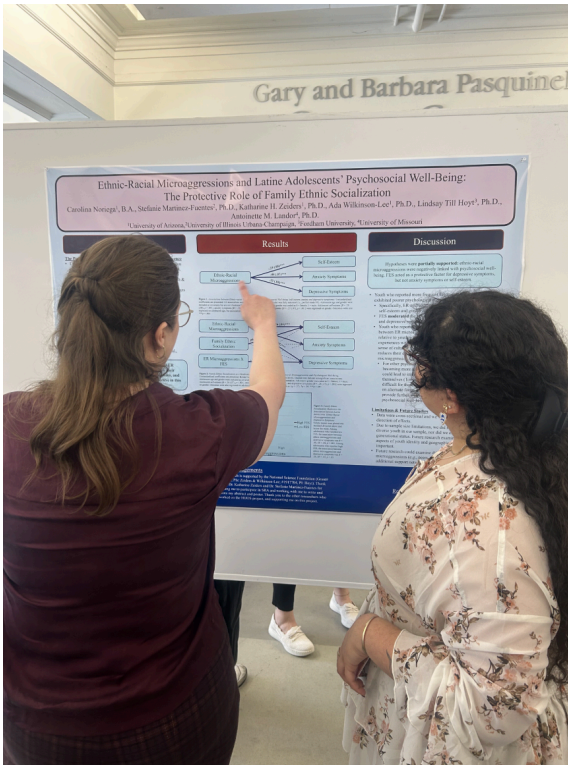
We are planning an exciting line-up of events next year and we will soon release new resources on our website. Stay tuned!

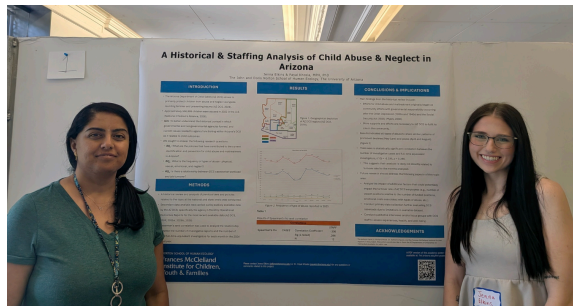
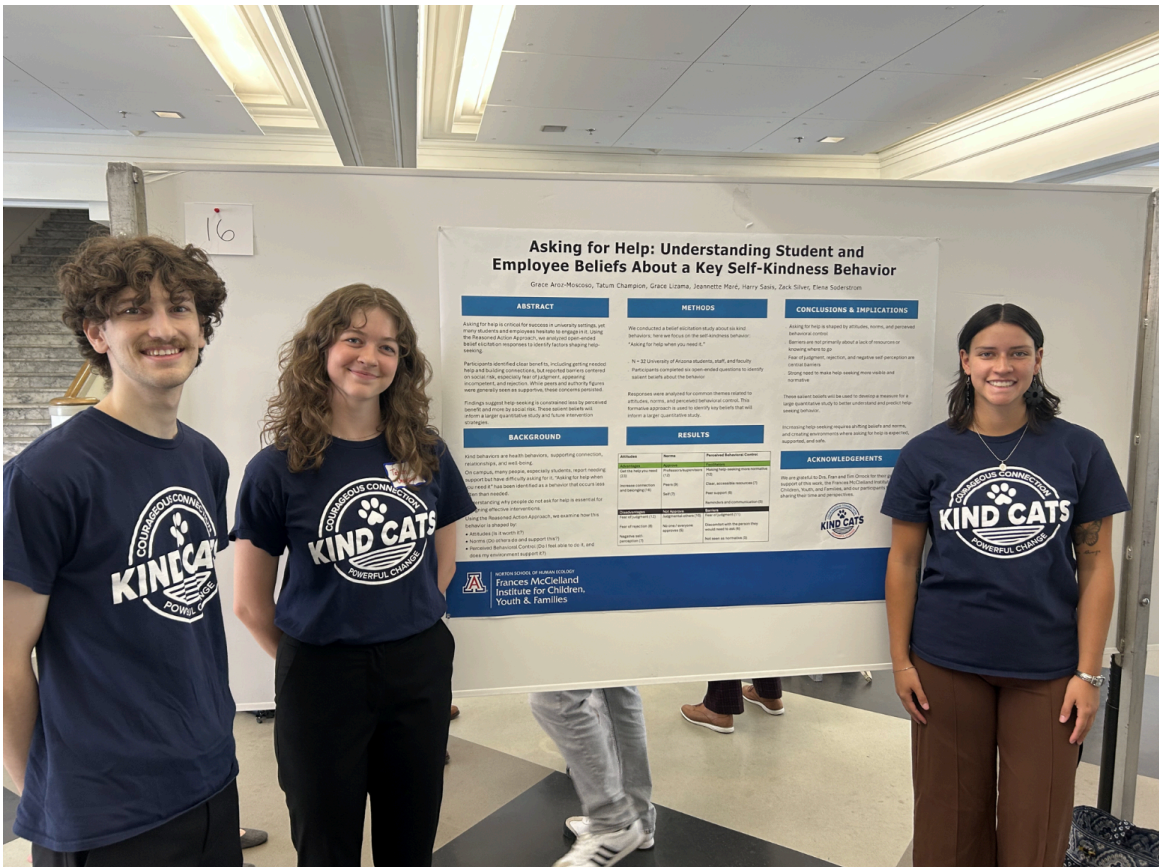
Thank you for supporting our mission to use the power of research to inform opportunities for children, youth and families, especially those from marginalized communities, to thrive. Please follow us on social media and visit our [website](#) to stay up-to-date on our events and to access the [resources](#) we share.

FMI Updates:

Annual Student Poster Showcase

On May 1st, another successful student poster showcase was hosted in which students and graduates were able to demonstrate their hard work and interact with other community members. There were over 20 posters presented and even more attendees hearing about all the great things our students are doing. Below are some pictures of the event.





Community-Engaged Undergraduate Internship Program

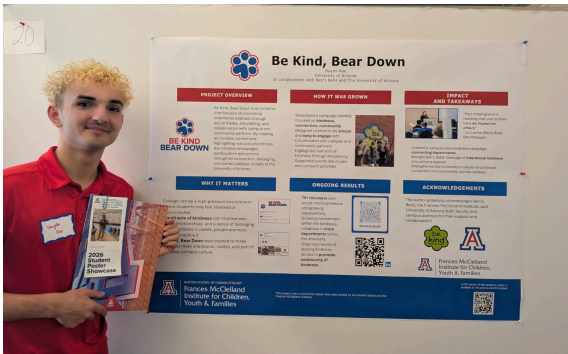
We facilitated another successful semester of our community-based internship program. Thanks to funding from the Norton School, we were able to place four undergraduate students in paid internships where they learned essential skills to prepare them for successful careers serving communities while also contributing to the work of their internship sites. Interns worked on projects that included implementing science of kindness-informed strategies to increase kindness at a local organization, developing a research-based food safety campaign, collecting data to evaluate the effectiveness of program strategies, and helping to launch a new University of Arizona campus initiative, Be Kind, Bear Down. We are very grateful to our community partners who hosted interns and provided outstanding mentorship: The Haven, Yavapai County Cooperative

Extension, Ben's Bells and Youth On Their Own.

The demand for these internships far outpaces our current funding capacity, as 23 well-qualified students applied for those four positions this spring. We are continuing to seek funding to sustain and expand this impactful internship program.

Below are students with their posters.

The last image features presentation slides from student who could not attend the poster showcase.



Faculty Updates:



Congratulations to **Dr. Sabrina Helm** on her promotion to professor in Retailing and Consumer Sciences.

Congratulations to **Dr. Thomas Korankye** on his promotion to Associate professor in Personal and Family Financial Planning.



Student Updates:

Congratulations Grads!

We are proud to congratulate our doctoral graduates, **Kealie Walker** and **Victoria Cooper-Roundy**, on this outstanding achievement!

We also extend our congratulations to **Baltazar Campos** on the successful defense of his Master's thesis, *The Long Shadow of Childhood Adversity on Multimorbidity: Socioeconomic Resources and Later-Life Health in the Mexican Health and Aging Study*.

Finally, congratulations to our student assistant, **Fernanda Torres**, on graduating with her Bachelor's degrees in HDFS and Psychology!

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

We celebrate all of your hard work and accomplishments!



SciKind Updates

We are so proud to celebrate this year's graduating Kind Cat seniors! Congratulations! We are thrilled to see all the kindness that you will carry forward into the world.

A huge thank you to Dr. Jeannette Mare for leading and mentoring another incredible group of students through the VIP (Vertically Integrated Projects) program. Dr. Mare continues to inspire new generations of Kind Cats researchers and leaders.





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!

Call for Research Study Participants:

The department of Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences is conducting a helpful study to support your toddler's speech development while contributing to science! Scan the QR codes to learn more and participate.

Get a free snapshot of your child's vocabulary skills!



- ✓ Is your child 2 years old?
- ✓ Are they meeting their communication milestones?
- ✓ Do they hear only English?



Join our
**child vocabulary
research study!**

What you'll do:

- Complete a questionnaire
- Complete checklists of words your child says



Help us discover how children learn!

Intake form:
<https://redcap.link/mx7hdyec>
Email: l4lab@arizona.edu



Speech, Language
& Hearing Sciences

An Institutional Review Board responsible for human subjects research at the University of Arizona reviewed this research project and found it to be acceptable according to applicable state and federal regulations and University policies designed to protect the rights and welfare of participants in research.



Speech, Language
& Hearing Sciences

Toddler Not Talking?

- ✓ Is your child 3 or younger?
- ✓ Are you concerned they're not talking enough?

Our University of Arizona research study may be able to help!

Participation
is free!



By age 2, children should:

- Say at least 50 words
- Begin to combine 2 words

By age 3, children should:

- Have a word for almost everything
- Begin to combine 3 words

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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

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

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In Partnership,

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Norton Endowed Chair in Fathers, Parenting, and Families

Professor, Human Development and Family Science

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