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Institute for Children,  
Youth & Families



### **Greetings from the Frances McClelland Institute,**

This has been a particularly busy month! We held two events in late April. First, in line with our commitment to share research to improve lives, we partnered with Child and Family Resources and the Children's Advocacy Center of Southern Arizona to host a screening of the documentary *Resilience* at the Galaxy Theater in Tucson. We had a great turnout for this free event that included an active discussion following the film about how we as a community can act to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and promote resilience. See below to learn more. Thank you to our partners for making this event possible! We look forward to hosting another screening on campus in the Fall. Second, in support of our goal of educating the next generation of scholars, we held our annual Student Poster Showcase. See below for details on this inspiring event.

We celebrated many awards recently in addition to graduation. See below to learn more about how our faculty and students were recognized.

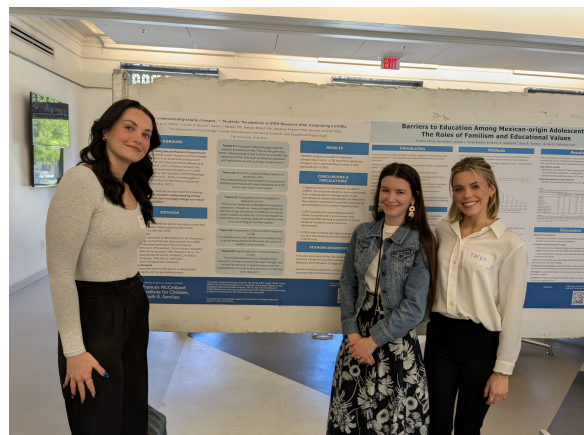
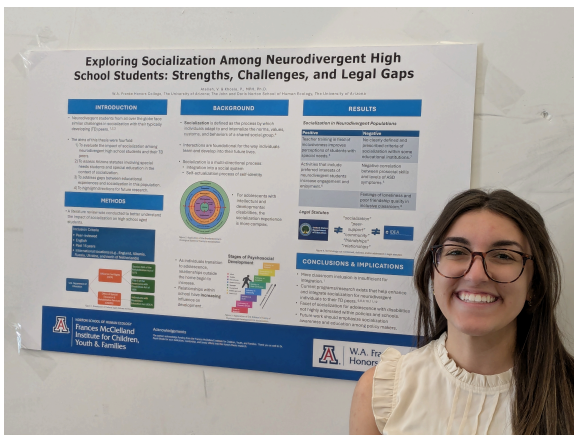
Congratulations to all 2025 graduates and awardees!

We are busy planning events for next year. We will soon release the call for nominations for the 2025 Vision Awards. We have some exciting updates to the Vision Awards ceremony this year.

Although this has been a very challenging few months for universities, researchers and the marginalized children and families we seek to serve, we remain as committed as ever to our goal to use the power of research to inform strategies to facilitate resilience among children, youth and families. Thank you for your support. We look forward to partnering with you in the future.

## 2024 Student Poster Showcase

Thank you to those who attended and presented at the Spring 2025 Student Poster Showcase. This event featured posters presented by undergraduate and graduate researchers. We enjoyed learning about student research on a variety of topics and engaging with enthusiastic emerging scholars.



# Community Film Screening

## Reflections from the Resilience Film Screening

At our recent film screening on resilience and trauma-informed care, participants shared powerful thoughts, emotions, and takeaways. Their reflections remind us of the impact of community dialogue and the importance of healing-centered spaces. Below, we've gathered a few of their voices—captured on post-it notes during the event—to highlight what moved, surprised, and inspired attendees.



# VOICES FROM THE SCREENING



## LEARNING & AWARENESS

“Death by a thousand cuts, healing by a thousand and one stitches.”

I was most shocked to see the data of how implementing these practices lowered suicide, dv, and behavior in students.”



## REFLECTIONS ON TRAUMA

What stood out? How common the adversities are in my family and circle of friends

I was surprised to see just how many people had a 3 or 4 out of 10 on the ACE test.



## CALLS TO ACTION

As a member of my community I will continue to advocate for those who can not or are afraid to talk about bad things

I will share this with my family and friends and promote awareness

**Congratulations, 2025 Graduates!**



Congratulations to our HDFS graduates, **Kayla Osman, PhD, and Priscila Gámez Hernández, MS!** We are so proud of you and wish you the very best in your future endeavors!



## HDFS Updates

Several Human Development & Family Science (HDFS) faculty members, graduate students and alumni attended the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development in early May to share research and learn about the latest advancements in child and adolescent development.







### CALES Research Impact Award

We're thrilled to celebrate **Dr. Norma Perez-Brena** for receiving the College of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Science **Research Impact Award!** This well-deserved recognition honored Dr. Perez-Brena for leading a research project or discovery of unusually high impact within the past five years.



### Spring 2025 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Congratulations to our HDFS graduate student, **Kealie Walker**, for being awarded the College of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences **Doctoral Level Meritorious Graduate Teaching Award!** We are so proud of Kealie's hard work and achievements!





## CALES Outstanding Senior Award

Congratulations to our HDFS student, **Jennifer Haggerty**, for being awarded the Outstanding Senior in Human Development & Family Science and the overall College of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Science **Outstanding Student Award**! Jenny participated in our community-based applied research internship program last spring and she authored a research brief we published on income supplement programs. We are so proud of Jenny's hard work and achievements!

## SCIKIND Updates



We are excited to celebrate the graduating seniors from the **Kind Cats Research Team**, who dedicated their time, heart, and curiosity this spring as part of the VIP

(Vertically Integrated Projects) team under the incredible mentorship of **Dr. Jeannette Maré**.

The Kind Cats will be back this fall with the official launch of the **Kind Cats Club**—an opportunity for students to explore kindness in action, build community, and get involved in meaningful outreach.

## Community Announcements

### COMING SOON

We're excited to share that this fall, we'll be launching a new **Community Announcements** section in our newsletter! This space will highlight events, news, and opportunities from our advisory council, community partners, and the broader UArizona campus community.

Whether it's a research opportunity, a community event, or a student-led initiative, this section is designed to keep us connected and informed. **More details on how to submit your announcements will be shared soon!**



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In Partnership,

**Melissa Barnet, Ph.D.**

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

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