

Cheryl Joan Vince

Senior Vice President and Director, Health & Social Development Program, AIR



Cheryl Joan Vince, a senior vice president at AIR, directs the Health & Social Development program. The program promotes youth and family well-being by strengthening systems so children, youth and families—especially those in tough circumstances—can thrive. Vince oversees a body of work that involves research and evaluation, training and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of juvenile justice, mental health, child welfare and education agencies as they address a variety of issues in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

For more than three decades, Vince has served as a leader, building new programs in nonprofit organizations to address challenges in education, public health and human services. She has experience in the design, implementation and evaluation of large-scale interventions, and putting in place large-scale training and technical assistance functions that building organizations' capacities to implement evidence-based programs. She has developed numerous curricula, training materials and resources for audiences ranging from children and adolescents to nurses and physicians on healthy aging, as well as leaders and decision-makers in national governments responsible for policy setting. In this work, she has drawn extensively on implementation and diffusion research; she has synthesized, studied and published about its application in her analysis of 22 country initiatives to operationalize the World Health Organization's vision of improving student and staff health through education systems.

Vince has worked both across the United States and in many countries around the world. In partnership with United Nations organizations, national governments, professional associations, universities and nongovernmental organizations, she has built bodies of work that apply a public health approach to promote well-being and healthy development across the life cycle and address major health challenges. Areas of focus include emotional and mental health; substance abuse; injury, violence, and suicide; reproductive health; HIV and AIDS and sexually transmitted infections.

From 1998 to 2010, she served as the director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center, during her time at EDC. Earlier in her career, she spent several years teaching in Canada after receiving her education diploma from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec.



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Trauma-Informed Care: Change the Culture to Change the Outcome

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Agenda

Noon – 1:30 P.M.

- Registration and lunch
- Welcome
 - Cheryl Vince**
Senior Vice President & Director,
Health & Social Development
Program, AIR
 - Presentation: "Introduction
to Trauma Informed Care"
 - Carmela J. DeCandia**
Director, The National Center on
Family Homelessness at AIR
 - Discussion
 - Jane Stevens**
Editor, *Aces Too High News*
(moderator)
 - Larke N. Huang**
Director of the Office of
Behavioral Health Equity,
SAMHSA
 - Cheryl Sharp**
Senior Advisor, National Council
for Behavioral Health
 - Bonnie Stone**
President and CEO,
Women in Need
 - Q&A
 - Closing Remarks

BIOGRAPHIES

Carmela J. DeCandia

Director, The National Center on Family Homelessness at AIR



Carmela DeCandia is a licensed clinical psychologist with specialties in trauma, child and adolescent development, program development, and assessment. Throughout her career, she has worked with underserved populations, including young parents and children, families experiencing homelessness and trauma, and those involved in the child welfare system. She has spent more than 20 years in roles that include service delivery, program management, clinical director and vice president. DeCandia spent over a decade at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in Dorchester, MA, working with families experiencing homelessness and trauma to achieve residential and economic stability, educational advancement, and emotional well-being.

Dr. DeCandia has worked as a school psychologist conducting school-based assessments. She has also taught as adjunct faculty at Lesley University about understanding trauma in the lives of children and adolescents. She received a mastery certificate in Global Mental Health from the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma.



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Larke N. Huang

Director of the Office of Behavioral Health Equity,
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Larke Nahme Huang, Ph.D., a licensed clinical-community psychologist, is a Senior Advisor in the Administrator's Office of Policy Planning and Innovation at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this position she provides leadership on national policy for mental health and substance use issues for children, adolescents and families and leads the Administrator's strategic initiative on Trauma and Justice. She is also the Director of SAMHSA's Office of Behavioral Health Equity which was legislated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In 2009, she did a six months leadership exchange at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she was the Senior Advisor on Mental Health.

For the past 25 years, Dr. Huang has worked at the interface of practice, research and policy. She has assumed multiple leadership roles dedicated to improving the lives of children, families and communities. She has been a community mental health practitioner, a faculty member at the University of California, Berkeley and Georgetown University, and a research director at the American Institutes for Research. She has worked with states and communities to build systems of care for children and youth with behavioral health disorders. She has developed programs for underserved, culturally and linguistically diverse populations, evaluated community-based programs, and authored books and articles on behavioral health. Recent publications include: *Children of Color: Psychological Interventions with Culturally Diverse Youth*; *Transforming Mental Health Care for Children and Their Families*; *Advancing Efforts to Improve Children's Mental Health in America: A Commentary*; *The Influence of Race and Ethnicity on Psychiatric Diagnoses and Clinical Characteristics of Children and Adolescents in Children's Service*; and *Co-Occurring Disorders of Adolescents in Primary Care: Closing the Gaps*.

In 2003, Dr. Huang served as an appointed Commissioner on the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health and on the Carter Center Mental Health Board.

Dr. Huang recently received the following honors: The American Psychological Association, Nicholas Hobbs Award for Children's Mental Health, 2013; Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest, American Psychological Association, 2007; Dr. James Jones Lifetime Achievement Award, APA, 2007; Outstanding Psychologist of the Year, National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (NAMI), 2005; Presidential Citation, APA, 2011 and 2004; Distinguished Contributions Award, Asian American Psychological Association, 2004; Champion for Children's Mental Health Needs, Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, 2003.

She received her doctorate from Yale University.

Cheryl Sharp

Senior Advisor, Trauma-informed Services, National Council for Behavioral Health



Cheryl Sharp holds the unique perspective of a person who struggled with severe mental health challenges, a trauma survivor, a family member of a loved one who died as a result of mental health challenges, and a provider of substance abuse and mental health services. Sharp has worked with adult trauma survivors for more than 30 years and trains and speaks internationally on trauma-informed care. She is an advanced level WRAP facilitator, Mental Health First Aid USA trainer/ instructor, and trainer of Intentional Peer Support. Sharp is also an ordained minister. She has worked as a hospice/medical social worker and as a director of social services for a skilled nursing facility. She received the Lou Ann Townsend Courage Award for her contributions to persons with psychiatric disabilities. As the leader of the National Council's Trauma-Informed Care Learning Communities, Sharp has led more 500 organizations in the implementation of trauma-informed care.

Sharp holds a master's degree in social work (MSW) and is an Advanced Level WRAP Facilitator (ALWF).

Jane Stevens

Editor, *ACES Too High News*



Jane Ellen Stevens is founder and editor of *ACEsTooHigh.com*, a news site for the general public, and its accompanying community of practice social network, *ACEsConnection.com*. The sites focus on research on adverse childhood experiences, and practices based on that research. The sites are supported by funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The California Endowment. A longtime health, science and technology journalist, Stevens has written for *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and *National Geographic*. For several years, she specialized in violence epidemiology. She began reporting about the ACE Study and related research in 2005.

She has lived and worked in Kenya and Indonesia, and has been to Antarctica—in the winter—three times on reporting fellowships. She is the recipient of several fellowships—including the Knight-McCormick Leadership Institute Fellowship and the Reynolds Journalism Fellowship. She is on the advisory board for *ReportingonHealth.org*, a site for the California Endowment Health Journalism Fellowships; a member of the National Association of Science Writers; Journalism and Women Symposium; and the Online News Association.

Bonnie Stone

President and CEO, Women in Need



Bonnie Stone is President and CEO of Win (Women In Need) a not-for-profit agency providing transitional shelter and affordable, permanent supportive housing to homeless and disadvantaged women and children in New York City. Since joining

Win in 2000, Stone has helped the organization grow to one of the largest providers of transitional shelter for homeless families, operating nine shelters and almost 239 affordable, permanent housing units with supportive services. With a staff of nearly 400 and more than 300 volunteers, Win currently serves 3,700 people including 2,200 children every night.

For more than 30 years, Stone has served the people of the City of New York in a variety of government and civic leadership roles. As Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health, Stone ran city drug abuse treatment services. As Deputy Administrator of the Human Resources Administration, Stone opened and operated more than 10,000 beds for homeless people, and oversaw the administration of protective services for adults, shelters for battered women, homecare services for the elderly and disabled, and family planning clinics. As Deputy Commissioner in the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Stone was instrumental in reorganizing the administration and daily operations of the department, clearing serious backlogs and restoring public confidence after a prolonged period of crisis.

As Vice President of the MTA Long Island Railroad, Stone designed and implemented the first overall marketing strategy and program for ridership growth. She also created a division for government and community affairs, marketing, media relations and public information, reporting directly to the President of the LIRR. Stone also served as the Chief Operating Officer of Selfhelp Community Services, a large not-for-profit agency where she was responsible for a variety of programs for the elderly.

Stone is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and holds two master's degrees: one in psychological measurement from Columbia University and one in urban planning from New York University. A native New Yorker, she resides in Lower Manhattan with her husband Jack Deacy.