**THE VAN BUREN RESILIENCY PROJECT**

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** to educate our community about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and childhood trauma, and empower its members to collaboratively develop, evaluate, and sustain effective resources to promote resiliency and combat their negative intergenerational effects.

**VISION STATEMENT:** We envision an effective, sustainable collaboration of all segments of our community working together to develop, implement, and sustain policies and activities that promote individual and community resilience, successfully addressing both the causes and the negative effects of ACEs and generational trauma.

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**PURPOSE**:

 The Van Buren Resiliency Project is a totally volunteer organization with the following purposes:

 (1) To increase our community’s understanding about the historical, societal, community, and familial causes of ACEs through community meetings, presentations, and discussions. In this way we expect to

 - reduce the stigma associated with those suffering the effects of ACEs;

 - increase understanding of ACES as a community concern rather than solely an individual, family, or school problem; and

 - promote community and individual resilience along with the belief that community members can work together over time to successfully address the challenges posed by the negative results of ACEs within our community.

 (2) To empower, energize, and engage members of all segments of the community and thereby increase resources and create a positive climate in which community members better understand each other and confidently work together to address the impact of ACEs on our community.

 (3) To form a non-profit coalition of caregivers, educators, and medical and social services personnel along with community members who are affected by ACEs to direct and promote community efforts to mitigate the effects of ACEs and foster resilience within the community and its citizens.

 (4) To obtain technical and financial assistance to evaluate the prevalence of ACEs in our community, assess relevant evidence-based programs that have succeeded in similar communities, and develop a framework for programs and activities that show promise of aiding our efforts to mitigate the inter-generational effects of ACEs by meeting specific identified needs of our community.

 (5) To incrementally implement and evaluate pilot programs approved by the non- profit coalition members and determine their effectiveness and value for further development.

 (6) To celebrate the successes of VBRP, its members, and the community.

DIRECT SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS

 VBRP is engaged in community organization and program development. It does not provide direct services to individuals at this time.