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MACE

Supporting Families Strengthening Communities

- **Launch:** Sept 2018
- **End Date:** 2021

The Project has been awarded grant funding up to €5,010,240.11 from the EU INTERREG VA programme. This includes 15% match funding from both Departments of Health.

Project Partners

cooperation and working together for health gain and social well being in border areas

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5 Projects with Health and Social Care theme
Approximately €30 million

Evidence, Recent Research & Context

National Study of ACEs in Wales (18-69 years)
Compared with people with no ACEs, those with 4+ ACEs were:

- 4 times more likely to be a high risk driver
- 4 times more likely to smoke tobacco or E-cigs
- 11 times more likely to have smoked cannabis
- 14 times more likely to have used crack cocaine or heroin
- 20 times more likely to have been incarcerated in their life

1997 Kaiser Permanente study demonstrated an association of ACEs and health and social problems across the life span.

Prof Mark Bellis said "So many of the health problem we see in adults have their roots in childhood"

EU, NI & ROI related Policy documents all recognise the importance of early intervention

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A SMART INVESTMENT

The earlier the investment, the greater the return

Target Group - Children within the age groups and their families

- 0-3 years
- 11-13 years

Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

Heckmans Model of Return on Investment - earlier the investment, greater the return

The AIM

The MACE project aims to transform the lives of vulnerable families who are at risk from multiple adversities in their lives, through identification, early intervention and the provision of nurturing support within their own communities.

Cross Border Community Networks: delivery sites between the ROI and NI within the following areas

With each having 1 full time Project worker

1. Derry, Letterkenny & Inishowen
2. Strabane & West Donegal
3. Fermanagh, Sligo & Leitrim
4. Armagh, Cavan & Monaghan
5. Newry & Louth

- 1 Development of an Adversity Matrix
- 2 Development of a Needs Stratification tool
- 3 Development and support of five Cross Border Community Networks
- 4 Deliver 3125 interventions for families with children in age categories 0-3 years and 11-13 years.
- 5 Development of EHealth Technologies

1 Development of an Adversity Matrix for the identification and assessment of families at risk from multiple adverse childhood experiences.

Mace Adversity Matrix

2 Development of a Needs Stratification tool to identify the appropriate targeted intervention to support families that have been identified via the Adversity Matrix

3 Development and support of five Cross Border Community Networks to advise, guide and embed the tools/practices of the project.

- Share best practice, protocols and learning on a cross border basis
- Advise the project on focus areas, including current and future needs and the types of interventions required to meet local need
- Advise the project on training and capacity building required to ensure the sustainability of practice beyond the life of the project
- Embed tools and practices and becoming ACE champions within their organisations

Utilising existing Local Planning/outcomes Groups, Family Support Hubs and the Children and Young Person Strategic Partnership in NI and Prevention Partnership Family Support, Child & Family Support Networks and the Children Young Person's Service Committees in ROI

4 Deliver 3125 interventions for families with children in age categories 0-3 years and 11-13 years. These will encompass interventions classified as Universal, Targeted or Specialist and will be delivered on an individual and/or group basis.

0-3 Years
Universal Targeted Specialist

11-13 Years
Universal Targeted Specialist

Create an ACE aware community
 500 trained in the application of the tools
 200 Trained to deliver interventions (sustainability)

5 **EHealth Technologies** The project will develop a platform which will support the networks to identify need, target appropriate support and monitor outcomes. The technologies will be used as a resource by staff and communities during the life of the project and beyond.

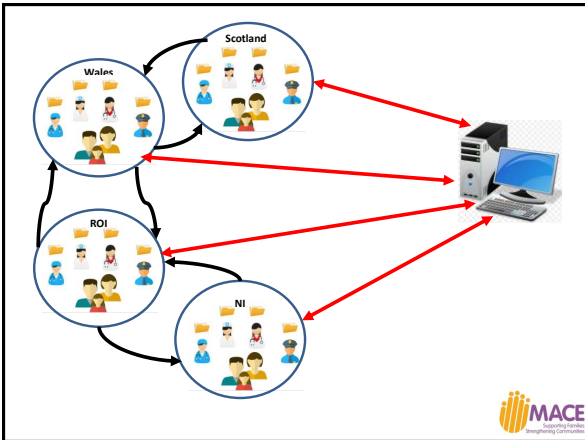
www. – Information source for whole community

House the tools for staff to use to identify need and Target appropriate supports

Monitor outcomes

Apps, training, sharing information point

Aid as resource during and beyond the project



Cross Border Co-Operation

- Build on infrastructure that already exists within each community network area. Family Hubs/Outcomes Group & CYPSP(NI) & PPFS/CFSN/CYPSP (ROI).
- Jointly owned by both jurisdictions through management and oversight of project.
- Fully organised on a cross border basis to facilitate local communities to build local capacity by working together and learning from each other.
- Development of on line portal/website which will facilitate on line staff training and also deliver certain elements of some interventions where appropriate.

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