

Northern ACEs Collaborative (NAC)

Throughout the beginning of 2023, NAC members gathered to discuss strategic planning efforts as NAC enters its final year of funding from the Blue Shield of California Foundation's Leveraging Collaboration to End Domestic Violence Initiative. The Population Health Innovation Lab (PHIL) team introduced the concept of taxonomy, which is the practice and science of categorization. **A taxonomy can serve as an outline or blueprint for an organization or initiative.** From the responses and feedback at the strategic planning meetings, a new NAC Taxonomy was developed.

MISSION

NAC brings together rural Northern California champions to address trauma and promote resilience in the region through a collaborative approach by building relationships and sharing, learning, examining, and generating new ideas.



VISION

All Northern California residents have everything they need to live resilient and happy, healthy lives.

VALUES

- Equity
- Co-Creation
- Innovation
- Humility
- Learning and Adaptive Application



GOAL

Increase the capacity of rural Northern California champions to address trauma and promote resilience to improve the health of the communities they serve.



STRATEGIC APPROACH

- NAC will serve as a **Rural Resilience Innovation Hub** for hosting generative dialogue, disseminating on-point, innovative information, and facilitating action to address trauma and promote resilience.
- **Regional Approach**
- **Multiple Realms of Trauma and Opportunities for Resilience**



OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

- **Share/Learn** (Summit; Meetings; Newsletters; New partnerships)
- **Generate** (Storytelling opportunities; Collect, analyze, and disseminate data and balance with storytelling; Lab focused on addressing challenges that arise)
- **Adapt & Expand** (Steering Committee; Identify and engage new members; Grant opportunities)



Northern ACEs Collaborative (NAC) 2023 Strategic Planning Taxonomy

Throughout the spring and summer of 2023, Northern ACEs Collaborative (NAC) members gathered to discuss strategic planning efforts to shape the future of NAC.

The Population Health Innovation Lab (PHIL) team introduced the concept of taxonomy, which is the practice and science of categorization. A taxonomy can serve as an outline or blueprint for an organization or initiative. From the strategic planning discussions, this NAC Taxonomy was developed.

NAC TAXONOMY		
Element	Finalized Definitions	Finalized NAC Elements
Vision	<p>A vision statement is a description of the desired future state of the organization.</p> <p>A vision is a clear, inspiring, practical, attractive picture of the future state.</p>	All Northern California residents have everything they need to live resilient and happy, healthy lives.
Mission	<p>A mission statement is a definition of the organization, who it serves, what it does, its objectives, and its approach to reaching those objectives.</p> <p>Mission answers the question, "Why? Why do we do what we do?"</p>	NAC brings together rural Northern California champions to address trauma and promote resilience in the region through a collaborative approach by building relationships and sharing, learning, examining, and generating new ideas.
Tagline	A tagline is a catchphrase or slogan that summarizes the essence of a brand, product, or service.	<i>Know better, do better</i>

NAC TAXONOMY (continued)

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Values	<p>Core values are about who you are and, more importantly, who you are becoming on the journey to get to your vision.</p> <p>What kind of conduct do you expect? What kind of behavior do you promote? Who are you going to be in the process of fulfilling that vision?</p>	<p>Equity: Striving to provide everyone with equal, fair opportunity to have good health and well-being.</p> <p>Co-Creation: Committing to in-depth, collaborative work with partners to share ideas, improve processes, and grow together.</p> <p>Innovation: Risk-taking, testing new methods with new people, and building better through purposeful questioning.</p> <p>Humility: Acknowledging that everyone in every level of work contributes important knowledge and perspective to shape positive health outcomes.</p> <p>Learning and Adaptive Application: Design health solutions and adjust continuously to stay relevant to the constantly changing world.</p>
Goal	<p>Defines the result that an organization seeks to produce. It describes the purpose, outcome, or activity that must be accomplished.</p>	<p>Increase the capacity of rural Northern California champions to address trauma and promote resilience to improve the health of the communities they serve.</p>
Strategic Approach	<p>Overarching strategy is the main method of how you will get from here to the vision you created.</p> <p>Strategies can change as often as the conditions on the ground change because you are trying to get to that destination. Of course, while your goal is unlikely to change, how you get there very well may.</p>	<p>NAC will serve as a Rural Resilience Innovation Hub for hosting generative dialogue, disseminating on-point, innovative information, and facilitating action to address trauma and promote resilience.</p> <p>Regional Approach: Recognizing partner counties have similar issues and can leverage regional partnerships while avoiding duplication of efforts. Opportunities to partner on projects and grants as well as bring together diverse, cross-sector partners to share, learn, and generate.</p> <p>Multiple Realms of Trauma and Opportunities for Resilience: Utilizing 3 Realms of ACEs to expand focus beyond ACEs and DV. Centering assets and promoting hope and resilience through encompassing health as whole child and whole family.</p>



NAC TAXONOMY (continued)

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Objectives & Activities	<p>NAC objectives are the over-arching bodies of work. The objectives serve to organize and align activities toward the central goal.</p> <p>Activities are the action components of the program. What are the actions the group will take to achieve the objectives.</p> <p>What are the key activities that will get NAC to achieve our goal and desired impact AND enhance the current work of our partners?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SHARE/LEARN: Maintain opportunities for collaboration and support continued sharing of knowledge, stories, and best practices to address trauma and promote resilience. Example activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summit • Partner Meetings • Newsletter and social media • New partnerships 2. GENERATE: Host generative dialogue and facilitate action to address trauma and promote resilience. Example activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytelling opportunities – Leader stories, video diaries • Collect, analyze, and disseminate data and balance with storytelling • Lab/Sprint focused on addressing challenges that arise in stories and learning 3. ADAPT & EXPAND: Maintain governance structure to support and steer the collaborative while allowing for adaptation and flexibility in NAC’s future. Intentionally identify and connect with champions to invite in, including all professional and community roles. Example activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee • Identify and engage new members • Grant opportunities

