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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

A.5960 (Solages)/ S5900 (Brisport)

*AN ACT to establish a task force to identify evidence-based and evidence informed solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experience.*

The Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) supports A.5960 /S.5900 sponsored by Assembly Member Solages and Senator Brisport which would establish a taskforce to identify evidence informed solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

ACEs harm the developing brain, initiating "survival mode" which impacts reactions to perceived additional threats and/or stress, ability to interact socially and focus, among others. Research has shown that ACEs can lead to a variety of negative health, educational, and social outcomes.

It is crucial that our State systems use trauma informed policies and practices to prevent and mitigate the impact of trauma to protect the health and wellness of children, and better support families and communities across New York.

COFCCA supports A.5960 /S.5900 and encourages the Governor to sign the bill.

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