Hope Rising: How the Science of HOPE Can Change Your Life



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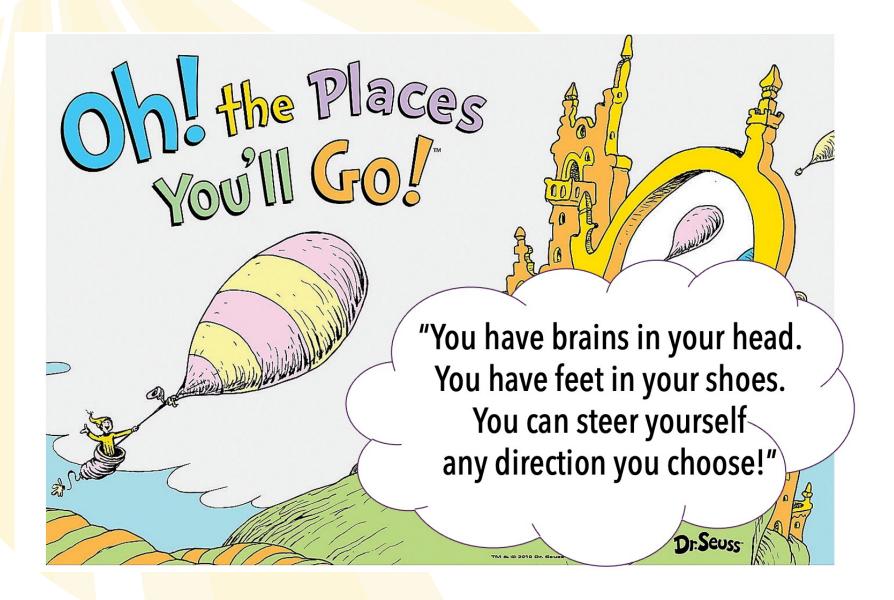




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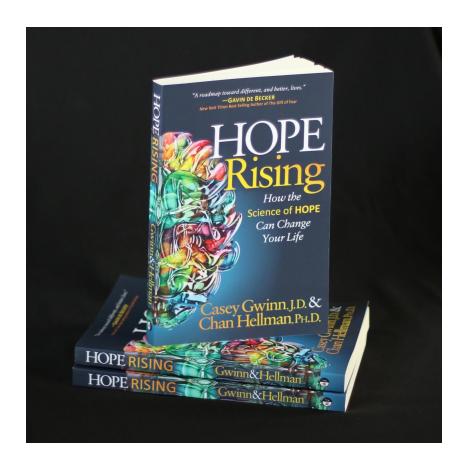


Relationships, Relationships, Relationships

Hope in our lives is always connected to relationships...

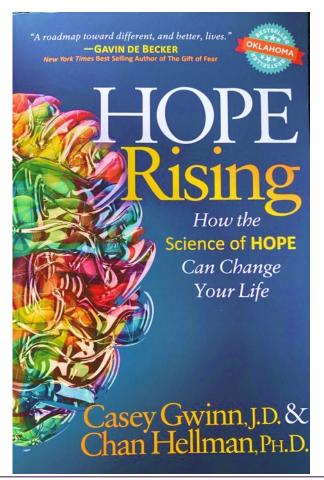


Thank you, Dr. Rick Snyder...





Hope Rising for First Responders, Probation Officers, Service Providers, and Survivors



"I've been buying up "Hope Rising" since hearing you at Brooklyn law school in late 2019. We give them to clients, partners, board members, everybody. Last week, we sent them to the homes of all our staff members working remotely (many of them new hires) and we're orchestrating a book club to discuss hope regularly."

Mary Murphy, Director, Erie County Family Justice Center



The Science of HOPE In State Government







Hope Rising Oklahoma







We are born with HOPE... It is the *essence* of who we are as human beings

Casey Gwinn



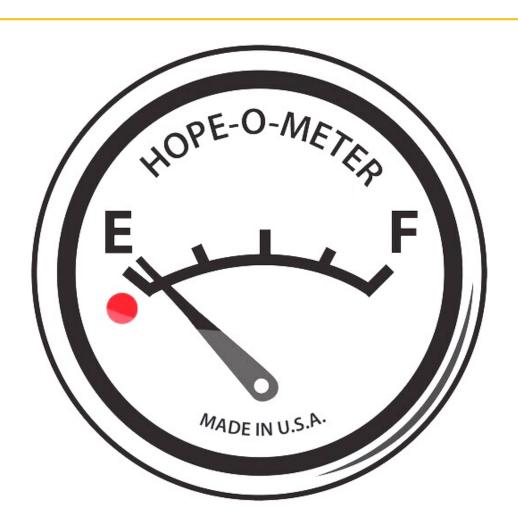


Direct as well as vicarious trauma and adversity in life can rob us all of HOPE... children are always robbed first.





We all get robbed of hope!



- Direct Trauma
- Childhood/Adult
- Vicarious Trauma
- Historic Oppression/ Racism/Injustice
- Burnout
- Illness
- Disease
- Heartbreak
- COVID-19



How is your Hope Meter?







We want to create hope for every person... we must give hope, always hope...

Mother Teresa

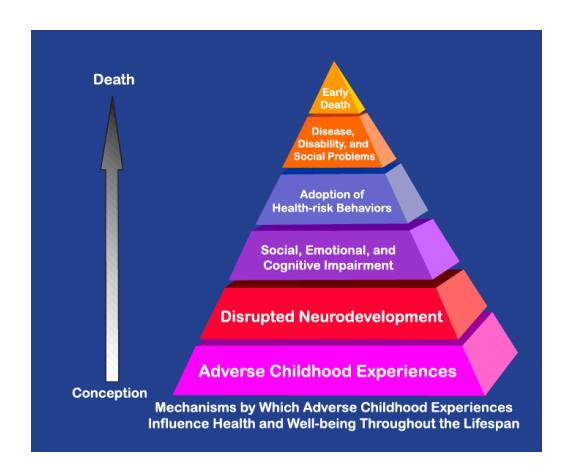


"You cannot give what you do not have..."











Our Language – Childhood Trauma (ACES) + Polyvictimization + Force Multipliers = Complex Trauma

Force Multipliers: Historic Oppression; Poverty; Racism; Pornography; Community Violence; Bullying; etc.

And see: https://healthfederation.org/ACEs for the Philadelphia ACE Survey





A high ACE Score or Polyvictimization Score (or the other traumas we face in our lives) is not a destiny...





Hope heals trauma...





"Hope is the belief that your future can be brighter than your past and that you play a role in making it happen."

Casey Gwinn & Chan Hellman in Hope Rising: How the Science of HOPE Can Change Your Life (2018)





Camp HOPE America

"Hope is believeing in yourself, in others, and in your dreams."



2,000 Published Studies on the Science of HOPE



"In every published study of hope, every single one, hope is the single best predictor of well-being compared to any other measures of trauma recovery. This finding is consistently corroborated with other published studies from top universities showing that hope is the best predictor for a life well-lived."

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Hope Rising: How the Science of HOPE

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But what about resiliency? Shouldn't we all be focusing on resiliency?





"Hope is the mindset that drives resilient behavior."

Dr. Chan Hellman
Hope Research Center
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Resiliency is the ability to bounce back or recover...hope takes us forward...







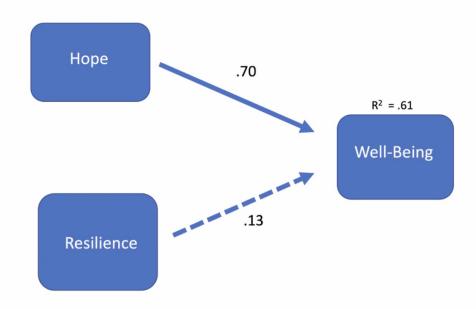
"The term resilience has, to at least some extent, become an empty word that can be filled with almost any meaning" (van Bread, 2018).





Hope Vs. Resilience

Hope Centered Organization





Hope Centered And Trauma Informed®



THE SCIENCE OF HOPE



HOPE

RAGE

Goal is significantly blocked.

Repeated failures at goals result in a general expectation that future goal attainment is not likely – "Why try?"

DESPAIR

Unable to adjust goal.
 Pathways are unavailable.



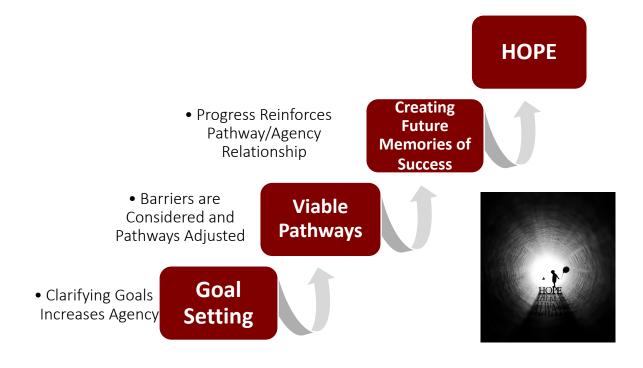
(Hopeless)

Loss of Motivation



NURTURING HOPE





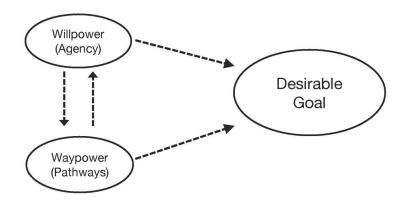


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- Agency and Pathway Thinking Are Both Required



Willpower and Waypower





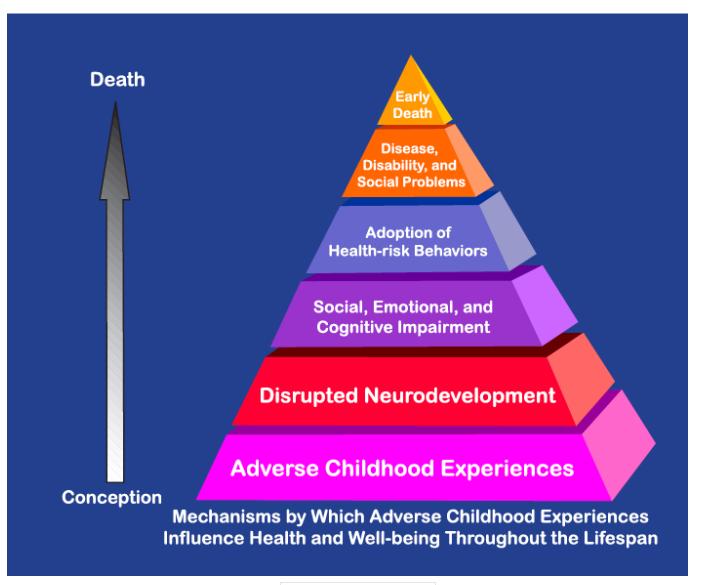
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Why Hope Matters

- Snyder's hope measures have been cited over 2,000 times in scholarly journals.
- Empirical evidence supports that high hope matters!
 - Improved pro-social behaviors.
 - Increased ability to self-regulate.
 - Serves as a coping resource (e.g., cancer, HIV, spinal cord injury, trauma).
 - Predicts goal attainment.
 - Protects against burnout and vicarious trauma
 - Reduces the intensity of physical suffering.
 - Predicts substance abstinence
 - Predicts lower recidivism and lower levels of violence
 - Improves well-being.
- High hope individuals flourish within their environment.
- Hope Scores are more predictive of college success than SAT Scores
- Children can be taught hope in the public school system and rising Hope Scores improve grades, behavior, and performance







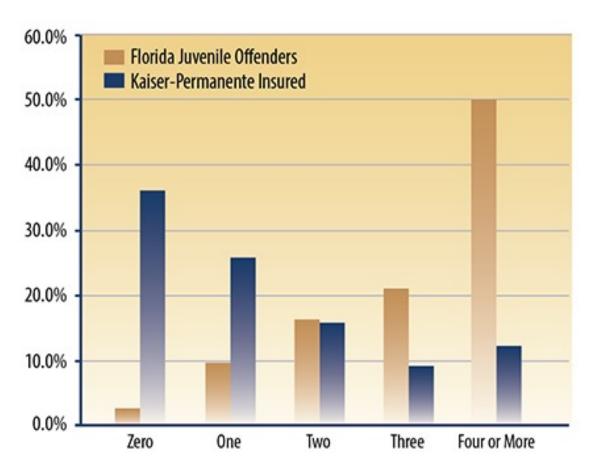
Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACE)

- Ten questions/ten trauma experiences
- Predictive of adult illness, disease, and criminality
- www.acestudy.org
- www.acestoohigh.org



Juvenile Offenders in Florida

Average ACE Score: 4.29



http://www.journalofjuvjustice.org/JOJJ0302/article01.htm



ACE Scores with Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault Offenders

Average ACE Score: 5.5

Table 1. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Questionnaire scores and comparison with normative sample						
ACE score	Current sample (N = 151), %	Normative sample ^a (N = 7970), %	t			
0	9.3	38.0	7.22b			
1	13.2	26.0	3.56b			
2	13.9	15.9	0.67			
3	15.2	9.5	2.36b			
4 +	48.3	12.5	10.86b			

^a Normative sample from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention⁸ based on 1998 male data from Felitt

bp < 0.0001.

Table 2. Number of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) by offender type							
	Offense category, no. (%)						
Number of ACE	Child abusers	Domestic violence offenders	Sexual offenders	Stalkers			
0	4 (11.4)	8 (17.8)	2 (3.3)	0 (0)			
1	7 (20.0)	5 (11.1)	7 (11.5)	1 (10.0)			
2	7 (20.0)	7 (15.6)	5 (8.2)	2 (20.0)			
3	9 (25.7)	7 (15.6)	5 (8.2)	2 (20.0)			
4	8 (22.9)	18 (40.0)	42 (68.9)	5 (50.0)			
Total	35 (23.2)	45 (29.8)	61 (40.4)	10 (6.6)			

results of meta-analytic research, which found that adult male sexual offenders were more than 3 times as likely to have had histories of sexual abuse in their childhoods, compared with a nonsexual (but criminal) comparison group.6

Methods

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The sample was composed of 151 adult

measured by the ACE Questionnaire,

can be linked to antisocial behavior in a

criminal population.

James A Reavis, PsyD; Jan Looman, PhD; Kristina A Franco; Briana Rojas Perm J 2013 Spring; 17(2):44-48

The majority of all mass shooters, cop killers, and domestic violence killers have two things in common - a history of unmitigated childhood trauma and violence against women (including strangulation)

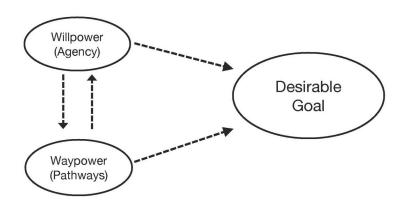


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Guiding Principles in Hope Centered Work

Hope is a cognitive belief not a feeling

Imagination is the instrument of HOPE

Hope is not wishful thinking

Hope begets Hope

Hope is never alone – it always connects to relationships

Hope can be taught and learned



We should be committed to the shift toward being a trauma-informed (kindhearted) organization...



Moving from: "What is wrong with you?"

To:

"What happened to you?"

But being trauma-informed is not enough...

Being Hope Centered (Personally)

- Hope is personally pursuing goals that you are motivated to achieve and that are within your control
- Goals, Willpower, Waypower
- Willingness to invest the effort required to overcome barriers or re-goal
- Nurturing hope in your life
- Regularly assessing your level of hope and continuously learning about the science of hope



Being Hope Centered (Professionally)

- Intentionally cultivating Collective Hope
- Being an organization focused on nurturing hope within staff, partnerships, and clients
- Increasing individual and organizational goal alignment through regular, one-on-one check-ins
- Cultivating values-based high hope leaders/supervisors
- Regularly measuring hope in staff and clients (pre/post)



Becoming Hope Centered

A hope-centered organization commits to language, values, policies, practices, and structure with the science of hope. This creates an environment where both staff members and those we serve thrive and experienced increased and sustainable wellbeing.



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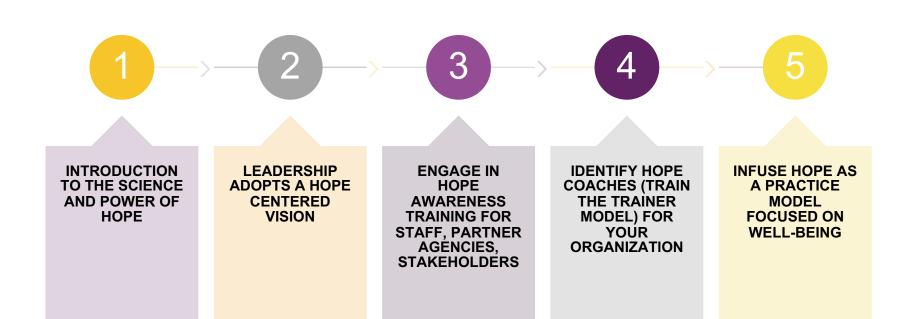
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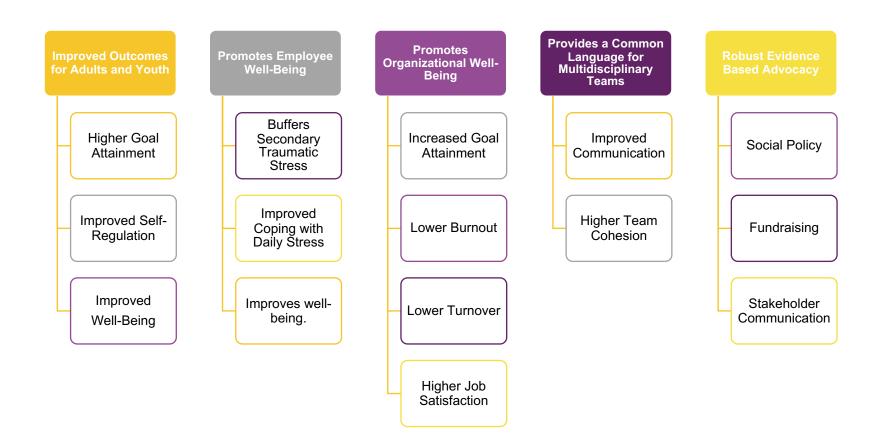




Steps to Becoming a Hope Centered Organization



Benefits of a Hope Centered Organization



Any Organization Can Become Hope-Centered

Common Goal Becomes Wellbeing

Conscious Strategies Drive Us Toward Finding Pathways to Wellbeing

Policies and Procedures – Formal and Informal Standard Operating Procedures Nurture (rather than diminish) Hope



Yesenia Aceves

Director of Culture and Creative Services, Alliance for HOPE International





Strategies to Nurture Hope

Introduce Hope	Introduce hope and discuss its core components (NOT wishful thinking)		
Goal Setting	Help survivors and staff to develop personally relevant goals		
Pathways	List and discuss potential pathways the survivors/staff can identify		
Willpower	Have survivors and staff to identify/describe sources of motivation		
Problem Solve	ıdentify obstacles – look for high hope role models		
Create Hope Visual	Create a Visual Map/Dream Board accessible for the reference		
Re-Goaling	Remember – We have the ability to re-goal		



HOPE is measurable, malleable, and cultivatable...

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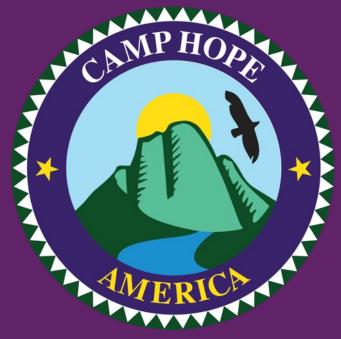


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For the children and teen survivors of trauma, violence, and abuse...







Hope is... believing in yourself, believing in others, and believing in your dreams...



CHA 2021 National Average ACE Score : **6.14**





The Pathways to HOPE Project















FIGURE 1. Children's Hope Index.

Hope

Hope reflects the individual's capacity to develop pathways and dedicate agency toward desirable goals.

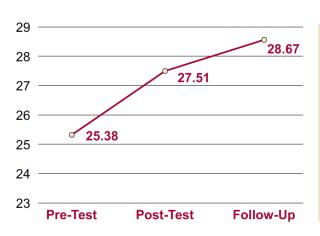


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Children's Resiliency Score

Resiliency refers to believing in yourself, believing in others, and believing in your dreams.

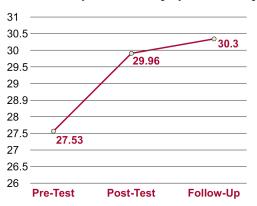
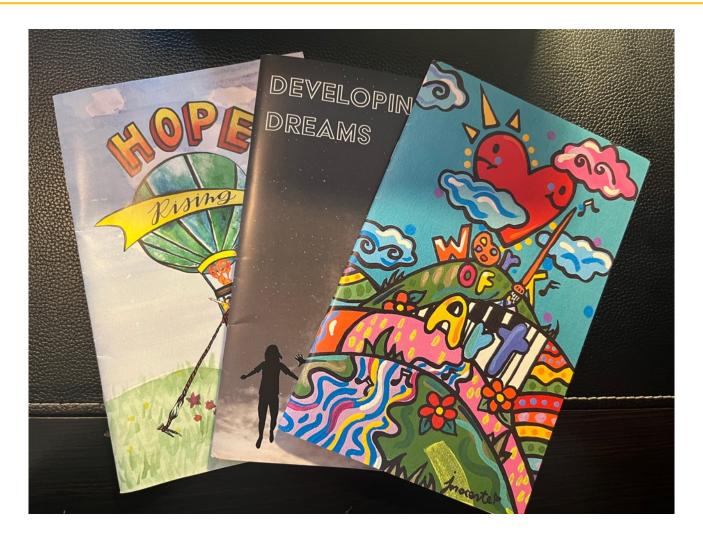


FIGURE 8 presents the total mean scale scores for the Children's Resiliency Scale. As seen in the graph, Resiliency Scores increased from pre-camp test to post-camp test and again slightly at the follow-up assessment. Repeated measures ANOVA showed that this increase in Resiliency was statistically significant [F (2,162) = 14.29; p< .05; $\eta 2 = .15$]. Moreover, the partial eta square reflects a moderate degree of change.



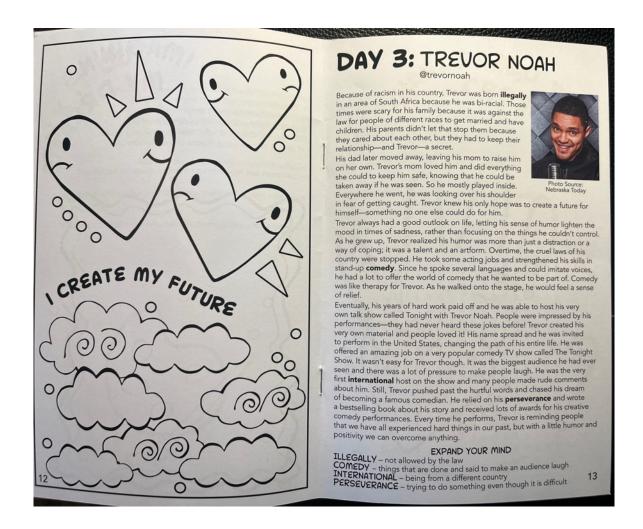


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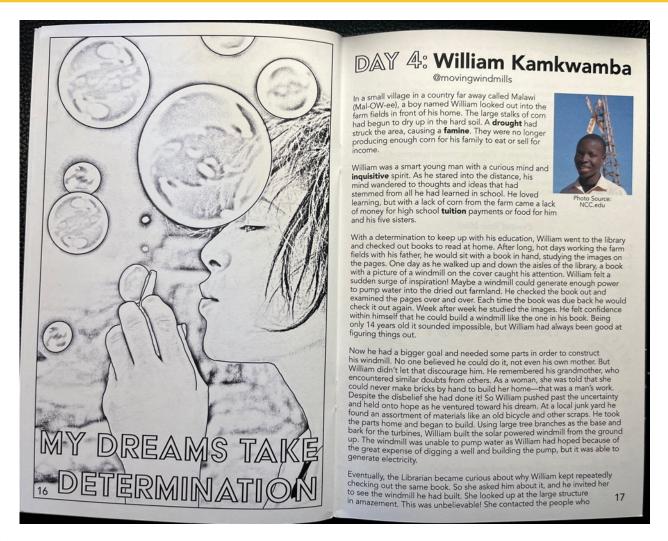


Study Hope Heroes





Memorize Truth Statements





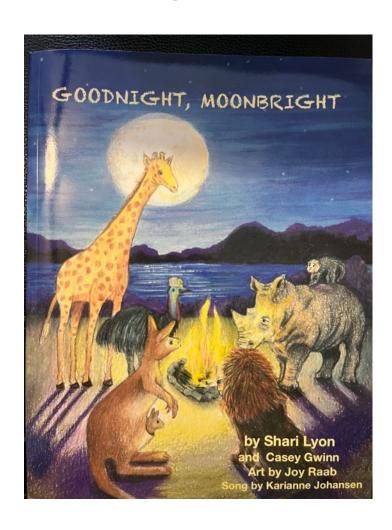
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Introducing the Science of HOPE to Young Children



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Newest Research on the Power of HOPE in 2022



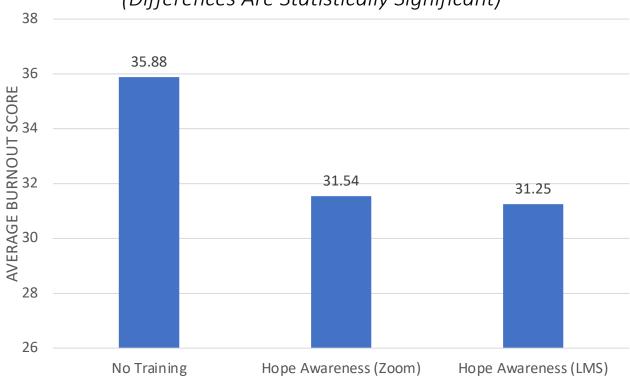
Impact of Hope Training On Employee Burnout

(Differences Are Statistically Significant) 40 38.54 38 AVERAGE BURNOUT SCORE 35 36 37 37 38 36.28 35.72 28 26 Hope Awareness (LMS) No Training Hope Awareness (Zoom)



Impact of Hope Training On Secondary Traumatic Stress

(Differences Are Statistically Significant)





Hope and Resilience Reduce Child Welfare Worker Burnout



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Hope and resilience as protective factors linked to lower burnout among child welfare workers



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ABSTRACT

Research has established that child welfare professionals regularly face workplace burnout, leading to both high turnover and reduction in service quality. Resilience has been identified as an important factor in coping with workplace burnout. However, a second construct, hope, has also been described as an important buffer to adversity and burnout. To better understand the relative role hope and resilience play in mitigating burnout among child welfare professionals, we conducted a study involving two independent samples of child welfare professionals in Oklahoma (N = 1,272). The two samples were analyzed with structural equation modeling. The model fit the data well ($X^2 = 85.11$, p > .001; df = 32, RMSEA = 0.052 [90% CI: 0.039, 0.065]; CFI: 0.983;



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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Psychosocial factors associated with dispositional hope, agency thinking, and pathways thinking in a homeless adult population

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Abstract

Adults facing homolossness after nerceive themselves to



Mindfulness Practices Increase Hope





Research Article

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction and Hope in Women Participating in **Alternative Sentencing Programs**

Research on Social Work Practice

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Purpose: Alternative sentencing programs for women with nonviolent drug offenses may provide opportunities to change the life trajectories of women and their families. The primary purpose of this study was to assess whether a mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) intervention could improve levels of hope following treatment. A second objective was to assess whether MBSR intervention could influence perceived stress, self-compassion, and mindfulness. Methods: Participants attended a 6-week mindfulness class, with outcomes measured using pretest-posttest survey comparison. Results: Paired sample t tests showed improvements in hope, stress, self-compassion, and mindfulness following treatment, Discussion: Community-based intervention models, such as MBSR therapy in alternative sentencing programs, may alleviate negative psychological impacts experienced by female offenders. These results align with previous research that suggests participants may see improved ability to regulate emotions following MBSR therapy. This research indicates that MBSR therapy, for women in alternative sentencing programs, may promote hope as a learned psychological skill.

Keywords

alternative sentencing, female incarceration, hope, mindfulness-based stress reduction

The average worldwide incarceration rate of women is 9.9 per as taxpayer dollars. In 2017, the average cost of incarcerating 100,000, making up 6.9% of the global prison population (Walmsley, 2017). Oklahoma has the highest female incarceration rate in the United States (Elliot, 2018; Sharp & Marcus-Mendoza, 2001) at a rate of 281 per 100,000 (Kajstura, 2018). In the United States, women are more likely to be incarcerated for nonviolent drug offenses, with 25% of women in prison having been convicted of a drug-related offense compared with 14% of men (The Sentencing Project, 2020). Drug-related offenses include possession, manufacture, and distribution of drugs with a potential for abuse (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1994), all three of which are nonviolent offenses. With mounting evidence that female incarceration is a critical problem. other options must be considered. The primary goal of this pilot study was to assess whether participation in a mindfulness treatment class may improve levels of hope among women at an alternative sentencing program for drug-related offenses. Additionally, we were interested in assessing how MBSR may affect perceived stress, mindfulness, and self-compassion.

Alternative Sentencing

Female incarceration disrupts families and may have lasting negative effects on children, but it also impacts the general community, based on the overall expense of incarceration, such

one person for a year was US\$36,299.25, or US\$99.45 per day (Federal Register, 2018). A cost-benefit analysis completed by the Washington State Institute for Public Policy found that alternative sentencing programs, in addition to correctional interventions and early childhood programs, reduced crime and saved money for local law enforcement when compared with traditional incarceration methods (Aos & Drake, 2013).

Alternative sentencing may take many forms such as a full incarceration replacement program that allows greater visitation or programs adjunct to incarceration that supplement it from either the beginning or end of the traditional sentence (U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2017). Women in alternative sentencing programs may have come from a cycle of

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The Hope Coaching Work of Camp HOPE America

Four Pillars of Healing

Healing-centered engagement offers an important departure from solely viewing people through the lens of harm and focuses on assetdriven strategies that highlight possibilities for discovery and well-being

Being able to notice another's feelings requires our full engagement. We must interact to affirm emotions across various modalities

Instill agency to uphold the interest of the person in power believing in the knowledge shared. The essence of giving power to someone else infers you're the one holding it to begin with. This needs to be flipped.

Our ability to discover someone else's current state of physiological and psychological state allows them to inform us of how to proceed.

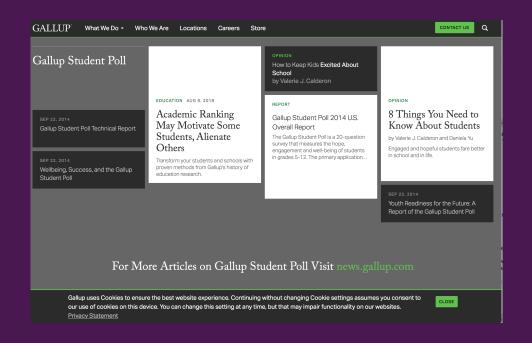


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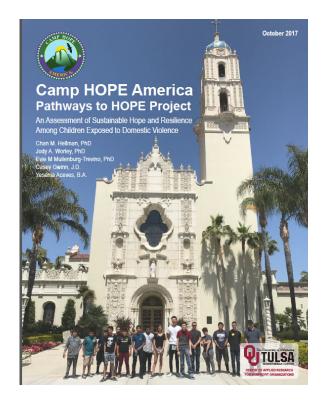


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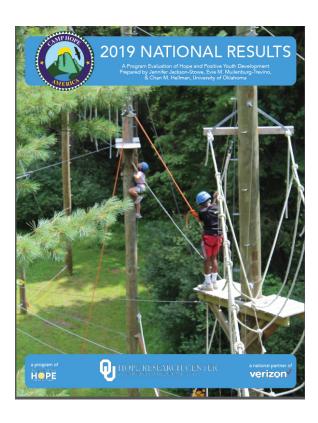




Collaborative work with trauma-survivors increases Hope in their lives...









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It is why we advocate for Family Justice Centers across the country...and around the world. They are the power of Collective Hope.





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Total Hope Score _____ (Agency Score + Pathways Score)





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Hope Scores should be measured in every workplace in America annually...

2016: Hope Score Average of 54.06

2017: Hope Score Average 57.25

2018: Hope Score Average 56.18

2020: Hope Score Average 56.41

Our average ACE Score on our team is 4.0. Hope Scores above 40 put you in the hopeful category. Scores above 48 bump you to a higher level of hope. Scores of 56 or higher make you a high hope person. Everyone on our team scores 48 or above. 70% of the staff score over 56, in the high hope category...



Here is how we measure it...

Personal Survey Directions: Read each item carefully. Using the scale shown below, write the the number that best describes YOU next to each item. I can think of many ways to get out of a jam. I energetically pursue my goals. I feel tired most of the time. 4. There are lots of ways around any problem. I am easily downed in an argument. 6. I can think of many ways to get the things in life that are most important to me. I worry about my health. 8. Even when others get discouraged, I know I can find a way to solve the problem. 9. My past experiences have prepared me well for my future. 10. I've been pretty successful in life. I usually find myself worrying about something. 12. I meet the goals that I set for myself.





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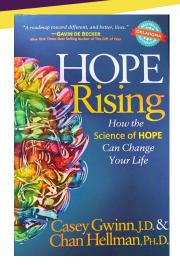






How Will You Develop a Hope-Centered Organizational Approach?

- How will you live it out?
- How will you teach hope?
- How will you measure it?
- With adults? With kids?
- How will you make sure staff members restore it regularly in their own lives?
- How will you know if you are losing hope?











Our calling in our work is to...stay kindhearted and hope-centered...



Guiding principles in hope centered work

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Imagination is the instrument of Hope.

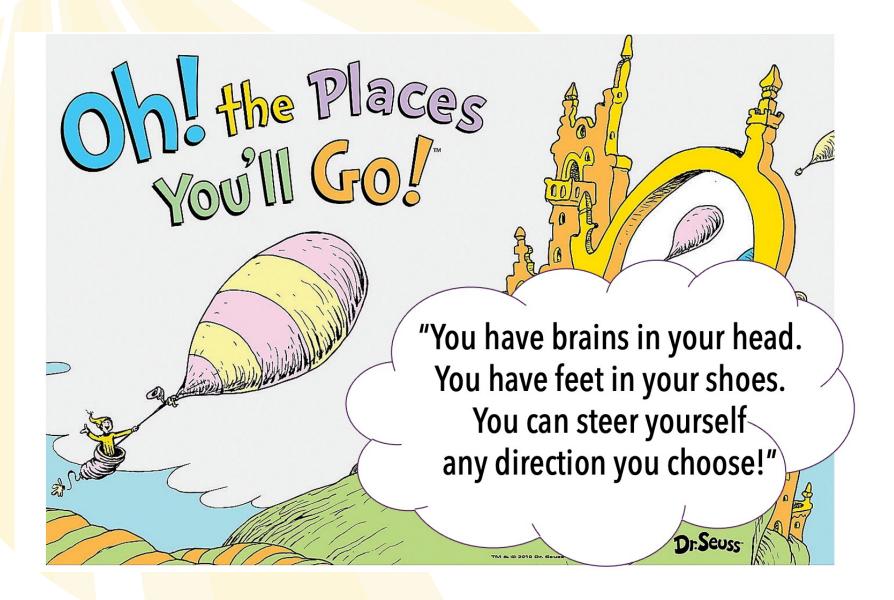
Hope is more than wishful thinking.

Hope begets Hope.

Hope is a gift we can give to others.

Hope can be taught.







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