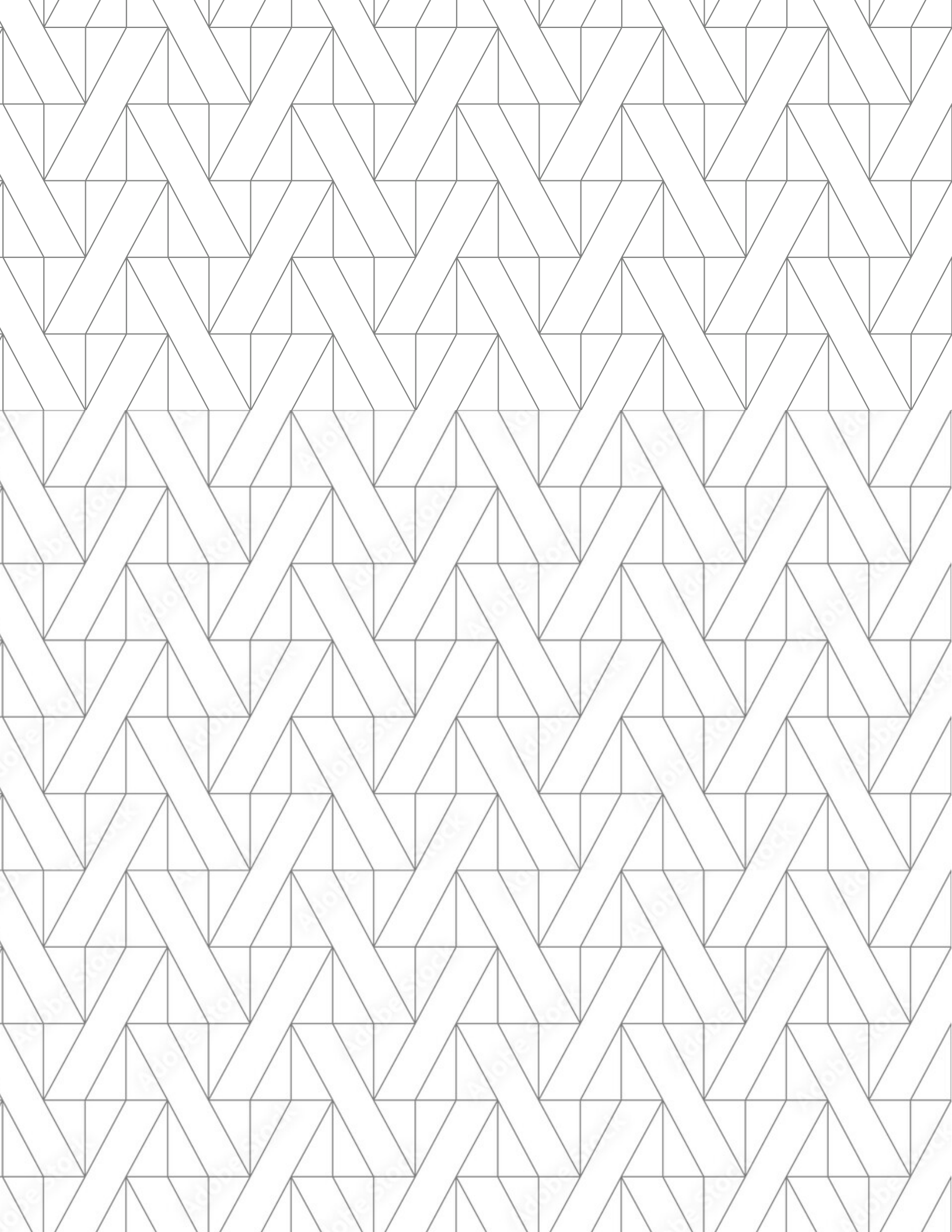




CELEBRATING 20 YEARS of Innovation and Progress



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DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

As we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA), we reflect with deep gratitude and admiration on all our community has accomplished. What began in 2004 as a bold idea shared by a small group of health professionals has grown into a vibrant, global movement dedicated to preventing, recognizing, understanding and responding to the health effects of violence and abuse across the life course. We knew then, as we know now, that violence and abuse are not just social or legal issues.

They are foundational health issues—with lasting effects on the brain, body and spirit.

Over these first two decades, AVA has worked tirelessly to improve understanding of the relationship between violence and abuse and health. AVA has hosted national meetings, global summits, regional academies and preconference institutes. We have published innovative curricula and produced a 4.5-hour DVD that provides the most comprehensive introduction ever produced to the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES) and its origins. AVA has also delivered webinars and training sessions that have reached thousands, inspiring a new generation of trauma-aware clinicians and educators. From pediatrics to geriatrics, from public health to psychiatry, the effects of this work are now visible in exam rooms, classrooms and policy settings worldwide.

We are most proud of our growth as a *community*. The ACEs Health Champions Network, which began in September 2021, reflects this beautifully—uniting passionate individuals dedicated to advancing healing-centered, trauma-aware systems of care. Through mentorship programs, regional academies, preconference institutes and open-hearted collaboration, AVA has helped create a professional home for those who refuse to look away from suffering and are willing to stand for hope, healing and justice.

We've also expanded our reach beyond the United States, bringing together worldwide leaders through the AVA Global Health Summits to address violence and abuse as a global public health priority. These connections have reinforced our belief that, although our cultures may differ, our shared humanity and dedication to healing unite us.

Recognizing the significant advances in science, advocacy and integrated healthcare, AVA has played an essential role in identifying violence and abuse as major health factors and in building evidence that connects early adversity with lifelong health problems. We have spoken truth to power, urged institutions to act and supported professionals in leading change from within.

Looking ahead, we know our work remains far from complete. The next chapter will require us to expand access to virtual education, elevate diverse voices, engage communities with humility and respect, and advocate for integrated healthcare systems that no longer retraumatize but instead restore and protect.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your courage, brilliance and compassion are deeply valued. The Academy on Violence and Abuse is more than just an organization; it's a shared promise that healthcare can be a force for healing and that everyone has the right to live free from violence, abuse, exploitation and their lasting scars.

With deepest appreciation and enduring hope,

THE AVA 20-YEAR COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE

Randell Alexander
Susan Kelley

David L. Corwin
Ginger Meyer
David Schneider

Tasneem Ismailji, *chair*
Connor Mulherin



Throughout the past two decades, the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) has been a trailblazer in raising awareness, educating professionals and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration to address the profound impact of violence and abuse on health. Since our inception in 2004, we've remained laser-focused on spotlighting the effects of violence, particularly the health impact of adverse childhood

experiences (ACEs)—because we know that spreading awareness of that connection is a critical catalyst to creating positive change for the generations that follow us.

We started our journey by building a foundation for learning, sharing and applying evidence-based knowledge. From there, we expanded our research and advocacy work, forged global connections and kept nimble as we tackled complex societal challenges stemming from pervasive systemic inequities and the COVID-19 pandemic.



▲ Photos from the Initial Brainstorming Meeting of AVA in San Francisco, April 22, 2004. Above (left to right): Marie Christensen, Elaine Alpert, Carole Warshaw, Connie Mitchell. Top Right (left to right): Ed Hill, Debbie Lee, Amy Sisley, David L. Corwin, Linda Saltzman. Lower Right: Jackie Campbell leads discussion at Initial Brainstorming Meeting.

Founding and Early Years (2005–2010)

Since the beginnings of humanity, violence and abuse have significantly affected human health. But until recent decades, their role was rarely recognized within healthcare systems. A key shift happened in 2002, when the Institute of Medicine published its landmark report, “Confronting Chronic Neglect: The Education and Training of Health Professionals on Family Violence.” The report urged healthcare to take shared responsibility in tackling the systemic and complex health effects of family violence—through research, education and advocacy.

It was in this context that the idea for the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) was born. In 2002, members of the Education Committee of the American Medical Association’s National Advisory Council on Violence and Abuse (NACVA) identified a significant gap in academic medicine. Although violence and abuse were widely recognized as root causes of poor health, there was no dedicated academic institution to thoroughly study these links, promote interdisciplinary collaboration and advance clinical education.

Early discussions focused on fundamental questions: *How could health professionals be better prepared to recognize and respond to the health effects of violence and abuse? What would it take to create an academic home where research, education and clinical care support one another?* On April 22, 2004, these ideas came together during a brainstorming meeting of NACVA Education Committee members and colleagues at the San Francisco offices of Futures Without Violence (then known as the Family Violence Prevention Fund). The conversations laid the groundwork for what would soon become the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA)—the first academic organization dedicated to advancing education and research on the health effects of violence and abuse.

▼ **Below: Photos from the Initial Brainstorming Meeting of AVA in San Francisco, April 22, 2004.** Left photo: Debbie Lee (left) and Amy Sisley. Center photo: Bruce Ettinger (left) and Jacquelyn Campbell. Right photo, from left to right: Carole Warshaw, David L. Corwin, Linda Saltzman.



The Legacy of Honey Ettinger

In October 2004, the AVA adopted its first logo (above), lovingly created by Honey Ettinger. Honey was the wife of AVA co-founder and board member Bruce Ettinger. She was also a survivor of abuse.

As Bruce shared, Honey designed the logo “to represent her emergence from the darkness of her past abusive relationships into the light of recovery and life after abuse.” What began as a personal expression of healing became a lasting emblem of hope, resilience and renewal—the very values that continue to define AVA today.

Honey’s life was a testament to perseverance. After enduring many years of physical violence and emotional abuse in her past relationships, she rebuilt her life step by step—beginning as a receptionist at the American Heart Association and ultimately becoming Director of Operations for the Los Angeles chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (now Blood Cancer United).

Honey passed away from complications of Parkinson’s disease on December 17, 2022. Yet her spirit endures—in the symbol she created, in the lives she touched, and in the mission she helped shape.

With profound gratitude, the Academy on Violence and Abuse posthumously honors Honey Ettinger for her creativity, courage and enduring legacy. Her light continues to shine through our work.

▼ **Below: Awarding of AVA Memberships Pins** in San Diego, California.
Lower left: Susan Hardie (left) receives her AVA membership pin from David L. Corwin. *Lower right:* Ginger Meyer (center, in red) receives her AVA membership pin from David L. Corwin, Randell Alexander, and Tasneem Ismailji.

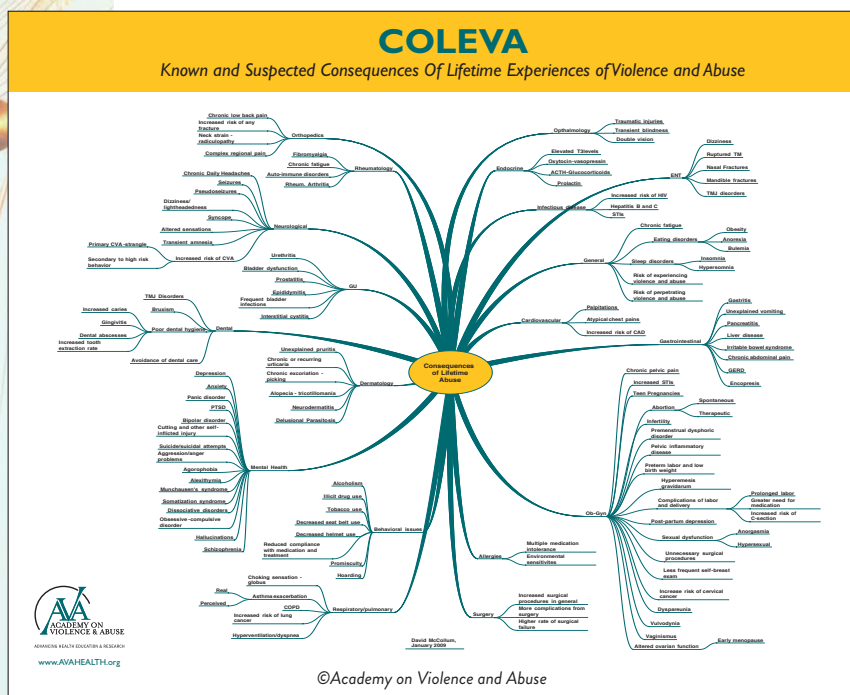


In 2005, when the AVA launched in Chanhassen, Minnesota, as a registered non-profit 501 C3, the co-founders developed the name, mission and vision statements, along with the bylaws, to govern this new and emerging organization.

During its early years, AVA focused on developing the key frameworks to educate healthcare professionals and increase public awareness. Its first publication, a blueprint for professional education on the health effects of abuse, established a new academic agenda. In 2009, AVA held its first biennial conference in Minneapolis. Shortly after, it released training materials aimed at integrating trauma-informed care into medical, nursing, dental, behavioral and mental health education. These initial efforts highlighted AVA's main mission: empowering professionals with the knowledge and tools to recognize, address and ultimately prevent the physical and psychological impacts of trauma and abuse.

Some highlights from our early years:

- ▶ **Building Academic Capacity and Expertise in the Health Effects of Violence and Abuse: A Blueprint for Advancing Professional Health Education** (2007)
- ▶ **First biennial conference (2009): Sowing Seeds of Academic Change: Nurturing New Paradigms**
- ▶ **Consequences of Lifetime Abuse (COLEVA)** This visual (at right), created by AVA co-founder and board member David McCollum, illustrates the extensive negative impact that violence and abuse experiences can have on health and well-being.
- ▶ Dolezal T., McCollum D., Callahan M. **Hidden Costs in Health Care: The Economic Impact of Violence and Abuse.** Academy on Violence and Abuse, 2009.



Expanding Research and Advocacy (2010–2015)

As the AVA grew, our work expanded to include a strong focus on research. We encouraged collaboration with academic institutions and researchers to help advance evidence-based approaches for addressing violence and abuse in healthcare settings. We increased awareness of studies on the long-term health consequences of [adverse childhood experiences](#) (ACEs), intimate partner violence and elder abuse. AVA's efforts were educational through our conferences, regional academies and the ACE Study DVD.

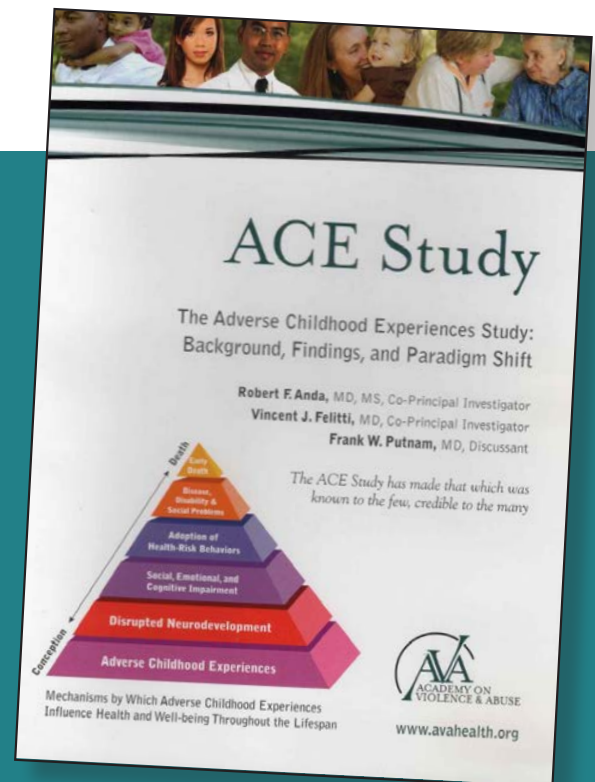
The AVA also became an influential voice in public policy, advocating for systemic changes to improve trauma-informed care practices. We actively worked to influence curricula in medical schools and professional training programs, ensuring that future healthcare providers understood the pervasive

impact of violence and abuse—physically, mentally and emotionally. Our 2013 conference in Minneapolis, for example, offered sessions on using the ACE Study (ACES) DVD to educate, incorporating ACEs research into undergraduate and graduate curricula, and developing strategies for increasing understanding of the physiological implications of child and elder abuse, as well as intimate partner and workplace violence.

In 2011, we launched AVA Scholars, a mentorship program designed to improve junior researchers' ability to conduct high-quality research to advance understanding and limit the health effects of violence and abuse. Many of AVA's mentees went on to develop research programs on the health implications of trauma and violence.

The ACES DVD

The 2011 creation of the 4.5-hour ACE Study (ACES) DVD marked a major effort by the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) to raise awareness and educate the public about the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study and its significant impact on health and well-being. With contributions by Drs. Vincent J. Felitti, Robert Anda, and Frank Putnam, the DVD features powerful presentations, clinical insights and real-world applications to help health professionals recognize, address and prevent the lifelong effects of childhood adversity. It includes interviews with Drs. Felitti, Anda and Williamson about the origins of the ACE Study. Widely used in training programs, classrooms and community settings, the DVD has become one of AVA's most influential educational tools—driving a broader movement to incorporate ACEs science into healthcare practices and public health efforts. The ACES DVD was coproduced by David L. Corwin, Tasneem Ismailji and Don Fyffe. These videos are now available to view for free on AVA's website. Click on the DVD cover to start watching.



▲ The ACE Study DVD, released in 2011. The interviews that make the DVD unique were funded with donations to AVA, made in memory of David L. Corwin's oldest daughter, Jessica, who died in 2011.



▲ Promoting and sharing the ACE Study DVD. Left photo, left to right: Randell Alexander, Tasneem Ismailji, David L. Corwin. Center photo: Robert Geffner, Tasneem Ismailji, Jaime Redford (Attendee), David L. Corwin. Right photo: Karla Vaughn, Steve Stone.



▲ Scholars in Dallas, Texas, 2022

Left to right: Doncy Eapen, Em Adams, Malavika Eby, Tova Lewin.

The AVA Scholars Program

The [AVA Scholars program](#) aims to develop the next generation of leaders dedicated to advancing research, education and practice at the intersection of health and violence. Through mentorship, collaboration and exposure to cutting-edge scholarship, the program supports students, trainees and early-career professionals in gaining expertise on the health effects of violence and abuse. The scholars' research actively contributes to AVA's mission of advancing understanding of how violence and abuse affect health. Since its inception in 2011, the program has enabled 15 scholars to present their work at the annual AVA Global Health Summit through 2024. Many subsequently built successful careers researching the health effects of violence and abuse.

VIDEO FEATURES



Click the snapshot above to see and hear Vincent J. Felitti speak about the ACES Study and DVD. Dr. Felitti received the AVA's Vincent J. Felitti Distinguished Scholar Award in 2016.



Click the snapshot above to see and hear Vivian Hui speak about how AVA inspired her to pursue a PhD focusing on domestic violence research—and how the AVA community supported her throughout the years. Dr. Hui is a 2021 AVA Scholar and current AVA member.

Some highlights from our research advocacy and education:

- ▶ Ismailji T., Callahan M., Mettner J. [Academy on Violence and Abuse: Highlights of proceedings from the 2009 conference, "Sowing seeds of academic change—nurturing new paradigms."](#) Trauma Violence Abuse. 2010;11(2):83-93.
- ▶ [Second biennial conference: Developing the Science of Violence and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding](#) (2011) Minneapolis, MN
- ▶ Ambuel B., et al. [Competencies Needed by Health Professionals for Addressing Exposure to Violence and Abuse in Patient Care](#), Academy on Violence and Abuse, 2011.
- ▶ [The AVA ACE Study DVD](#)—produced in 2011 and now available [online](#): The most comprehensive description of the ACE Study findings and the early replications of those findings among the general population.
- ▶ Cronholm P.F., Ismailji T., Mettner J. [Academy on Violence and Abuse: Highlights of proceedings from the 2011 conference, "Toward a new understanding."](#) Trauma Violence Abuse. 2013;14(4):271-81
- ▶ [Third biennial conference \(2013\): Addressing Violence and Abuse in the Changing Healthcare Environment.](#)
- ▶ Arkow, P.A. [A Link Across the Lifespan: Animal abuse as a marker for traumatic experiences in child abuse, domestic violence and elder abuse.](#) Academy on Violence and Abuse, 2015.

Regional Academies

The AVA founded [Regional Academies](#) in 2014 to expand its mission beyond national conferences into local communities. These regional hubs serve as centers for interprofessional education, collaboration and advocacy—integrating health professionals, educators and community leaders to address the effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and other types of violence and abuse. Notably, communities themselves request customized symposia tailored to their specific needs and cultural backgrounds. By fostering these locally driven collaborations, Regional Academies allow participants to effectively adapt AVA's evidence-based resources and training while maintaining a connection to the larger AVA network. This strategy helps build sustainable, grassroots capacity for trauma-informed practices and policy changes, ensuring AVA's knowledge and momentum reach diverse communities across the country. Since its founding, AVA has brought its Regional Academies to more than 25 communities across the United States and to global communities in Canada; Seoul, South Korea; Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kunming, China—extending its mission to advance trauma-informed care worldwide.



▲ **National Regional Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii.** Left to right: Aggie Tiwari, David L. Corwin, Randell Alexander, Unsun Chung, Euijin Shin, Susie Wiet

HongKong **California**
Tulsa
Southern Illinois
Spartanburg **Rochester**
Tampa **Korea**
Anchorage
Ashland **FortPeck**
Carbondale **Akron** **Kunming** **Middlesex**
StLouis
WashingtonD.C.
Jacksonville



Global Regional Academies: Top left, center left and bottom photos: Attendees of the Global Regional Academies in Seoul, South Korea; and Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kunming, China. Bottom left: Susan Kelley presents at the Global Regional Academy in Kunming, China.



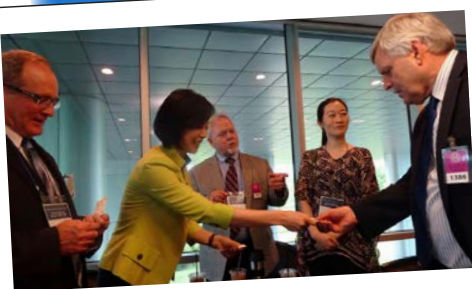
Focusing Our Priorities to Address Complex Challenges (2015–2025)

The recent decade of tumultuous, unprecedented events have prompted us to continually prioritize—and sometimes pivot—with renewed purpose and intention. Since 2015, our work has focused on three priority areas: addressing violence and abuse on a global scale, tackling the tolls of the COVID-19 pandemic, and refocusing our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

A worldwide lens

In 2015, we partnered with international health organizations, nonprofits and governments to develop and implement trauma-informed care practices worldwide. Our Regional Academies, which began as a national program in 2014, expanded internationally, allowing us to engage with local leaders to build trauma-informed communities not only in the United States but in China and South Korea. Our efforts brought attention to the global public health crisis of violence and abuse, highlighting its impact on marginalized and vulnerable populations.

2015 학생정신건강 국제 심포지움
International Symposium
for School Mental Health in Korea



AVA Leaders in Korea, 2015:

Korean Assembly and School Mental Health Symposium

That same year, we also began hosting our groundbreaking Global Health Summits, bringing together professionals from diverse disciplines to share knowledge and collaborate. Global Health Summits emphasize the role of interdisciplinary approaches in addressing violence and abuse—fostering innovation and collaboration among leaders in healthcare, law enforcement, social work, education and policy making.



The Global Health Summits

The AVA Global Health Summits bring together leaders, health professionals, researchers and advocates to address the profound impact of violence and abuse on health across the life course. These annual summits serve as dynamic platforms for sharing groundbreaking research, innovative prevention strategies and integrated approaches to education and clinical practice. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, the Summits highlight both universal challenges and culturally specific solutions, underscoring AVA's commitment to advancing awareness of violence and abuse as urgent public health issues that require coordinated action.

The Global Health Summits have been held annually—in Jacksonville, Florida (2015); Spartanburg, South Carolina (2016); Hong Kong (2017); Tallahassee, Florida (2018); St. Paul, Minnesota (2019); virtually (2020 and 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic); Dallas, Texas (2022); Salt Lake City, Utah (2023); Washington, DC (2024); and Salt Lake City, Utah (2025).

Left: Photos from Global Health Summits: Hong Kong, China, in 2017 (top left); Tallahassee, Florida, in 2018 (center left); and Saint Paul, Minnesota, in 2019 (bottom left).

ACEs Health Champions Network



CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY

The State of California awarded a \$200,000 ACEs Aware Supplemental Provider Training grant to four non-profits working in collaboration to educate clinicians about the effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on health. The four non-profits included the lead Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA), the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), the California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (CAPSAC) and the Center for Innovation and Resources, Inc. (CIR). Collectively, they were called the CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY. The \$200,000 in state grant funds—disbursed through the Office of the California Surgeon General (CA-OSG) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)—funded the CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY's participation in the state's ACEs Aware initiative. The team of collaborators conducted 11 virtual webinars with national experts. A total of 3991 participants, including Medi-Cal providers and others, attended these webinars. The program included an independent evaluation.

ACEs Health Champions Network and Gatherings

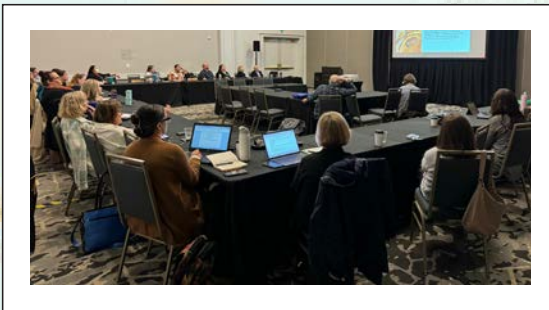
The ACEs Health Champions Network (AHCN) represents an innovative educational system designed to bridge knowledge and practice in the emerging field of trauma-informed health care. Created by the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA), the Network connects a growing community of Health Champions—clinicians, educators and advocates—who share a commitment to integrating ACEs science into health systems and communities.

Through interactive virtual Gatherings, shared digital resources, and peer-to-peer mentorship, the AHCN sustains continuous learning and collaboration. It functions not as a static program but as an adaptive system, responsive to new evidence and community needs. In doing so, it embodies a modern model of interprofessional development—one that is dynamic, inclusive and transformative.

Since its inception in 2021, the AHCN has grown to include 11 non-profit organizations and has conducted 38 virtual Gatherings with 11,334 RSVPs and 5287 participants.

Highlights from these last 10 years include:

- ▶ [CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY webinars](#)
- ▶ [Global Health Summits](#)
- ▶ [ACEs Health Champions Network](#)
- ▶ [Positive childhood experiences \(PCEs\) and the Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences \(HOPE\) framework](#)
- ▶ [AVA Topic Statements](#) (Gun Violence, QAnon, Immigrant Children and Gender-Affirming Care for Children and Adolescents)
- ▶ Preconference institutes at the annual [San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment](#)



Above: Photos from preconference sessions at the San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment.

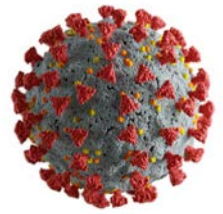
Responding to a global pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic brought new challenges to the field of violence and abuse prevention. The AVA quickly pivoted to address the surge in [domestic violence](#), [child abuse](#) and [psychological trauma](#) exacerbated by the pandemic's social and economic impacts. Through webinars, online training and virtual conferences, we worked hard to deliver resources to overwhelmed healthcare professionals navigating unprecedented challenges. In early 2020, for example, thanks to a grant from the State of California, the AVA began collaborating with three other nonprofits to educate California providers on ACEs and their health effects. But when the COVID-19 pandemic descended, in-person engagement became impossible, so we quickly adapted the Regional Academies model to create the CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY. From September 2020 to June 2021, the CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY hosted monthly webinars where experts in the ACEs field led a 1-hour interactive peer-to-peer discussion on timely, relevant topics.

From the CALIFORNIA ACES ACADEMY came the ACEs Health Champions Network. Launched in September 2021 and modeled after the academy, the ACEs Health Champions Network has built an international community of individuals and organizations dedicated to addressing the health effects of violence and abuse across the life course. Now in its fifth year, the network continues to grow and expand.

Striving to close gaps

Recognizing the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion, AVA has also prioritized addressing how violence and abuse disproportionately affects different communities. As documented in our topic statements, our organization's initiatives demonstrate a strong focus on cultural competence, systemic racism and the unique needs of marginalized populations—including BIPOC communities, immigrants and those seeking or receiving gender-affirming care.



VIDEO FEATURE



Click the snapshot above to see and hear Deb Loxton speak about being a longtime AVA member and the friendships she has forged through her involvement in the AVA.

AVA Board Meetings



Left to right: Allison Jackson, Ginger Meyer, Barbara Knox, Victor Vieth, Randell Alexander, David L. Corwin, Tasneem Ismailji, David Schneider.



Top row, left to right: Victor Vieth, Steve Stone, David L. Corwin, David Schneider, Aggi Tiwari, Charles Vuton, Karla Vaughan, Barbara Boat, Marie Christensen, Randell Alexander. Bottom row, left to right: Kathy Franchek-Roa, Susan Kelley, Megan Bair-Merritt, Tasneem Ismailji, Robert Block.



Left to right: Megan Bair-Merritt, Marie Christensen, Tasneem Ismailji, Brooks Keeshin, Robert Block, Randell Alexander, David Schneider, Aggi Tiwari, Kathy Franchek-Roa, Barbara Boat.



▲ A speaker presents at the National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse.

National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse (NHCVA)

The National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse (NHCVA) is the successor to the American Medical Association's National Advisory Council on Violence and Abuse (NACVA). It is the only independent, nonpartisan medical and public health group dedicated to influencing federal policy on the health effects of violence and abuse. It is a coalition of leading health organizations, including the Academy on Violence and Abuse, united to address the widespread impact of violence and abuse on health. Established to bring together diverse voices from medicine, nursing, public health, mental health and related fields, the Collaborative aims to promote research, education and policies that recognize violence and abuse as critical public health issues. By fostering interprofessional cooperation and advocating for a unified message, NHCVA helps shape the national conversation, improve prevention and intervention efforts, and support healthier, safer communities.



▲ David L. Corwin and David Schneider at the NHCVA Congressional Briefing.

AVA Jacksonville Florida Meeting



Top row, left to right: Randell Alexander, David Schneider, David L. Corwin, David McCollum. *Bottom row, left to right:* Aggi Tiwari, Tasneem Ismailji, Robert Block



Jim Mercy, CDC Director of Prevention Branch

VIDEO FEATURES



Click the snapshot above to see and hear Allison Jackson discuss the impact that AVA has had on her and her practice. Dr. Jackson is AVA's current president.



Click the snapshot above to see and hear Betsy Goulet discuss how she regards the AVA as a prestigious think tank that "comes together to learn from each other." Dr. Goulet received the AVA Change Maker Award in 2024.



Standing, left to right: Edward Chan, Aggi Tiwari, Brooks Keeshin, Barbara Boat, Charles Mouton, Marie Christensen, David Schneider, David L. Corwin, Jennifer Parker, Victor Vieth, Steve Stone. *Seated, left to right:* Randell Alexander, Megan Bair-Merritt, Tasneem Ismailji, Robert Block

AVA AWARD WINNERS

Awards represented include the Vincent J. Felitti Award, the Change Maker Award, the Nora Montalvo-Liendo Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award.



R.J. Gillespie (right). Presented by David L. Corwin



Vincent J. Felitti (left). Presented by Tasneem Ismailji



Nora Montalvo-Liendo (right). Presented by Tasneem Ismailji



Joseph L. Wright (left). Presented by Allison Jackson



Megan Gerber (left). Presented by David Schneider



Jacquelyn Campbell (right). Presented by David L. Corwin

Looking Ahead: The Next Decade



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA), we want to extend our deepest gratitude to you—our donors, members and champions. Your generosity and steadfast support have sustained AVA's mission to advance health education and research on the recognition, treatment and prevention of the health effects of violence and abuse throughout the life course. Our vision is that the recognition, treatment and prevention of the health effects of violence and abuse are fully integrated into healthcare and society so that people of all ages are safe and healthy.

Because of you, AVA has grown into a community of professionals dedicated to transforming healthcare and society. Each membership, each contribution, each act of engagement strengthens our ability to raise awareness, cultivate change and promote healing across generations.

We are especially mindful that your support represents more than financial commitment. It reflects shared values and trust in the importance of our work. Together, we are helping to ensure that health professionals are equipped to recognize, respond to and prevent violence and abuse in all its forms.

Thank you for being with us on this vital journey. Together, we transform compassion into action and vision into real impact.

We would also like to thank Jeanne Mettner (editor) and Kirsten Perry (designer) for their work on our commemorative booklet.



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