



Dr. Nicole Sherren has a PhD in Neuroscience from Carleton University in Ottawa and was awarded the inaugural Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research/Neuroscience Canada research fellowship which she held at the Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience, University of Lethbridge, from 2004 - 2007. Her research expertise includes experience-based brain development, neurodevelopmental disorders, and brain plasticity. In 2007, Nicole left academia and joined the Palix Foundation to focus on mobilizing the science of early brain development, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and resilience into public policy and professional practice. Over her tenure with Palix, she developed and led strategies to raise awareness of and embed this science across the education, health care, justice and non-profit sectors. She has worked directly with service providers and policy-makers to help them achieve their goals around mobilizing and applying this science in their workplaces and has gained a deep understanding of the challenges facing each sector, as well as the levers to incent and create change within individuals, organizations and systems. Nicole left Palix in 2020 to launch her own consulting company, R2P Solutions, in order to provide customized and intensive support to organizations and initiatives seeking to embed this science in their work. Nicole also volunteers as the Chair of the Board of Directors for Calgary Alpha House Society.



Laura has more than two decades of experience leading successful implementation of ACE Study concepts in Washington State in the U.S. in partnership with the Governor's Cabinet, 31 communities, and nine Tribes. In addition to her work in Washington, Laura works with leaders in two Canadian Provinces and over 25 U.S. states, providing education, facilitation, and empowerment strategies for building self-healing communities. Laura provides support and services to a wide range of groups... from parents and youth who are convening neighborhood conversations, to philanthropic leaders and government officials who are using ACE science in investment and policy decisions. She and Dr. Robert Anda founded ACE Interface to help leaders to use ACE concepts to build Self-Healing Communities. Laura loves to travel, garden, learn, and play with her children and grandchildren.