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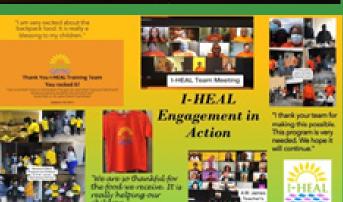


From Our President

It was the desire of our late parents, Essie B. and William Earl Glenn, for their children to be good people, productive citizens, and to make meaningful contributions to society. We established The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation for Better Living (the Foundation) to honor them. The mission of the Foundation is to improve life outcomes for children, youth and families in the Mississippi Delta, by erasing health inequities, and working with like-minded community partners to advance the life chances of dispossessed families and communities. The essence of the Foundation is that we are a sibling-inspired, family-focused, community-based organization that's best characterized in the words of our mother's favorite song, "If I can help somebody as I travel on, then my living shall not be in vain." Through our efforts, we honor the legacy of our parents and hope that lives are touched in a meaningful way. We invite you to partner with us and donate to our efforts to uplift conditions in the Mississippi Delta for those in need. This then allows our light to shine not only in our community, but across Mississippi. Make your tax-deductible donation online at https://glennfamilyfoundationms.org/donate

Clyde Edward Glenn, MD





Integrative Health Empowerment Awareness and Literacy (I-HEAL) **Initiative**

We embrace the words of Frederick Douglas, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." The Foundation launched the I-HEAL initiative to implement their trauma-informed health literacy efforts to reach out to and engage Delta communities. The goal is to meet parents where they are but not leave them there. Through the I-HEAL Parent Network, parents work with community health workers developing SMART goals and attend monthly support meetings through the I-HEAL Network. Meetings are held to serve as a support group and provide parents with timely information and useful resources that help to mitigate the burden of chronic disease

and trauma.

On August 14, a virtual professional development seminar was presented to the Inverness Elementary School. Along with Principal Brenda Singleton and her instructional team, participants engaged with various subject matter experts and received valuable information that is easily integrated in existing curriculum and teacher pacing guides. I-HEAL is a copyrighted curriculum that meets both National Common Core Standards, and Mississippi Department of Education State Standards. Like the I-HEAL Parent Network on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/IHEALCommunityNetowrk/.

Did You KNOW?

The Glenn Foundation promotes better living, with free services in multiple ways.

We invite communities throughout the Delta to join us on Friday, October 22, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Cleveland Central Middle School, 601 Lucy Seaberry Blvd., Cleveland, MS 38732 for:









FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO FAMILIES



with health care services

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Awareness Foundation Works to Combat Trauma



The term adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) refers to mental stress often brought on by life's events. Stress within itself is not bad. However, constant exposure to the wrong kind of stress over one's lifetime, if not mitigated, can lead to debilitating health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, cancer, arthritis, other health-related issues, and even death. This type of stress is referred to as toxic stress or trauma. To connect the dots, trauma is untimely loss, and unexpected life changes, on many levels.

The Foundation established the ACEs Awareness Foundation with one over-arching goal: to help increase community awareness of adverse child-hood experiences that lead to trauma. The experience with trauma can begin early on with children and have lasting implications that reach into adulthood. It is very critical that we grow a community of individuals who are informed and can show compassion and sensitivity.

On June 21, the Foundation hosted its second annual virtual conference that brought together diverse speakers within the fields of healthcare, education, government, social work, as well as leaders in business with the goal of learning how to target and lessen the effects of childhood trauma. For more information about this groundbreaking work, go to https://acesawarenessfoundationms.org.

Healthy Eating for Better Living

Healthy eating is one way to strive for better living. And who doesn't enjoy a tasty, fresh tomato? Pair it with a crisp cucumber and succulent onions, and an easy salad can be prepared in advance, making a great addition to any meal.

2 large tomatoes, chopped

1 cucumber, sliced into rounds

¼ cup sliced red onion

1 tablespoon vinegar

2 tablespoons olive oil

¼ teaspoon coarse sea salt

Black pepper to taste

Toss vegetables into a large bowl and coat with olive oil and vinegar. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and serve.



Healthy Habits for Better Living

For families to have better living, there must be alignment of mind, body and spirit. It has been said that there are more than 101 habits for better living, and here are a few of them

- 1. Wake up early in the morning.
- 2. Make your bed.
- 3. Drink lots of water throughout the day.
- 4. Exercise three to five times per week.
- 5. Don't worry about things you cannot control.
- 6. Listen more than you speak.
- 7. Spend quality time with loved ones.
- 8. Don't eat two hours before bedtime.
- 9. Pray.
- 10. Plan and eat healthy meals.

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Upcoming Events



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