About the Initiative to End Family Violence

The mission of the UCI Initiative to End Family Violence is to be the premier site for research, education, clinical care, and community collaboration on family violence prevention and intervention.

The Initiative works towards a vision of a world in which people of all ages are safe within their families and relationships.

The Problem of Family Violence

Family violence causes untold suffering for millions of people worldwide. Physical, sexual, psychological, or financial abuse and other forms of violence, as well as neglect or abandonment, occur in severe forms at all ages of the lifespan, from infancy through late adulthood. When such violence is perpetrated by family members, intimate partners, or caregivers, it is recurrent in the family context and typically increases in frequency and severity if there is no effective intervention.

Despite the attention paid to family violence over the past several decades, it remains a devastating problem that is growing in scope and intensity worldwide. UCI's Initiative to End Family Violence brings together a broad array of faculty and community partners to address this multifaceted problem that has wide-ranging societal impacts.

Academic Initiatives at UCI

The Initiative to End Family Violence is one of the initiatives sponsored by UCI’s Office of the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor through the Office of Academic Initiatives.
Addressing Family Violence From All Angles and Across Generations

Faculty and Community Involvement

The Initiative brings together faculty from 20 departments and 10 schools including participants from art, biological and physical sciences, engineering, information and computer science, law, medicine and health sciences, social ecology, social sciences, and other fields.

The aim is to provide a rigorous scientific approach to a complex topic that is informed by critical theory, the work of practitioners (including the faculty who are doctors, nurses, lawyers, and therapists), and our community partners.

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