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We have some big news to share with you!

We are thrilled to announce that **Bainbridge Youth Services (BYS) will be acquiring Raising Resilience, with the CONNECTIONS CAFÉ program intact, as the parenting arm of the organization.** Raising Resilience will become a program of Bainbridge Youth Services that will remain focused on parenting support. Many key stakeholders have wanted to see this happen for a long time, so this is a cause for celebration.

This is an opportunity to meet the needs of our community in a deeper way. Please know that your support will have an even more significant impact now that Raising Resilience's programs will be operating under the umbrella of BYB.

Any sponsorships, donations, and grants that have supported Raising Resilience's work will continue to be **used expressly to deliver parent support programs.** A new program manager, Shannon Amelang, will replace April Avey Trabucco, the out-going Raising Resilience Executive Director, and will work under the direction of Bainbridge Youth Services Executive Director, Courtney Oliver.

We are excited about this new path for the following reasons:

1. Raising Resilience and Bainbridge Youth Services have had a longstanding relationship. In fact, there has been a crossover in leadership between the two organizations in past years.
2. **Together we are stronger.** BYB has been serving youth for 60 years. Raising Resilience has been serving parents for 20 years. Together, that's 80 years of combined service, experience, research, and knowledge that we are building on.
3. **This merger emphasizes prevention** in addition to intervention and gets us closer to offering more comprehensive family support services.
4. Offering parent support programs under the BYB umbrella strengthens the work that BYB counselors are doing with youth.
5. In addition to CONNECTIONS CAFÉ, **individual and group services for parents** will eventually be available.
6. **A separate space will be designated for parents** in order to preserve and prioritize autonomy for youth seeking services at BYB.

We hope we can count on your on-going support as we continue to work towards even greater benefits for youth, parents, and families in our community. Please show your support of the merger and stronger, healthier families by making a [donation today](#). Together we can set BYB up for success and ready to take on the responsibility of supporting the whole family.

With deep gratitude for making this possible,

Courtney Oliver
Executive Director
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April Avey Trabucco
Out-going Executive Director
Raising Resilience