# VIRTUAL kit: CREATING RESILIENT STAFF (DIRECTORS)

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Having resilience is all about the ability to “bounce back” from adverse experiences. Whether providers have stress going on in their home life, a child with a behavior concern, or they’ve had three new assistant teachers in as many days. Childcare center staff face many stressors in their day-to-day lives. While typically established in early childhood, resiliency can be promoted and built through all stages of life.

It is essential for leadership, particularly center directors, to know how to encourage and support resiliency in their staff. Resiliency leads to increased capacity and ability to handle stress, a concept vitally important to preventing provider burnout and, ultimately, staff happiness. By promoting resiliency in staff, center directors can encourage their employees to maintain happy, healthy lives.

**SHOW ME NOW – I NEED IT TOMORROW**

[12 Ways Teachers Can Build Their Own Resilience](https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/resilience/) (Article)

[Developing Resilience: Overcoming and Growing From Setbacks](https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/resilience.htm) (Article)

[How To Build Resilience and Become Mentally Strong](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LF1ngfqjMiU) (Video)

[The 7 C’ of Resilience](https://johndabell.com/2018/05/01/the-7-cs-of-resilience/#:~:text=Resilience%20is%20one%20of%20those,we%20know%20the%20meaning%20of.&text=To%20others%2C%20resilience%20is%20at,%2C%20contribution%2C%20coping%20and%20control.) (Article)

**WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE IN PRACTICE? (I HAVE A LITTLE MORE TIME TO READ ABOUT THIS)**

[Onward: Cultivating Emotional Resilience in Educators](https://www.amazon.com/Onward-Cultivating-Emotional-Resilience-Educators/dp/1119364892/ref=asc_df_1119364892/?tag=hyprod-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=312721175982&hvpos=&hvnetw=g&hvrand=11032485246198443615&hvpone=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=&hvdev=c&hvdvcmdl=&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=9024252&hvtargid=pla-493761322508&psc=1) (Book)

[Handbook of Adult Resilience](https://www.amazon.com/Handbook-Adult-Resilience-John-Reich/dp/146250647X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=handbook+of+adult+resilience&qid=1611934700&sr=8-1) (Book)

[Build Your Resilience](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ewUuloJa-g) (Webinar)

[Key Strategies to Resilient Leadership](https://events-na13.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2178926482/en/events/event/shared/default_template_simple/event_landing.html?sco-id=2844276311) (Webinar)

**WHAT DOES THE ECRC HAVE ON THIS TOPIC**

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**HOW CAN I FIND TRAINING/TRAINING MATERIALS ON THIS TOPIC?**

* [**KCCTO Courses**](https://kccto.org/shop/)
  + Leadership Series: Inspiring Early Childhood Educators
* [**KCCTO-KITS ITSN Community Based Training**](http://kskits.org/)
  + Live Virtual-Director’s Alliance: Creating Resilient Staff
  + Live Virtual: Director’s Alliance (Ongoing Series)
* Visit these links for collaborative training calendars:
  + [KCCTO Training Calendar](https://kccto.org/shop/)
  + [KITS Training Calendar](http://kskits.org/)

To inquire about a specific class, please visit [KCCTO](http://kccto.org/) and check for their current office contact information at the bottom of the page.

**IF YOU THOUGHT THIS WAS HELPFUL YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE:**

Virtual Kit: Staff Morale

**WHAT IF I STILL NEED HELP?**

You may request technical assistance from the KCCTO-KITS Infant Toddler Network Specialists by calling the KCCTO office. Please visit [KCCTO](http://kccto.org/) and check for their current office contact information at the bottom of the page.

**EVALUATION**

Please take a minute to complete a brief survey on the Virtual Kits page to let us know what you think about this virtual kit, and what other topics you would like to see addressed in the future.

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