



# North Dakota

## ACEs Initiatives and Actions

As knowledge about the science of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) spreads, ACEs initiatives have launched in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Hundreds of cross-sector collaboratives are educating and engaging organizations and policymakers about ACEs science. In turn, these organizations are implementing trauma-informed and resilience-building practices and policies based on ACEs science; many legislatures are passing resolutions and/or bills.

### Highlights

The North Dakota Department of Health and North Dakota State University's Department of Public Health have published reports about the incidences of [ACEs in North Dakota](#); one focuses on the [Native American population](#). Several organizations are educating tribal communities, all of which have suffered from historical trauma and systems abuse, about ACEs science, and trauma-informed, self-healing practices. The [North Dakota Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting \(MIECHV\)](#) Program is developing a culturally competent, self-healing community model at the Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake communities. [Prevent Child Abuse North Dakota](#) sponsored ACE Interface training in 2017 to establish a network of people to do presentations about ACEs science for tribal and state workers throughout the state.

[The Roundtable on Native American Trauma-Informed Initiatives](#), a national Native American controlled non-profit organization, launched an initiative to build trauma-informed Native American communities.

### State Initiative

No state initiative was identified.

### Local Initiatives

No city, county or regional cross-sector initiatives were identified.

### Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

No legislation was identified.

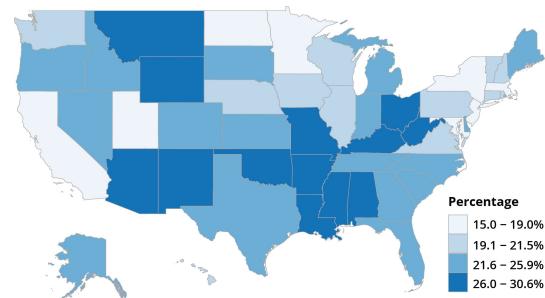
Find links and add your updates to all initiatives and legislation at [www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives](http://www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives)

15.8%  
ND\*

21.7%  
USA

### Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

ND ranks 3rd in the US for lowest percentage of children with ACEs scores of 2 or more.



CAHMI (Child & Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative) surveys parents or guardians about their children ages 0-17.

Percentage of children aged 0-17 yrs. who experienced two or more of the following:

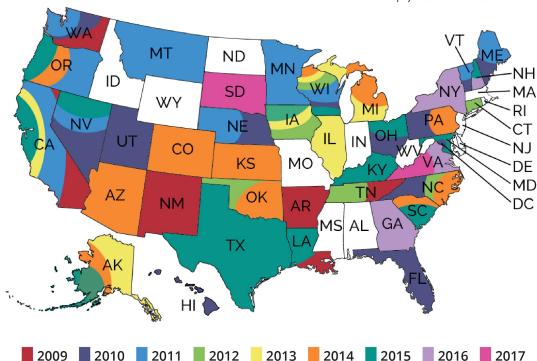
- Hard to get by on income (somewhat or very often)
- Saw or heard violence in the home
- Victim/witness of neighborhood violence
- Lived with anyone mentally ill, suicidal, or depressed
- Lived with anyone with alcohol or drug problem
- Parent/guardian divorced or separated
- Parent/guardian died
- Parent/guardian served time in jail
- Often treated or judged unfairly due to race/ethnicity

**Citation:** Bethell, CD, Citation: Bethell, CD, Davis, MB, Gombojav, N, Stumbo, S, Powers, K. Issue Brief: A national and across state profile on adverse childhood experiences among children and possibilities to heal and thrive. Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, October 2017.  
[www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces](http://www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces)

\* State Range: 15.0% – 30.6%

### States Collecting ACEs Data 2009 – 2017

Source: CDC National Center for Injury Prevention & Control



The ACEs module of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) data comes from interviews with adults about their experiences to age 18. BRFSS is sponsored by the CDC and other federal agencies.