

Utah

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 [Trauma Resiliency Collaborative](#) first convened in May 2014, and held its first symposium in October 2014. About 150 people attended the two-day Health and Resiliency Symposium: Building a Trauma Informed Community. The collaborative comprises 30 organizations, and three working groups: education and resources, research and statistics, and leadership and advocacy. With the [The Utah Coalition for Protecting Childhood](#), it held a two-day educational symposium in May 2017.

WestEd sponsored [Supporting Student Resiliency in Trauma-Sensitive Schools](#), a one-day conference for educators in April 2015.

The [Trauma-Informed Care Network](#) of Utah, founded in January 2014, provides educational seminars for therapists, trainings to state and local organization, pro bono services to refugees, and free monthly events on trauma-related topics.

The [Utah Coalition for Protecting Childhood](#) hosted a screening of the documentary [Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope](#) at the Capitol, and drafted legislation that was passed and signed by the governor in March 2017.

State initiatives

[Trauma Resiliency Collaborative](#)

Local initiatives

No cross-sector local initiatives were identified.

Legislation

[Utah H.C.R. 10, 2017](#) — Encourages all state officers and employees to become informed about the impact to children and adults from traumatic childhood experiences, and to implement evidence-based interventions to develop resiliency.

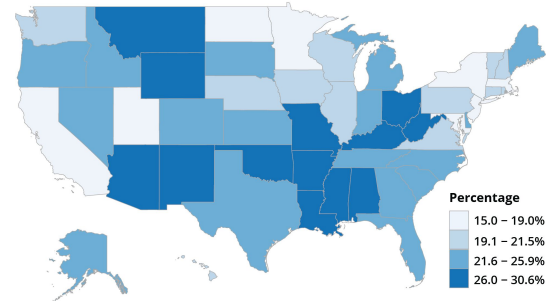
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16.9%
UT*

21.7%
USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

UT ranks 7th 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

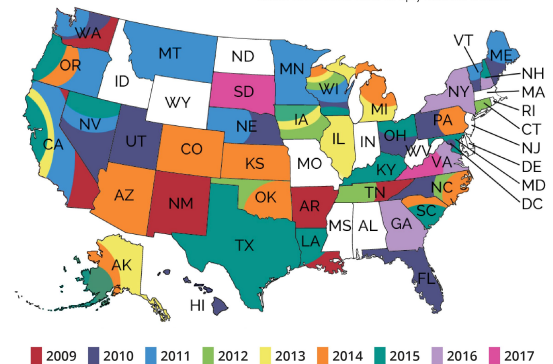
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* 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.

