

# Hawaii

## 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 [Pu'A Foundation](#) takes a [trauma-informed approach](#) to helping families affected by trauma and incarceration with special emphasis on women, girls and Native Hawaiian females, and has been instrumental in creating the [Trauma-Informed Care Initiative at the Hawai'i Women's Community Correctional Center](#). The [Office of Youth Services in the Department of Human Services](#) provides trauma-informed training for the Youth Correctional Officers, and its advocates and counselors work directly with girls who have been the victims of trauma. There is a nascent [trauma-informed schools movement](#). The [Hawaii Family Support Institute](#) is aware of ACEs research in its focus on preventing child abuse and neglect.

The [15th Hawai'i International Trauma Summit](#) takes place in April 2018. The [2017 summit](#) attracted [900 people](#) for the three-day event, 600 from the Hawai'i Islands.

### State Initiative

No state initiative was identified.

### Local Initiatives

No local initiatives were identified.

### Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

[SCR 117, 2017](#) — Trauma-informed programs recognized as reducing recidivism, as Department of Public Safety is encouraged to continue and expand its structured, community-based work furlough programs to assist female inmates transition back into society.

[SCR 136, 2017](#)— Encourages the departments of Education, Health, Human Services, The Attorney General, and judiciary to incorporate research and strategies regarding ACEs into their work with children suffering from trauma.

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

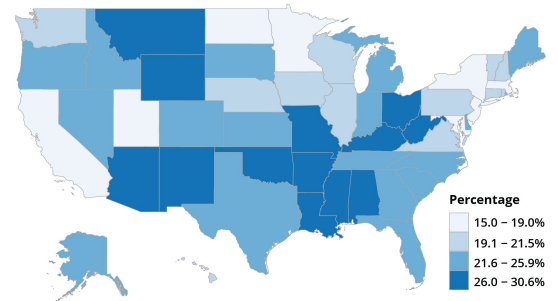


21.4%  
HI\*

21.7%  
USA

## Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

HI ranks 19th 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

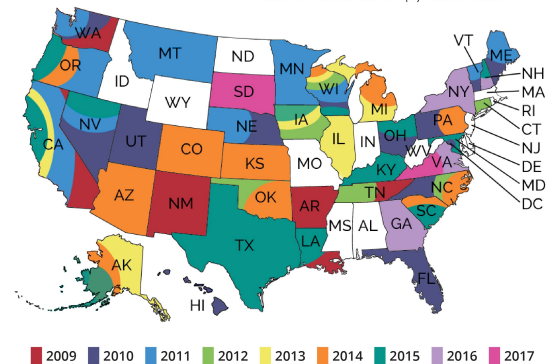
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[www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces](http://www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces)

\* 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.