Idaho

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 2016 State Behavioral Health Planning Council 2016 Report to the Governor, State Legislature, and Judiciary indicates that trauma-informed practices are being incorporated into foster care. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare received a five-year grant in 2014 to incorporate a trauma-informed two-generational approach to providing services to families so that children can remain in their homes. The US Department of Justice awarded $550,000 to an Idaho Family Dependency Treatment Court Enhancement Project that provides trauma-informed services to families and children in three counties.

An elementary school in Caldwell has become trauma-informed, with remarkable results. In 2016 the Statewide After-School Program hosted training sessions on ACEs. The 2017 Sixth Annual Youth Issues Today Conference provided information on how the Compassionate Schools Initiative in Washington State includes a trauma-informed approach based on ACEs science.

A 2016 Community Needs Assessment for Idaho's North Central District identified tutoring for children and youth at high risk of failure due to ACEs. The Idaho Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence sponsors a Resilient Families Idaho initiative, which integrates trauma-informed practices based on ACEs science in its services for families, and the Idaho Change Initiative, which promotes trauma-informed services for people with disabilities who have witnessed or experienced violence.

State Initiative

No state initiative was identified.

Local Initiatives

No local initiatives were identified.

Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

No legislation was identified.

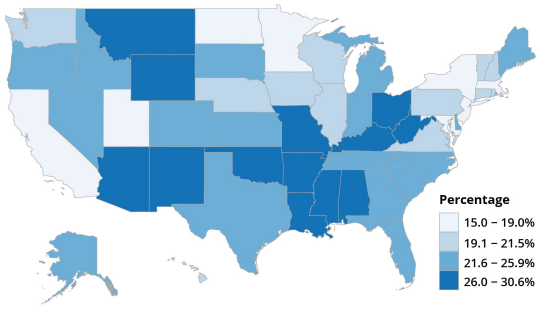
Find links and add your updates to all initiatives and legislation at www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives

23.4% ID*

21.7% USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

ID ranks 28th 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:

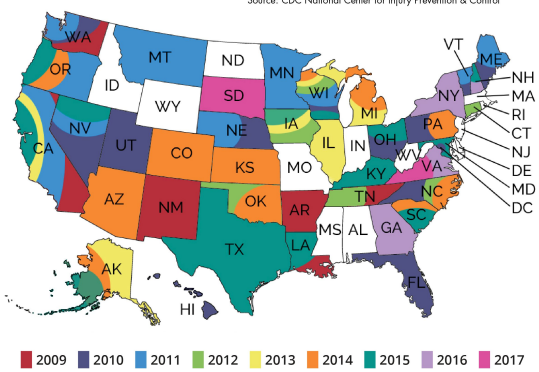
- Hard to get by on income (somewhat or very often)
- Saw or heard violence in the home
- Victim/witness of neighborhood violence
- Lived with anyone mentally ill, suicidal, or depressed
- Lived with anyone with alcohol or drug problem
- Parent/guardian divorced or separated
- Parent/guardian died
-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

* 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.

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