

Delaware

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

Trauma Matters Delaware, a multi-sector, statewide community, offers regular public events and support for ACEs-related advocacy. Among its priorities are data development and advocacy and policy. Its Data Committee is developing a data-driven approach to address issues of adversity and resilience. The Committee on Advocacy and Policy is advocating for trauma-informed policies and practices in collaboration with national and local communities and organizations. The initiative is involved in the work of **The Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy and Practice** to educate policymakers about trauma-informed work being done locally and statewide.

Governor-elect John Carney included in his transition plan, **Action Plan for Delaware**, three ACEs-related items: promoting trauma-informed workforce training for educators, creating a comprehensive plan for children exposed to ACEs to prevent abuse and neglect, and reducing the number of children born addicted or exposed to drugs through early intervention for ACE exposure. Carney, who took office in January 2017, re-established the Family Services Cabinet Council that has cross-system ACE workgroups.

The **Delaware Compassionate Schools Learning Collaborative** is promoting a trauma-informed approach across Delaware's school districts; the initiative adopted the Washington State Compassionate Schools Curriculum.

Delaware's largest city, Wilmington, was one the original sites of the **Building Community Resilience** (BCR) collaborative.

State Initiative

Trauma Matters Delaware

Local Initiatives

No local initiatives were identified.

Legislation

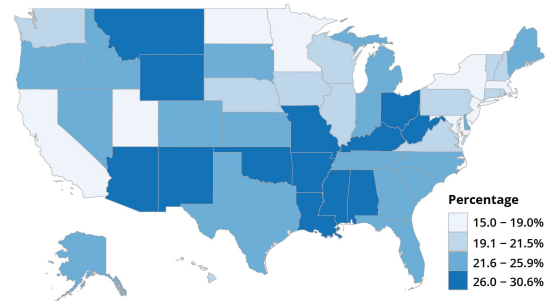
No legislation was identified.

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

22.6% DE* 21.7% USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

DE ranks 27th 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

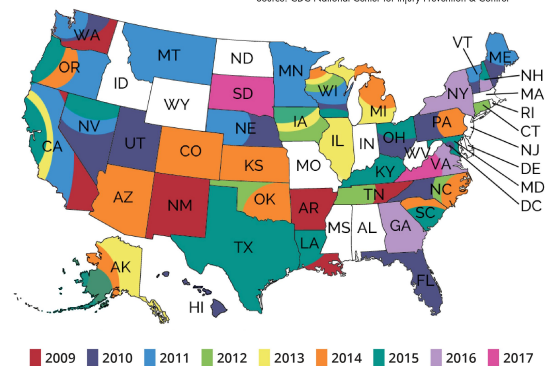
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* 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.

