

Kansas

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

Kansas Power of the Positive, organized by the **Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL)** as the Prevent Child Abuse Chapter for Kansas in partnership with **Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)**, has 41 participating organizations — including state and local agencies, hospitals, universities and foundations. This initiative's goal is to reduce the number of children exposed to 3+ ACEs to under 10% by 2020. Its strategies include cross-sector collaborations, developing an information- and data-sharing network, and taking a multi-generational approach to ACEs prevent. KCSL is integrating ACEs science into webinars and as part of its foundational learning.

Trauma Matters KC (TMKC) formed in February 2012 draws trauma champions from both sides of the Missouri river from both Kansas and Missouri. The Johnson County **Trauma Informed Care Task Force (TICTF)** began in early 2012 to promote a more trauma-informed community. Since then, seventeen organizations across Johnson County have trained staff implemented organizational action plans to expand the breadth and depth of trauma-informed approaches in their agencies and throughout the community. The **Midwest Trauma Training Center** provides free training on childhood stress to school districts seeking to become trauma informed. **Trauma Informed Hutchinson** educates people in Hutchinson about adverse childhood experiences and the effects of toxic stress. Its goal is to integrate trauma-informed and resilience-building practices into individual, family, work, and community lives. In November, 2017 the **Hutchinson Public Schools Board of Education** approved a resolution in support of the district being trauma-informed.

State Initiatives

Kansas Power of the Positive

Local Initiatives

Trauma Informed Care Task Force, Trauma Informed Hutchinson

Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

No legislation was identified.

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

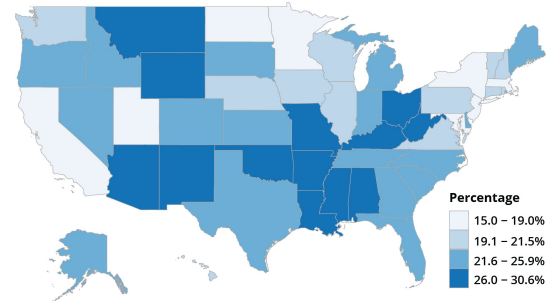


21.7%
KS*

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USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

KS ranks 21st 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:

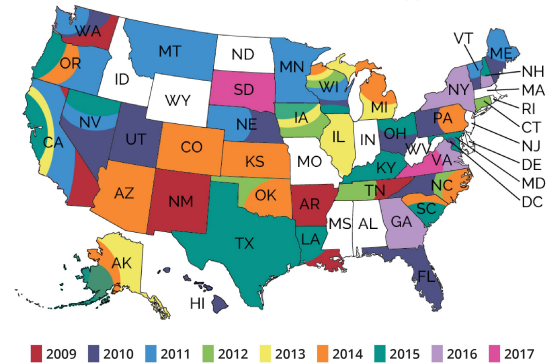
- Hard to get by on income (somewhat or very often)
- Saw or heard violence in the home
- Victim/witness of neighborhood violence
- Lived with anyone mentally ill, suicidal, or depressed
- Lived with anyone with alcohol or drug problem
- Parent/guardian divorced or separated
- Parent/guardian died
-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