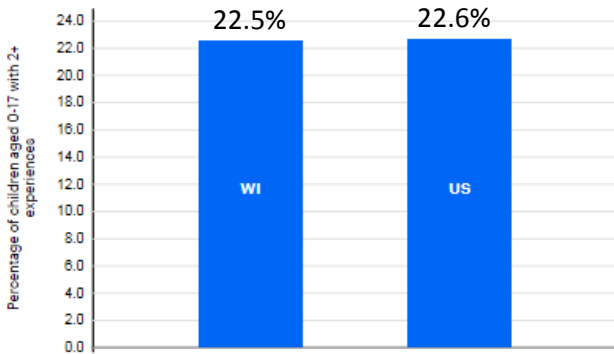




# Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Information Sheet:

## Wisconsin



**ACEs:** The percentages to the left indicate the % of children aged 0 to 17 years who experienced two or more of the following: Socioeconomic hardship, parental divorce/separation, death of a parent, parent served time in jail, witness to domestic violence, victim or witness of neighborhood violence, lived with someone who was mentally ill or suicidal or someone with an alcohol or drug problem, or treated or judged unfairly due to race/ethnicity.

– From [America's Health Rankings, 2016 edition](#)

**Wisconsin's ACEs Ranking:** 16<sup>th</sup> out of 50

**Trauma-Informed Care:** Becoming trauma-informed is a process using knowledge about the prevalence and impact of toxic stress (e.g., ACEs) to reexamine how we see, interpret, and interact with people. TIC is a culture change process - being trauma-informed requires viewing the world through a new lens. It is not a therapy, intervention, or specific action; it is an all encompassing paradigm shift. It's also important to remember that trauma-informed care is not just for service providers; it is universally applicable and everyone has a role to play! - From [Fostering Futures](#) website

## Wisconsin's ACEs and TIC Activities

**Legislation:** [Wisconsin Senate Joint Resolution 59](#) states that policy decisions enacted by the Wisconsin state legislature will take into account early childhood brain development, ACEs, and resilience.

### Fostering Futures (FF)

- 2011:** Co-founded FF as a public/private collaborative including The Office of the First Lady of Wisconsin in partnership with Casey Family Programs
- 2012:** Held seven First-Lady TIC listening sessions statewide; Applied for [Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program](#) (HWPP) grant
- 2013:** Awarded HWPP grant; Presented ACEs to Governor's Cabinet and legislative leadership; Formed Policy Advisory Council; Participated in NGA 3-branch Institute on child well-being; Conducted first shared learning session for growing statewide coalition
- 2014:** Conducted three shared learning sessions
- 2015:** Hosted statewide FF Summit on ACEs and TIC for 700 participants; Contracted with National Council for Behavioral Health to facilitate phase two of FF TIC learning communities
- 2016:** Wisconsin legislature launched a bi-partisan bicameral [Children's Caucus](#); Milwaukee County launched WI's first Healthy [Infants Court](#); Legislature authorized funding for [Connections Count](#); Hired FF Director and Public Health Coordinator; Hosted county and state FF teams
- 2017:** First Lady Tonette Walker speaks at [State of the State Address](#); Met with federal Cabinet Secretaries (DOL, DOE, HUD, DHHS); Drafted [House Resolution 443](#) to recognize the importance and effectiveness of TIC and engaged Congressman Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL) as co-sponsors



### State Agencies

- WI Dept. of Children and Families, WI Dept. of Workforce Development, WI Economic Development Corporation, WI Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and WI Dept. of Corrections each have FF teams who are providing staff TIC trainings and leading departmental TIC transformation efforts
- WI Dept. of Health Services FF team amended the state's health plan to include focus on ACEs
- WI Dept. of Public Instruction sponsors training and consultation to schools across the state and has created a [website](#) rich with resources

### Other Activities

- Wisconsin Children's Mental Health Collective Impact is one of 14 participating in the [Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities \(MARC\)](#) grant with a focus on family and youth involvement in policy making and engaging business in the ACEs/TIC movement
- The Collective Impact's TIC Workgroup created a [Wisconsin TIC Map](#) which tracks WI TIC activities

