

# Shasta County Strengthening Families Collaborative

Shasta Strengthening Families Collaborative and 30 local agencies have joined forces to address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in a systematic, deliberate and collaborative way. “Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is a serious issue for Shasta County and, as such, demand a community effort,” said Strengthening Families Collaborative Steering Committee Chair Susan Wilson. The most common reported ACE in Shasta County was household substance abuse (58%) followed by verbal abuse (55%), parental separation or divorce (44%), household mental illness (44%), and physical abuse (35%). These issues have been a challenge for a long time and are not easily solved. That is why it is so encouraging to see public and private agencies working together to help our families.

Leveraging a \$50,000 grant from Partnership HealthPlan healthcare providers from several sites are measuring ACEs among Shasta County adults. Physicians will ask parents about their childhoods as well as ask about their current lives that could create adverse experiences for their own children. They will start with those families coming in for their well-child visits.

## What We Do

- We are currently conducting a study on ACEs In community health centers.
- The Shasta Health and Human Services Agency is partnering with First 5 and others to raise awareness of the impact of ACEs including media campaign.
- Healthcare providers received training on screening for ACEs in a medical setting.
- Public and private agencies are working together to support local families impact by ACEs and trauma.
- Implemented ACEs screening of parents during well-child visits for their children.

## Legislative Districts

Assembly: Districts 23 and 31

Senate: Districts 8, 12 & 14

## For more information contact:

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## Learn More

[ACEsConnection.com](#)

[ACEsTooHigh.com](#)

[4CAKids.org](#)

California Campaign to Counter Childhood Adversity.

2016 Estimated Percentages Reported by Parents	USA	CA	Shasta County
Children ages 0-17 who have experienced 2+ adverse experiences	21.7%	16.4%	<b>16.6%</b>
Children ages 6-17 who are calm and in control when facing a challenge	49.7%	52.4 %	<b>52.5%</b>

**Data Source:** As cited on [kidsdata.org](#), Population Reference Bureau, analysis of data from the National Survey of Children's Health and the American Community Survey (Mar. 2018).