

Sonoma County ACEs Connection



Sonoma County ACEs Connection aims to collaboratively inform the community about ACEs, their lifelong effects and effective interventions. We work to promote evidence-based strategies and programs to reduce the impact of ACEs; to build resilience and prevent future ACEs; and to change systems to identify and serve persons impacted by trauma more effectively.

Sonoma County ACEs Connection began a few years ago with a handful of service providers meeting for lunch in a pizza restaurant. Since then we received a six-figure multi-year funding grant, conducted hundreds of local presentations about adversity and early childhood development, and speak about our efforts at regional and national conferences on trauma and resilience.

What We Do

- We bring the community together to prevent, heal, and treat ACEs while promoting resiliency.
- Work across sectors to bring together ACEs champions from across the county.
- We raise awareness and understanding of ACEs, trauma informed practices and resilience building efforts by hosting informational tables at various events
- Leveraged a two-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the California Endowment received in 2015 to train a Fellowship of community educators on NEAR Science (Neurobiology, Epigenetic, Adversity and Resilience Science) to help us further spread awareness about toxic stress specific impact on the body.

Early Results

- We trained 60 people from education, healthcare, social services, law enforcement and other areas who then became Fellows.
- The Fellows have conducted more than 100 presentations in 2017 and continue to offer them to professionals, parents, foster parents, and the general community.
- KRCB (the local Public TV/radio station) produced a video about ACEs, featuring our members and local experts.
- Friends Outside Sonoma (an SCAC partner) developed a print brochure to provide ACEs awareness to incarcerated persons and their families. The brochure has since proven very popular with other audiences.
- The Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) (an SCAC partner) is taking the lead this year in implementing two trainings: Trauma Informed Agency Champions and the Restorative Culture Collaborative.

Legislative Districts

Assembly: 2, 4, 10

Senate: 2, 3

Events Calendar

Please join us the the fourth Wednesday each month at the Child Parent Institute from 3:15–5:00pm

Check our website for directions and details.

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California Campaign to

Counter Childhood Adversity

2016 Estimated Percentages Reported by Parents	USA	CA	Sonoma County
Children ages 0-17 who have experienced 2+ adverse experiences	21.7%	16.4%	15.0%
Children ages 6-17 who are calm and in control when facing a challenge	49.7%	52.4 %	51.6%

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).