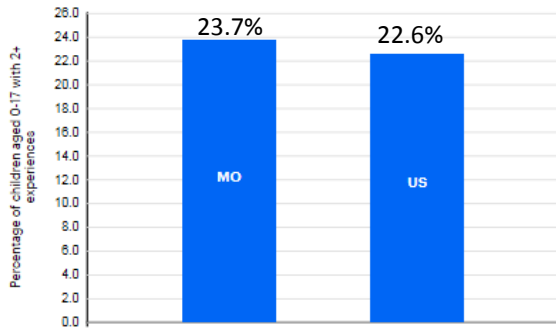


# Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Information Sheet: Missouri



**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](#)

**Missouri’s ACE Ranking:** 25<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

## Missouri’s ACEs and TIC Activities

### Legislation

[HB 1175 Health Care](#) encourages primary care providers to utilize the ACEs Questionnaire to assess a HealthNet participant's health risks.

[Senate Bill 638](#), Section 161.1050, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education establishes the Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative.

### Coalitions and Networks

[Trauma Matters KC:](#) One of 14 communities in the U.S. chosen by the Health Federation of Philadelphia, with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the California Endowment, for the [Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities \(MARC\)](#) grant.

[Resilient KC](#) is a partnership between Trauma Matters KC and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce that aims to build a healthy and resilient community. Resilient KC is collecting Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resiliency scores from adults 18 and up in Greater Kansas City. Membership is multi-sector, multi-system, bi-state 40-agency network comprised of health care professionals, law enforcement officials, educators, mental health organizations, government officials, military personnel, persons with lived experience and community groups, among others. TMKC hosts meetings designed to create opportunities for its members to learn about and promote existing trauma-sensitive and resilience building practices. Community healthcare, criminal justice, education, armed service members, veterans and their families are key partners whose agendas already reflect creating healthy and resilient communities; their work can be found [here](#).



### State Agencies

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) offers support, training and consultation on trauma. This group developed “[The Missouri Model: A Developmental Framework for Trauma-Informed Approaches](#)” which is used nationally by many organizations. Other helpful tools can be found [here](#).

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has established the “Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative” – see Senate Bill 638 above.

One of **many** great examples of KC’s work is Kansas City’s Crittenton Children’s Center training at the early childhood level using the [Head Start Trauma Smart](#), model.