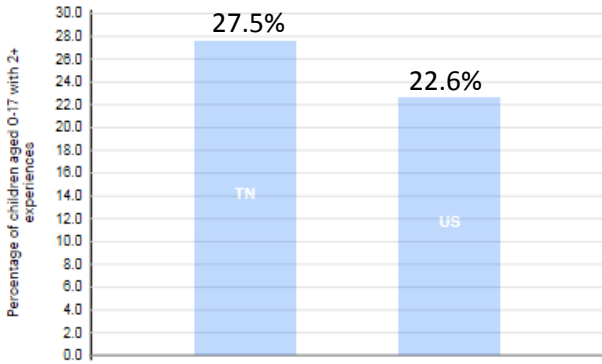




Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Information Sheet: Tennessee



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](#)

Tennessee's ACEs Ranking: 40th 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

Tennessee's ACEs and TIC Activities

Legislation

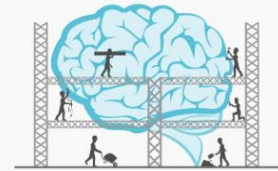
[SB 197 / HB 274](#) *Juvenile Justice* - ACEs are considered a mitigating circumstance when considering the imposition of sentencing and parole.

[HB 616 / SB 552](#) *Human Trafficking* - Mentions ACEs related to report on minor victims of trafficking

Building Strong Brains: Tennessee ACEs Initiative is a statewide effort to establish Tennessee as a national model for how a state can promote culture change in early childhood based on a philosophy that preventing and mitigating adverse childhood experiences is the most promising approach to helping Tennessee children lead productive, healthy lives and ensure the future prosperity of the state. Examples of [ACEs projects funded for fy17](#) include the following:

- The Infant Court Project
- ACE Health Care Provider Educational Program
- Building Strong Brains and Strong Families: Implementation of TIC at the Boys & Girls Club of Johnson City/Washington County
- Head Start Trauma Smart
- ACEs On-line Learning for Early Childhood Workforce Project
- Protecting Children from ACEs and Trauma (PCAT)
- Community Resilience: Education, Act, Train, Inspire, Value, Empower (CREATIVE) Program
- Mitigating ACEs in Pediatric Primary Care

Tennessee ACEs Initiative



BUILDING STRONG BRAINS
TENNESSEE'S ACEs INITIATIVE

The ACE Awareness Foundation educates the community and implements innovative models that provide preventable and sustainable solutions to reducing toxic stress.



Northeast Tennessee ACEs Connection

We acknowledge and address life experiences due to hardship and trauma, and build resilience. We collaborate to serve our citizens and disseminate information to create a trauma-informed community.