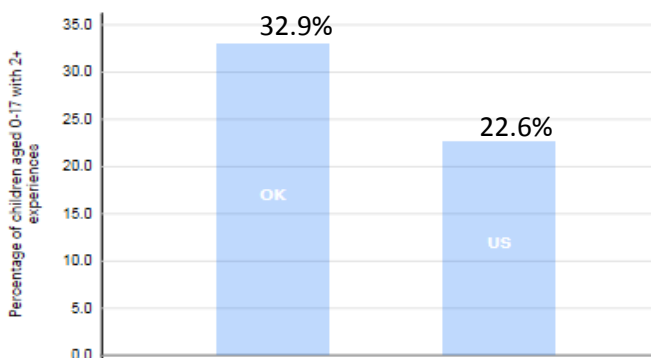




Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Information Sheet: Oklahoma



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](#)

Oklahoma's ACE Ranking: 50th 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

Oklahoma's ACEs and TIC Activities



Activities

- In 2016, the National Institutes of Health awarded a five-year, \$11 million grant to establish the Center for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity in Tulsa. The grant includes institutions such as the OSU Center for Health Sciences, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, and the Laureate Institute for Brain Research.
- OK State Dept. of Health included an ACEs strategy into their [state plan for the prevention of child abuse and neglect](#) (2014-2018) which will create an ACEs campaign, conduct research and gather data to create measurable objectives, and create a presentation package that will be made available statewide.
- [Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma](#) is the only Oklahoma community mental health center certified in the Sanctuary Model of trauma-informed care.
- Director for Health Departments in Carter, Johnston, Love, Marshall, Stephens and Jefferson Counties participated in the National Council for Behavioral Health's Trauma-Informed Learning Community and improved partnerships and community outreach.

[Learning from Oklahoma's Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACE\) Story](#), Center for Disease Control Case Study

Keys for Success in Oklahoma:

- Addressing gaps in existing data and advocating for the inclusion of the ACE module in the state's Behavioral Risk Factor Survey in 2012 and 2014
- Spreading the message about ACEs and related health outcomes through workgroup formation and meetings
- Unifying child adversity and maltreatment prevention across multiple sectors and framing ACE data collection as a priority for those agencies
- Collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data that can inform prevention action.

[Study finds adverse childhood experiences affect health and behavior](#), OK Gazette, July 2017.

The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy along with Potts Family Foundation, have partnered with Rep. Pat Ownbey, R-Ardmore, to bring a slate of presenters on ACEs and their impacts on Oklahomans to the Capitol for an interim study.