

South Dakota

ACEs Initiatives and Actions

As knowledge about the science of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) spreads, ACEs initiatives have launched in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. Hundreds of cross-sector collaboratives are educating and engaging organizations and policymakers about ACEs science. In turn, these organizations are implementing trauma-informed and resilience-building practices and policies based on ACEs science; many legislatures are passing resolutions and/or bills.

Highlights

The [Children's Home Society of South Dakota](#) is teaming up with [South Dakota Kids Count](#) on a statewide initiative to prevent trauma. They are taking a public health approach and working on how to identify and address ACEs. They have embarked on an [ACE Interface](#) training for the state, with 26 individuals from multiple sectors across the state selected to participate in a [training and learning community](#) around building self-healing communities. Their goal is to create a community approach to the integration of trauma-informed care in communities across South Dakota, including in the state's tribal communities.

With Children's Home Society, the [University of South Dakota Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment](#) supports initiatives that are recognizing and addressing trauma and have included in their 10-year plan strategies around building self-healing communities.

[White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society on the Rosebud Reservation](#) is planning a one-year reservation-wide ACEs campaign. They are conducting ACEs and resiliency trainings, trainings on vicarious trauma and self-care, and are educating communities about historical trauma and what intergenerational trauma looks like today. School districts are training counselors Trauma focused-CBT to be responsive to the multi-layers of trauma children are faced with.

State Initiative

[Children's Home Society of South Dakota](#) and [South Dakota Kids Count](#)
On ACEs Connection: [South Dakota ACEs and Resiliency Connections](#)

Local Initiatives

[White Buffalo Calf Woman's Society on the Rosebud Reservation](#)

Legislation

No legislation has been identified.

Find links and add your updates to all initiatives and legislation at www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives

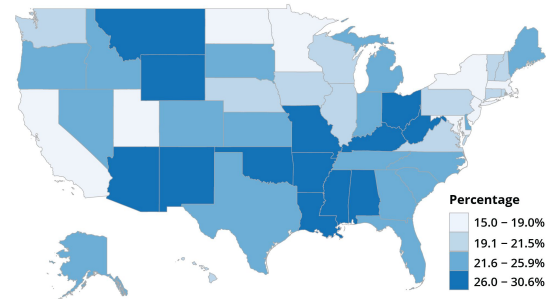


22.0%
SD*

21.7%
USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

SD ranks 24th in the US for lowest percentage of children with ACEs scores of 2 or more.



CAHMI (Child & Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative) surveys parents or guardians about their children ages 0-17.

Percentage of children aged 0-17 yrs. who experienced two or more of the following:

- Hard to get by on income (somewhat or very often)
- Saw or heard violence in the home
- Victim/witness of neighborhood violence
- Lived with anyone mentally ill, suicidal, or depressed
- Lived with anyone with alcohol or drug problem
- Parent/guardian divorced or separated
- Parent/guardian died
- Parent/guardian served time in jail
- Often treated or judged unfairly due to race/ethnicity

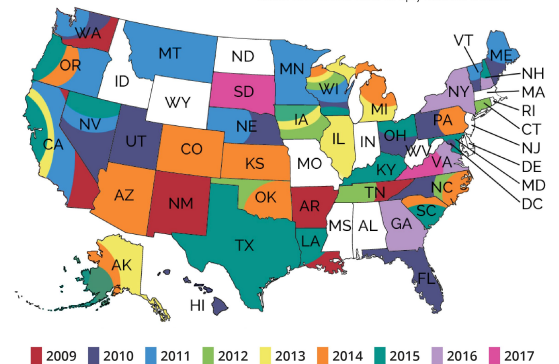
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* State Range: 15.0% - 30.6%

States Collecting ACEs Data 2009 - 2017

Source: CDC National Center for Injury Prevention & Control



The ACEs module of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) data comes from interviews with adults about their experiences to age 18. BRFSS is sponsored by the CDC and other federal agencies.