

Ohio

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 Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and Developmental Disabilities (DODD) collaborate on a statewide [Trauma-Informed Care \(TIC\) Initiative](#), which focuses primarily on trauma-informed practices with minor attention to ACEs science. It has established [six regional collaboratives](#). A report issued in November 2017 (downloadable from the initiative home page), shows considerable progress in educating people about trauma-informed care and integrating trauma-informed practices in regional psychiatric hospitals, the Department of Developmental Disabilities and Developmental Centers, and across Ohio communities, where, as of May 2017, 170 trainers had trained more than 10,500 people in 268 trainings. The initiative has hosted four annual Trauma-Informed Care Summits, the last one in May 2017.

[Joining Forces for Children](#), part of the [Building Community Resilience initiative](#), spans counties in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. More than 50 organizations and 200 members from school systems, social service agencies, medical providers, parenting support organizations, early childhood professionals, Home and visitation services participate in the collaborative, led by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The collaborative focuses on educating people and integrating the "pair of ACEs" approach in the areas of early childhood, K-12 education, healthcare and through local initiatives.

One of several behavioral health collaboratives created by the Ohio Hospital Association in 2013, the Northeast Region Public-Private Behavioral Health Collaborative includes the concept of trauma-informed care in its mission.

State Initiative

[Trauma-Informed Care \(TIC\) Initiative](#)

On ACEs Connection: [Ohio ACEs Action](#)

Local Initiatives

[Six regional collaboratives](#) participating in the state's Trauma-Informed Care Initiative, and [Joining Forces for Children](#), part of the [Building Community Resilience initiative](#).

Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

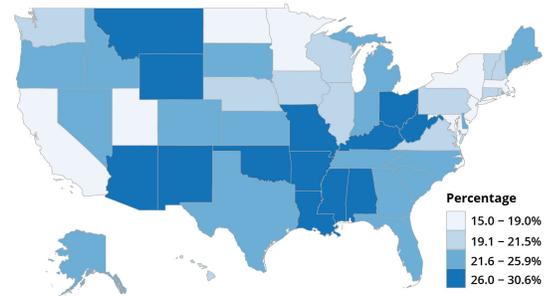
No legislation was identified.

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

27.1% OH* 21.7% USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

OH ranks 44th 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

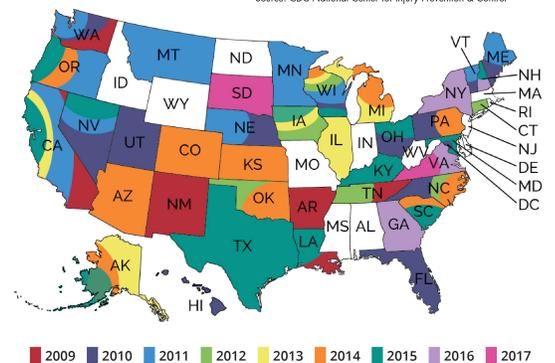
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* 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.

