

# Kentucky

## 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

**Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky** hosted five screenings of the documentary **Resilience**. Others are scheduled. Part of its annual **Kids Are Worth It! Conference** in September 2018 will address ACEs science.

Louisville's ACEs initiative, **BOUNCE** — Building Resilient Children and Families — is implementing a trauma resiliency model for Jefferson County Public Schools and uses the CDC's Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Coordinated School Health model. About 20 local organizations participate in BOUNCE, including **KentuckyOne Health**, **Uspiritus**, Jefferson County Public Schools, **Family & Children's Place**, **Louisville Metro Department of Public Health & Wellness**, Community Foundation of Louisville, Metro United Way, Family & Children's Place, Norton Healthcare, Inc., and the YWCA and YMCA. It has hosted screenings of the documentary **Resilience** for law enforcement, school personnel, medical providers, first responders, social workers and others.

**The Center on Trauma and Children at the University of Kentucky** has implemented trauma-informed care training with public school staff and other community partners.

A trauma-informed care steering committee is facilitated by the **Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities**.

**The Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., Child Traumatic Stress Initiative**, or Hope Initiative, targets children and adolescents aged 0–17, along with their parents/caregivers, who have experienced neglect, physical abuse, and/or sexual abuse.

### State Initiative

No state initiative was identified.

### Local Initiative

**BOUNCE** — Building Resilient Children and Families in Louisville.

### Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

No legislation was identified.

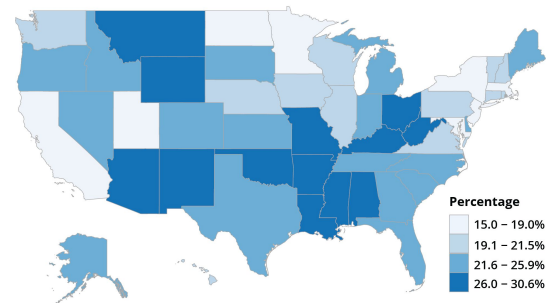
Find links and add your updates to all initiatives and legislation at [www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives](http://www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives)

26.9%  
KY\*

21.7%  
USA

### Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

KY ranks 43rd 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

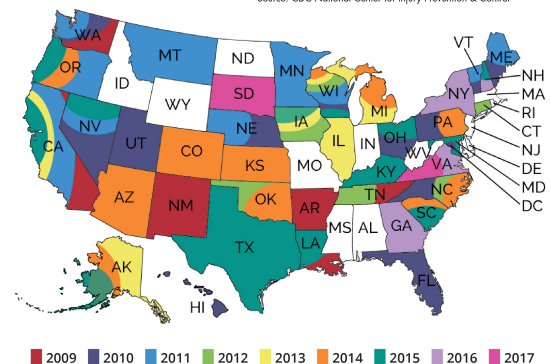
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[www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces](http://www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces)

\* 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.

