

Indiana

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 Indiana Department of Public Health (IDPH) is planning to add an [ACE module](#) to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System in 2018. The [Children's Special Health Care Services at the Indiana State Department of Health](#) coordinates some work around ACEs.

The [Children's Policy and Law Initiative of Indiana](#) (CPLI) Positive School Discipline Institute is using a national best practice model, *The Trauma-Informed School*, to implement trauma-informed care in schools. The approach is cross-disciplinary, involves the entire school community, including parents and students. The training covers restorative justice, understanding culturally responsive practices and implicit bias, among other topics.

State Initiative

No state initiative at this time.

Local Initiatives

No local initiatives at this time.

Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

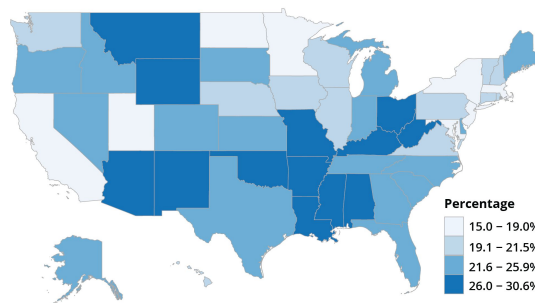
[HB 1421](#), 2018 -- Reduces out-of-school suspension and disproportionality in discipline and expulsion and urges an appropriate interim study committee to examine the use of positive student discipline and restorative justice practices by elementary and secondary schools.

24.2%
IN*

21.7%
USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

IN ranks 32nd 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

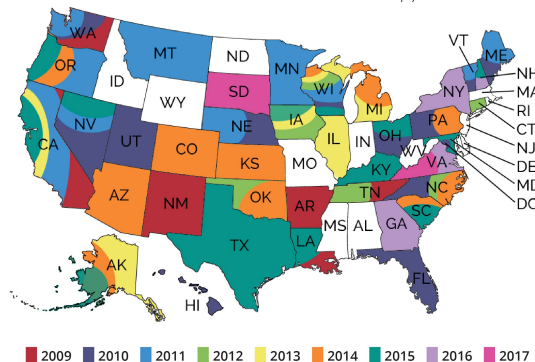
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* 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.

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

