

# Michigan

## 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

In 2017, [Creating Healing Communities: A Statewide Initiative to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) was launched by the Michigan Association of Health Plans Foundation, with funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. This two-year initiative has contracted with [ACE Interface](#) to train people in cities and counties to do presentations about ACEs science. By October 2017, 50 people had been trained. It also is creating a statewide coalition to recommend appropriate interventions, state policy, and Medicaid policy for ACEs.

The Michigan ACE Initiative Steering Committee is reviewing a comprehensive proposal to raise awareness about ACEs science in the legislature and administration.

Last year, the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) instructed Michigan doctors based in Michigan who serve [Medicaid patients to screen those under 21](#) years old for traumatic risk factors and, if needed, refer them to a mental health professional.

### State Initiative

[Creating Healing Communities: A Statewide Initiative to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences](#)

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

### Local Initiatives

There are [several local ACEs initiatives in progress](#), including in Traverse City, Washtenaw, and Ingham County.

### Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

[Senate Bill No. 30](#) — Requires that no less than 5% of \$100 million for community mental health non-Medicaid services shall be used to support statewide ACEs intervention services.

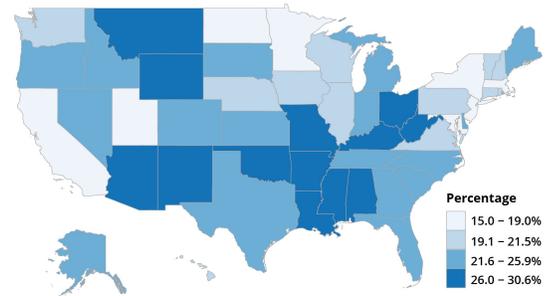
Find links and add your updates to all initiatives and legislation at [www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives](http://www.bit.ly/ACEsInitiatives)



21.8% MI\*  
21.7% USA

## Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

MI ranks 23rd 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

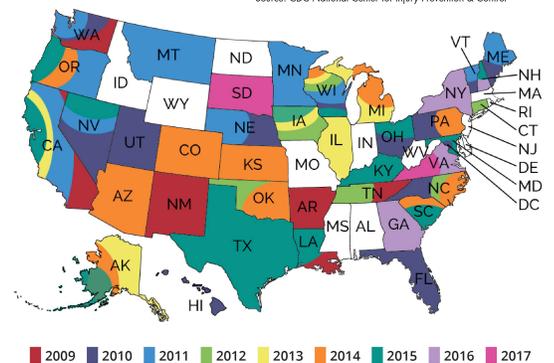
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[www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces](http://www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces)

\* 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.