

# Missouri

## 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 Missouri Department of Mental Health offers and its partner organizations developed a roadmap and resources for becoming trauma informed, including “The Missouri Model: A Developmental Framework for Trauma-Informed Approaches” which is used nationally.

**Alive and Well STL** is a multisector, community-wide initiative in the St. Louis area aimed at minimizing the adverse impact of stress and trauma on long-term health outcomes, fostering community awareness and promoting trauma-informed responses from service providers. **Trauma Matters KC** is a coalition of more than 90 Kansas City metro social service agencies, behavioral health centers, philanthropies, institutions and individual providers dedicated to raising awareness about trauma-sensitive practices and resilience-building tools. In 2018, **Trauma Matters KC** will change its name to the Alive and Well KC Council, becoming part of the newly-formed Alive and Well Communities. **Resilient KC**, is a partnership between the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and Trauma Matters KC builds awareness about the consequences of ACEs, builds community resilience, and generates evidence around resilience and ACEs. **Crittendon Children’s Center** has developed a trauma-informed Head Start program called Head Start-Trauma Smart that is recognized nationally. It’s also one of three pilot sites of **Sesame Street Communities**, a program to help children cope with trauma.

### State initiative

No state initiative was identified.

### Local initiatives

**Alive and Well STL**, **Trauma Matters KC**, **Resilient KC**

### Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

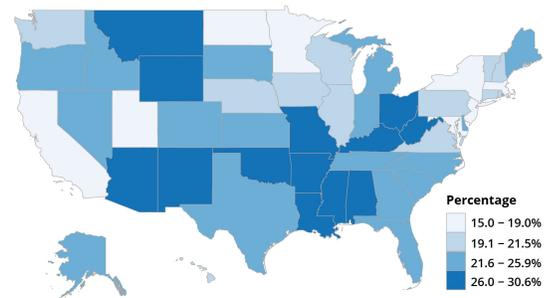
**Senate Bill 638, Section 161.1050 & 161.1055.1**, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education establishes the Trauma-Informed Schools Initiative.

**HB 1175 Health Care** encourages primary care providers to utilize the ACEs Questionnaire to assess a HealthNet participant's health risks (2017).

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

## Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

MO ranks 46th 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

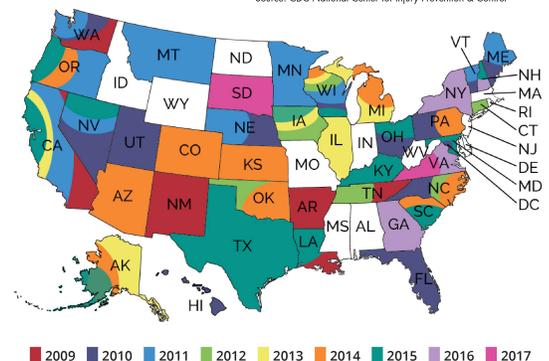
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[www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces](http://www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces)

\* 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.

