

Oklahoma

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 [Potts Family Foundation](#) is hosting the [2018 Raising Resilient Oklahomans! Summit](#) in March 2018. The foundation screens the documentary [Resilience](#) across the state for people from the legal, health care, social work, education and faith communities. This has led to interest to form a state trauma-resilience initiative. The foundation also established a Legislative Caucus to address policy issues affecting early childhood.

Last year, the Oklahoma State Department of Health [launched the Lemonade for Life project to integrate ACEs education](#) into home-visiting.

The Center for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity, established in 2016 in Tulsa, aims to develop sustainable prevention and intervention strategies to interrupt the cycle of generational trauma and toxic stress. A five-year, \$11-million National Institutes of Health grant funds the project. The OSU Center for Health Sciences, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, and the Laureate Institute for Brain Research are involved in the project.

[Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma](#) is the only community mental health center in the state certified in the Sanctuary Model of trauma-informed care. Health departments in Carter, Johnston, Love, Marshall, Stephens and Jefferson Counties participated in the [National Council for Behavioral Health's Trauma-Informed Learning Community](#).

State Initiative

No state initiative was identified.

Local Initiatives

No city, county or regional cross-sector initiatives were identified.

Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

[SB 1517](#) — Introduced in 2018 to create Task Force on Trauma-Informed Care to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on best practices with respect to children and youth who have experienced trauma.

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

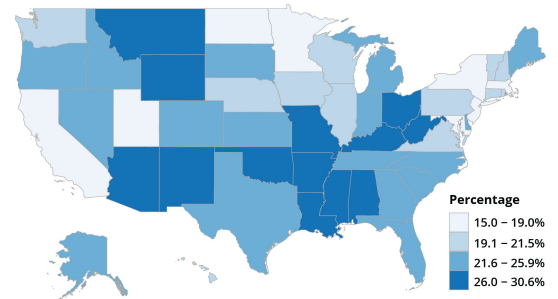


26.6%
OK*

21.7%
USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

OK ranks 42nd 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

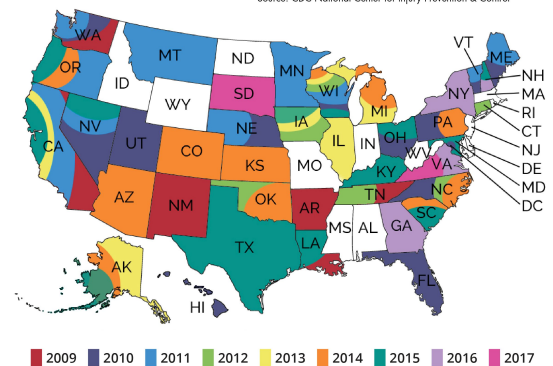
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* 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.