

Wyoming

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

While a statewide trauma coalition has not been formed, the [Wyoming Children's Trust Fund](#) — a statewide organization concerned with funding and supporting primary and secondary child abuse and neglect prevention efforts — has made ACEs and trauma a major priority of the organization and has led efforts in the state to bring individuals and organizations together around the issue.

After educating key officials in state agencies and other organizations, the Fund enlisted support for statewide training with [ACE Interface](#) in September 2017. The 30 people trained represent diverse professions, agencies, organizations, tribes, and experience — including a parent of a child with a high ACE score.

Phase two of the initiative will educate providers and others about the [Strengthening Families and the Protective Factors Framework](#) — one of the caveats to secure state agency support. The initiative is screening the films [Paper Tigers](#) and [Resilience](#) around the state, including a screening in February during the state legislative session. Other efforts are underway in the Wyoming Department of Health and in a Wyoming tribe.

State Initiative

No state initiative was identified.

Local Initiatives

No local initiatives were identified.

Legislation

No legislation was identified.

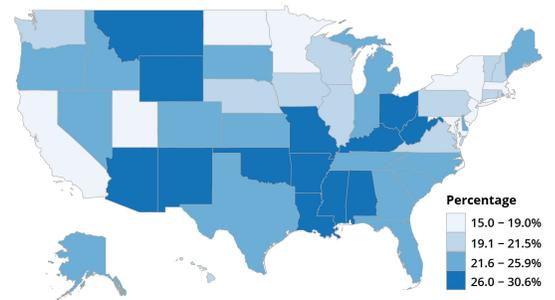
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26.0%
WY*
21.7%
USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

WY ranks 39th 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

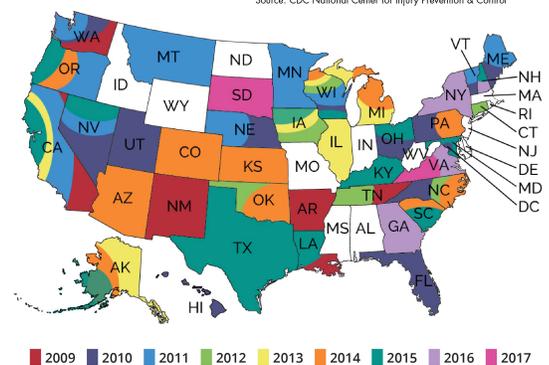
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* 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.