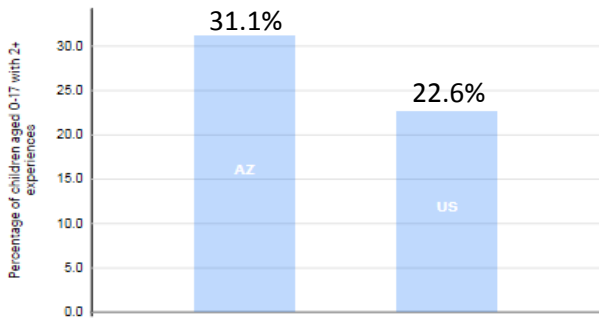




# Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Information Sheet:

## Arizona



**ACEs:** The percentages to the left indicate the % of children aged 0 to 17 years who experienced two or more of the following: Socioeconomic hardship, parental divorce/separation, death of a parent, parent served time in jail, witness to domestic violence, victim or witness of neighborhood violence, lived with someone who was mentally ill or suicidal or someone with an alcohol or drug problem, or treated or judged unfairly due to race/ethnicity.

– From [America’s Health Rankings, 2016 edition](#)

**Arizona’s ACE Ranking:** 49<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states

**Trauma-Informed Care:** Becoming trauma-informed is a process using knowledge about the prevalence and impact of toxic stress (e.g., ACEs) to reexamine how we see, interpret, and interact with people. TIC is a culture change process - being trauma-informed requires viewing the world through a new lens. It is not a therapy, intervention, or specific action; it is an all encompassing paradigm shift. It’s also important to remember that trauma-informed care is not just for service providers; it is universally applicable and everyone has a role to play! - From [Fostering Futures](#) website

## Arizona’s ACEs and TIC Activities

### Legislation

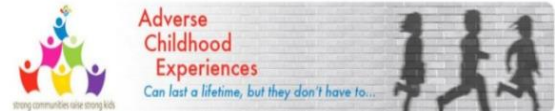
[2017 AZ HB 2198](#) was introduced (but not passed) to establish an ACEs Study Committee, efforts are underway to establish a legislative ad hoc ACEs committee.

**ACEs Forum:** The 4th Annual ACEs Forum will take place Oct. 2 & 3. City of Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton will welcome the group and First Lady of Phoenix Nicole Stanton will moderate a panel discussion with Drs. Felitti and Burke Harris, along with local experts.

### ACE Consortium / Think Tank

The members of Arizona ACE Consortium promote ideas, policies and practices that reduce and prevent childhood adversity and build resilience in individuals, families and communities. The ACE Consortium has been meeting regularly since 2007 – currently over 400 members. Workgroups and activities include the following:

- Creating trauma sensitive Arizona schools .
- Revising the “Strong Communities Raise Strong Kids” train the trainer program.
- Implementing TIC through Thriving Cities Forum.
- Publishing ACE reports and preparing a new report on ACE data from the 2016 Arizona Youth Survey.
- Educating physicians at the Phoenix Children’s Hospital in preparation for ACE screening program.
- Creating a trauma informed community through the Southern Arizona Trauma Informed Care Network.
- Building resilient faith-based organizations through the Trauma Informed Faith Community.
- Including ACE education and trauma informed practice requirements into state contracts with providers.



**Consortium participants** include representatives from Arizona State University; Head Start; Recovery Empowerment Network; Eight, Arizona PBS; Raising Arizona Kids Magazine; Easter Seals agencies; behavioral health service/system providers and recipients; the state departments of Economic Security, Behavioral Health Services, Education and Public Health; parenting groups; Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children; Prevent Child Abuse Arizona; Mercy Maricopa Integrated Health System; Arizona AAP, First Things First, the Children’s Action Alliance; representatives from the court system and domestic violence nonprofits; and many more.