

Wisconsin

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

Fostering Futures, a public-private collaborative founded in 2011, works at the city/county and state levels. The collaborative includes the **Office of the First Lady** and **Casey Family Programs**. In 2012, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families set up the **Wisconsin Trauma Project**, in which 43 counties and three tribes participate. Fostering Futures hosted a statewide summit for 700 people in 2015. In 2016, with the Wisconsin Trauma Project, it launched a trauma-informed learning community for 14 county human service organizations. At the same time, Fostering Futures launched a learning community for several state agencies, **the first state in the U.S. to do so**.

Wisconsin Children's Mental Health Collective Impact focuses on family and youth involvement in policy making and engaging business in the ACEs movement. It created a **Wisconsin Trauma-Informed Care Map** that tracks organizations integrating trauma-informed practices.

First Lady Tonette Walker drafted U.S. House of Representatives Resolution 443 on trauma-informed care, and persuaded **Congressman Mike Gallagher (R-WI)** and **Congressman Danny Davis (D-IL)** to introduce the resolution.

State Initiatives

Fostering Futures, **Wisconsin Trauma Project**, **Wisconsin Children's Mental Health Collective Impact**

Community site on ACEs Connection: **Wisconsin ACEs Action**

Local initiatives

About half of the counties participating in the Collective Impact project have launched cross-sector ACEs initiatives.

Legislation (Sources include NCSL)

Wisconsin Senate Joint Resolution 59, 2013 — Policy decisions enacted by the Wisconsin State Legislature will take into account early childhood brain development, ACEs, and resilience.

Wisconsin State 48.545, Brighter Futures Initiative, 2015 — Provides funding to prevent and reduce ACEs in children 0-8, reduces effects of ACEs through behavioral health and other services.

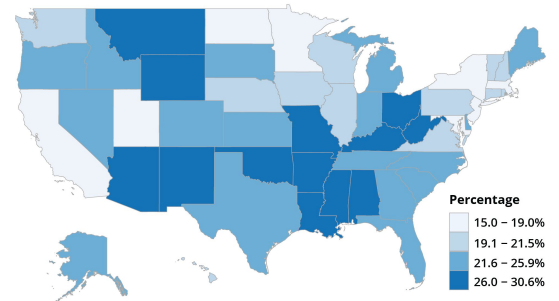
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20.3% WI*
21.7% USA

Percent of children with 2 or more ACEs

WI ranks 17th 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

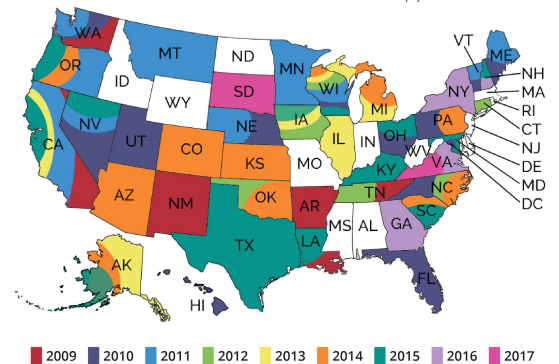
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www.cahmi.org/projects/Adverse-childhood-experiences-aces

* 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.