The Louisiana ACE Initiative is a catalyst for efforts to recognize, prevent, and address the impact of adverse childhood experiences on children and families. We Research, Inform, Engage, and Advocate in order to promote trauma-informed practices and services in Louisiana.

**AREAS OF WORK**

**RESEARCH**
Using publicly available data, the Initiative seeks to translate and disseminate findings regarding the prevalence of childhood adversity. Through partner-driven research, the Initiative also tracks the reach of related ACEs related education, and prevention and intervention efforts throughout the state.

**INFORM**
Through support of the ACE Educator Program and the work of partner organizations, the Initiative creates opportunities to engage child- and family-serving workforces and guide understanding of adversity, resilience factors, and how to incorporate this knowledge into practice.

**ENGAGE**
Connecting to professional networks statewide, the Initiative works to attract the interest of key and potential stakeholders, including legislators, organizational leadership, and funders.

**ADVOCATE**
Through its partners, the Initiative promotes the urgency of ACEs intervention by communicating content to policy-makers, leaders and other influencers throughout the state.

**CURRENT PARTNERS**
Current Initiative members include representatives from higher education, state government, health care, mental health, child welfare and the non-profit sector.

Parties interested in becoming members of the Louisiana ACE Initiative are welcomed to attend bimonthly meetings.

**KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Over 100 trained ACE Educators are available for presentations statewide
- Educators have given over 400 Understanding ACEs: Building Self-Healing Communities presentations to almost 10,000 participants

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* The landmark Kaiser Permanente/CDC ACE Study links the short and long term effects of adverse childhood experiences to many of society’s most challenging issues.

* Louisiana has among the highest rates of ACE-attributable problems in the nation and ranks second-to-last in overall health.*

ACE-Attributable Conditions:
How does Louisiana rank compared to other states?*

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