



PURPOSE

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

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?*

Rate of incarcerated persons	-----	1 st
Smoking	-----	47 th
Premature Death	-----	46 th
Obesity	-----	46 th
Cardiovascular Deaths	-----	46 th
Cancer Deaths	-----	46 th
Chlamydia	-----	49 th
Overall Health	-----	49 th

For more information about the Louisiana ACE Initiative, or to attend a meeting, contact louisianaaceinitiative@gmail.com. For more information about the Louisiana ACE Educator Program, or to schedule an ACE Presentation, contact Caitlin.LaVine@la.gov.

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