Minnesota

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

In February 2013, Minnesota became the first state in the U.S. to participate in the ACE Interface train-the-trainers curriculum, through funding from Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota. Since Feb 2013 they have presented this information to over 20,000 Minnesotans. Minnesota Communities Caring for Children empowers parents and communities to build supportive relationships, nurture children and prevent child abuse and neglect. It’s the umbrella organization for Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and the Minnesota Circle of Parents.

Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute facilitates STAR Training-Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience which is an evidence-based training integrating neuropsychology, trauma healing and resilience, restorative justice, nonviolent conflict transformation, and trauma-informed systems and communities.

The Tribal NEAR (Neurobiology, Epigenetics, ACEs & Resiliency) Science and Community Wisdom Project was a one-year project in 2015-2016 funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Center for Prevention. White Earth was one of two reservations chosen to participate.

State Initiatives

Minnesota Communities Caring for Children (MCCC)

Local Initiatives

Winona ACEs Initiative

Legislation

Minnesota State 245.4889, 2017 — Eligible services under children’s mental health grants include training for parents, collaborative partners, and mental health providers on the impact of ACEs and trauma.

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