



## 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 50 trained ACE Educators are available for presentations statewide
- Educators have given over 200 *Understanding ACEs: Building Self-Healing Communities* presentations to over 4500 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 <sup>st</sup>
Smoking	-----	47 <sup>th</sup>
Premature Death	-----	46 <sup>th</sup>
Obesity	-----	46 <sup>th</sup>
Cardiovascular Deaths	-----	46 <sup>th</sup>
Cancer Deaths	-----	46 <sup>th</sup>
Chlamydia	-----	49 <sup>th</sup>
Overall Health	-----	49 <sup>th</sup>

For more information about the Louisiana ACE Initiative, or to attend a meeting, contact [louisianaaceinitiative@gmail.com](mailto:louisianaaceinitiative@gmail.com). For more information about the Louisiana ACE Educator Program, or to schedule an ACE Presentation, contact [alissa.luisyates@la.gov](mailto:alissa.luisyates@la.gov).

\* United Health Foundation. (2016). America's Health Rankings Annual Report (2016 ed., Rep.). Minnetonka, MN: United Health Foundation.; Felitti, V.J., Anda, R.F., Nordenberg, D., Williamson, D.F., et al. (1998.) Relationship of childhood abuse and household dysfunction to many of the leading causes of death in adults: The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. American Journal of Preventive Medicine; 14(4):245-58. PMID: 9635069 Glaze, L. E., & Kaebler, D. (n.d.). Correctional Populations in the United States, 2013 (Publication No. 248479). Bureau of Justice Statistics.