Improving Children’s Chances by Combatting Early Trauma

Session Resources

Background Reports and Web Resources:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
  This webpage provides overview information on ACEs, as well as links to many of the CDC’s other resources on ACEs.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Adverse Childhood Experiences Infographic
  This infographic depicts information from the CDC-Kaiser Permanente ACEs study, including which types of ACEs are most common and potential health consequences.

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, About Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) ACE Data
  This webpage provides information on ACEs information collected by the BRFSS. Since 2009, 32 states and the District of Columbia have included ACEs questions for at least one year on their survey.

- Administration for Children and Families, Resource Guide to Trauma-Informed Human Services
  This resource guide, developed in partnership with several other U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administrations, provides information and resources for human services leaders on trauma, toxic stress and more.

- Community Catalyst, Call to Action: Creating Cycles of Opportunity Through ACEs Screening
  This blog provides information on ACEs as a health disparity, and on ACEs screening as a prevention tool.

- ASCEND, Predicting a Child’s ACE Score... And Then What?
  This blog discusses efforts to develop a tool to assess a child’s risk for adversity.

- American Academy of Pediatrics, Adverse Childhood Experiences and the Lifelong Consequences of Trauma
  This report provides background information on ACEs, the biology of trauma and protective factors against the potential consequences of adverse experiences.
Council for a Strong America, An Interactive Map of ACEs
This web resource provides interactive, state-specific ACEs graphics.

Resources on Dr. Burke Harris’ Work:
- The Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on an Urban Pediatric Population
- Ted Talk: How Childhood Trauma Affects Health Across a Lifetime

Resources on Dr. Merrick’s and the CDC’s Work:
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- The Essentials for Childhood Framework

Resources on Tennessee’s Efforts to Address ACEs:
- 2G for Tennessee
- Early Childhood Well-Being/Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Building Strong Brains: Tennessee’s ACEs Initiative

Resources on Washington’s Efforts to Address ACEs:
- ACEs legislation
- The Washington State ACEs Public-Private Initiative
- Washington’s Essentials for Childhood Initiative
- Case Study: Learn from Washington’s Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Story

ACEs Legislation:
As of March 2017, at least 38 bills specifically mentioning ACEs were introduced and were pending or sent to the governor. These bills were introduced in at least 18 states and took steps to prevent or address ACEs through measures such as:
- Establishing task forces or study or review committees
- Appropriating funds for ACEs prevention
- Requiring or encouraging providers to use ACEs questionnaires or screening tools
- Supporting the development of pilot projects or initiatives for ACEs prevention
- Providing ACEs training for school resource officers or pre-kindergarten teachers

Of these bills, five were enacted (as of Aug. 3, 2017).