



Fact Sheet: Becoming ACEs Aware in California

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The California Department of Health Care Services and the Office of the California Surgeon General launched **ACEs Aware** – a first-in-the-nation, statewide effort to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and treat the impact of toxic stress.

ACEs Aware offers Medi-Cal providers training, clinical protocols and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs. This fact sheet provides information on providers who have completed the free “**Becoming ACEs Aware in California**” online training and their evaluation of the training.

For additional information, see the **full report** on ACEsAware.org.

Who has completed the training?

13,600

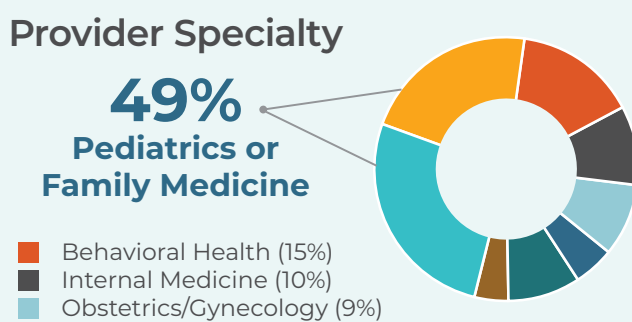
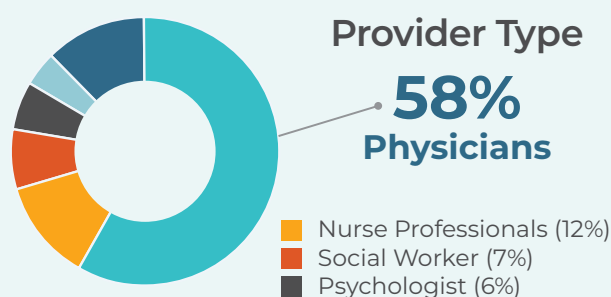
People have completed the training

8,300

Providers have self-attested*



*Medi-Cal providers must self-attest to completing a certified ACEs Aware Core Training to qualify for ACE screening payments after July 1, 2020.



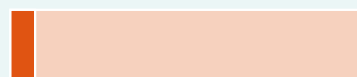
How effective was the training?

Before the Training

35% of participants were **not screening** for ACEs at all.



64% of participants were screening less than one-quarter of their patients for ACEs.



7% of participants were screening all of their patients for ACEs.

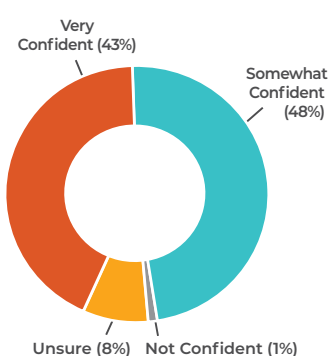
After the Training

81% of participants who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated that they planned to implement routine ACE screening for children or adults.

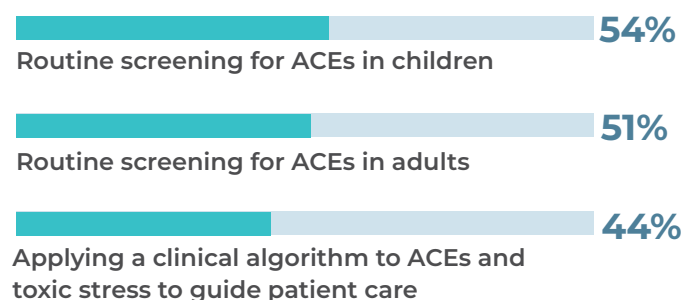


97% of participants plan to implement changes in their practice or already reinforced their current practice.

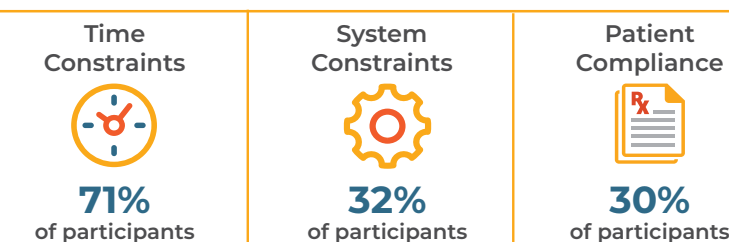
91% of participants reported being somewhat or very confident that they would be able to make the intended changes.



Top Types of Intended Practice Change



Most Common Anticipated Barriers to Implementing Change



Data from December 4, 2019, to August 31, 2020