

Fact Sheet: ACEs Aware in California

March 2021 Data Update

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 to 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 the number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020, and providers who have completed the ACEs Aware online training between December 4, 2019, and December 31, 2020. For additional information, please see the full reports on [ACEsAware.org](https://www.acesaware.org).

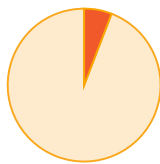


Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal providers submitted claims for conducting more than

155,000
ACE screenings

Of the **130,000** unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries screened for ACEs, **6%** had ACE scores of **4 or more***



*ACE score refers to the total reported exposure to the 10 ACE categories. An ACE score of 4 or greater indicates that a patient may be at high-risk for toxic stress.

Data from: January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2020



Becoming ACEs Aware in California Training

15,500

Individuals completed the training

9,100

Medi-Cal providers have attested*

*Medi-Cal providers must attest to completing a certified ACEs Aware coretraining to qualify for Medi-Cal payment.

Before the training

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



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.

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