

Stage 1 - Step 2

Worksheet: Tailor Your Justification

Purpose: Prepare to build buy-in and engagement from organizational leadership and other colleagues to help you champion and inform your ACE screening and toxic stress treatment initiative.

Instructions: Prepare to engage with organizational leadership and other colleagues by jotting down notes on the rationale for screening that will most resonate with your team and build a list of possible or anticipated questions/concerns — and your response.

If you are feeling stuck, the How-To Guide resources and FAQs provide a good starting point for ways to frame your key points and answer common questions. You may also consider sharing some of the How-To Guide articles during your outreach efforts, such as [Getting Ready: An Overview of ACE Screening Implementation](#) and [Why Should My Practice Screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences and Risk of Toxic Stress?](#)

Why should our practice screen for ACEs?

What questions/concerns do we anticipate our leadership will have?

What questions/concerns will other members of the clinical and non-clinical staff have?

What resources can I share?