



UCAAN: Anchoring ACEs Aware at the University of California

September 27, 2022

Welcome



Emily Williams

Chief Executive Officer

UCLA-UCSF ACEs Aware Family Resilience
Network

Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **Presentation**
- **Panel Discussion**
- **Audience Q&A**

“Decreasing the burden of ACEs is not only an ethical and moral imperative, but critical to our economic vitality. This work is a key preventive measure to improve health and societal outcomes for our state’s residents for generations to come.”

- Governor Gavin Newsom

ACEs Aware Initiative

First-in-the nation effort to promote early detection and intervention to mitigate the health and societal impacts of ACEs and toxic stress.



- Launched in December 2019 as part of Governor Newsom's California for All initiative
- Funded through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- Collaborative effort between DHCS and the Office of the California Surgeon General (CA-OSG)
- In October 2021, DHCS contracted with the UCLA-UCSF ACEs Aware Family Resilience Network (UCAAN) to continue to implement the ACEs Aware initiative, which previously was implemented by Aurrera Health Group



ACEs Aware Initiative



Reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress by half in one generation by:

- Developing, promoting, and sustaining evidence-based methods to screen for ACEs, treat the impacts of toxic stress and trauma, and help patients heal.
- Bringing communities together in new and innovative ways to address one of the most harmful, persistent, and expensive health challenges facing our state and nation.
- Leveraging academic and community resources to transform clinical practice through quality improvement, training, and technical assistance.

ACEs Aware Goals and Objectives



Raising Awareness

Train and expand awareness among Medi-Cal providers on ACE screening and response



Practice Change

Support implementation of ACE screening and response for Medi-Cal providers



Network of Care

Support development of a trauma-informed network of care

Reduce ACEs and toxic stress by half in one generation

ACE Training and Screening in California



- The ACEs Aware initiative offers Medi-Cal providers training, screening tools, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs.
- As of January 2020, eligible Medi-Cal providers can receive a \$29 reimbursement for each ACE screening of an eligible Medi-Cal beneficiary.

Training: *Becoming ACEs Aware in California*



Becoming ACEs Aware in California is a free, two-hour online training that educates clinicians and their teams on how to provide trauma-informed care, screen for ACEs and assess the risk of toxic stress, and use clinical protocols to develop a treatment plan to prevent and mitigate toxic stress.

Visit training.acesaware.org for more information.

By the Numbers: Trainings and Screenings

- **23,400** individuals have completed the *Becoming ACEs Aware in California* training since December 2019.
- **11,900** of those are **Medi-Cal providers** who are eligible to **bill for ACE screening** and who have **attested** to completing the training.
- Medi-Cal providers conducted more than **987,500 ACE screenings** of approximately **793,000 unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries** across California between January 2020 and September 2021, based on Medi-Cal claims data.

Source: [July 2022](#) Data Report

ACEs Aware Round 1 and 2 Community Grants

ACEs Aware has distributed more than \$45 million in grants across California since 2020.

Rounds 1 and 2 Grants to Support:

- Provider Engagement
- Provider Training
- Communications
- Network of Care Planning
- Network of Care Implementation

ACEs Aware Grants by the Numbers

83

Provider Engagement Grants
to share lessons learned and best practices tailored to practice settings, geographies, providers, and patient populations

31

Provider Training Grants
to educate Medi-Cal providers about incorporating ACE screening into their clinical practice

36

Communications Grants
to share information about training and increase initiative awareness

26

Network of Care Planning Grants
to execute trauma-informed networks of care in 23 counties

8

Network of Care Implementation Grants
to develop trauma-informed networks of care in eight counties

Round 3: PRACTICE

PRACTICE Goals

Partnerships

- Strengthen partnerships to screen for ACEs in order to identify clinical risk for and respond to toxic stress.

Services Development

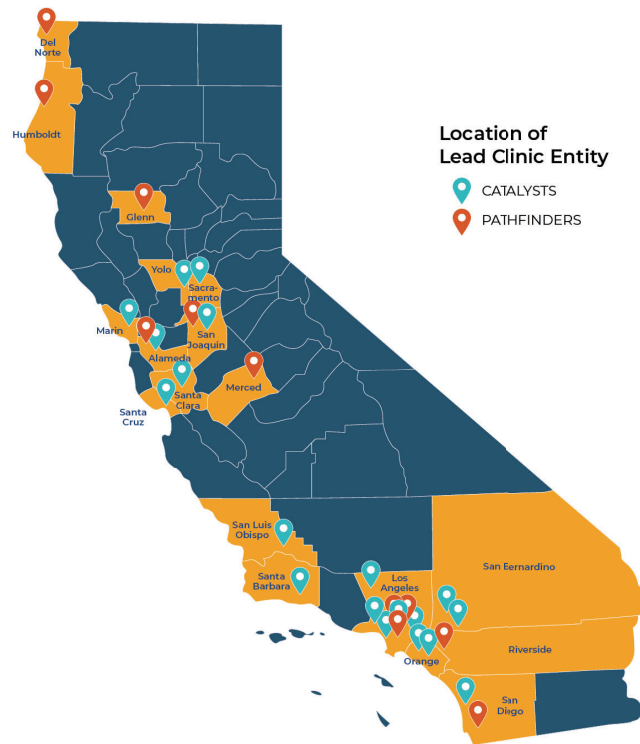
- Develop sustainable, practical, community-informed, evidence-based services that target toxic stress physiology and ACE-Associated Health Conditions, and support the prevention of ACEs and toxic stress.

Workforce Development

- Build a sustainable workforce to support ACE screening, toxic stress response, and prevention of ACEs, toxic stress, and ACE-Associated Health Conditions.

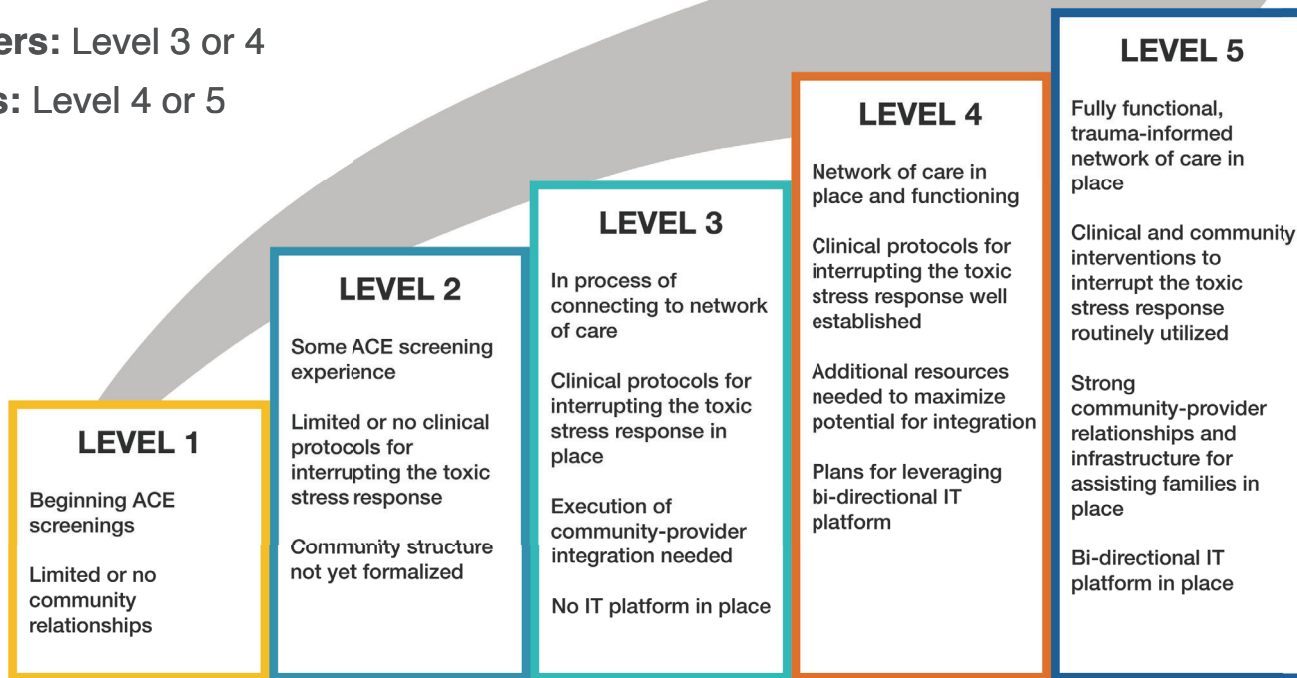
PRACTICE Grantees

The 25 grantee teams, from 15 California counties, serve a wide range of diverse patient populations.



PRACTICE Cohorts

- **Pathfinders:** Level 3 or 4
- **Catalysts:** Level 4 or 5



Mitigating Toxic Stress: Trauma-Informed Networks of Care
Continuum of Integration

POLL RESULTS

UCAAN

UCAAN: Advancing ACEs Aware



- In October 2021, DHCS contracted with UCAAN to continue the implementation of the ACEs Aware initiative, with oversight provided by DHCS and CA-OSG.
- UCAAN is a multi-campus initiative that leverages the substantial interdisciplinary resources of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) campuses.

Four Values Inform UCAAN's Work



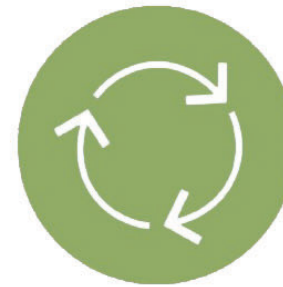
**WHOLE PERSON
& WHOLE FAMILY
WELLNESS**



**HEALTH
EQUITY**



**COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**



**ALIGNMENT
OF SYSTEMS**

Anchoring at the University of California



UCAAN develops, promotes, and sustains evidence-informed responses to prevent and help all patients heal from the impacts of trauma and toxic stress through investments in the follow areas:

- **Implementation Science:** Build upon the evidence base for ACE science and translate what we learn into clinical and community practices.
- **Education and Training:** Transform clinical practice and build a sustainable evidence-informed workforce to advance health equity.
- **Community Health:** Strengthen the capacity of health care teams in diverse clinical settings to collaborate with community partners to prevent and respond to trauma and toxic stress.

Academic Pilot Projects

Pilot Projects Overview

Goal

- To advance clinical practice, education and training in ACE screening, toxic stress treatment, and the prevention and treatment of ACE-Associated Health Conditions

Campuses:

- UCLA and UCSF

Priority Topics:

- Examine ACE screening and toxic stress response interventions and outcomes of ACE-Associated Health Conditions or ACE-Associated Health Inequities
- Academically scale, refine, and disseminate tools, products, and workflows developed through prior work at ACEs Aware and the California ACEs Learning and Quality Improvement Collaborative (CALQIC)

UCAAN Pilot Projects	PIs	Institution
Enhancing Trauma-Informed Care and ACE Screening Response Among Pediatricians, Health Care Leaders, Trainees, and Staff	Moira Szilagyi	UCLA
Testing a Scalable Model for ACEs-Related Care Navigation via 211 Telephone-Based Services	Paul Chung, Rebecca Dudovitz	UCLA, Kaiser
Trauma-Informed Care on the Pediatric Ward: Applying ACEs Aware Strategies to the Inpatient Medical Setting	Maggie Kozman	Harbor-UCLA
Mitigating the Toxic Stress Response in Patients with ACE-Associated Health Conditions: Obesity Management in a Community Clinic	Angela Venegas-Murillo	UCLA, Charles Drew Univ, Harbor-UCLA, Humprey CHC (LA County DHS)
The Harbor-UCLA Resilience Bridge: ACEs Aware Training, Education, and Intergenerational Intervention in Prenatal, Pediatric, and Family Medicine	Adam Schickedanz	Harbor-UCLA
Mitigating the Toxic Stress Response in Patients with ACE-Associated Health Conditions: Obesity Management in a Specialty Clinic Setting	Alma Guerrero	UCLA
Connecting with Nature to Mitigate the Toxic Stress Response	Candace Gragnani, Nooshin Razani	UCLA, UCSF
Mitigating the Toxic Stress Response in Patients with ACE-Associated Health Conditions: ACEs Aware Diabetes Care in a Safety-Net Family Medicine Clinic	Heather Schickedanz, John Cheng, Monica Hau Le	Harbor-Lomita

UCAAN Pilot Projects	PIs	Institution
Virtual Meditation Sessions as a Response to ACEs	Laura Figueroa Phillips	Rancho Los Amigos, Harbor-UCLA, Olive View-UCLA
Mitigating the Toxic Stress Response in Patients with ACE-Associated Health Conditions: Specialized Management for Children with Asthma	Kaitlin Hall, Sande Okelo	UCLA, Olive View-UCLA, High Desert CHC
Bringing ACEs Science into the Perinatal Setting through “Support Sisters”	Melanie Thomas, Margaret Handley	UCSF Psychiatry and Epidemiology
Strategies to Integrate ACE Screening into Existing Screening Workflows	Danielle Hessler, Laura Gottlieb	UCSF, SIREN
Addressing the Health Impact of ACEs and Toxic Stress in California’s Farmworker Communities	Lisa James, Eddy Machtinger	Futures without Violence; UCSF; Alianza Nacional de Campesinas; Líderes Campesinas
Developing a Whole Family Wellness Approach to Trauma-Informed Health Care	Katy Davis, Lisa Jaycox	UCSF Women’s HIV Program, RAND
Understanding the Impact of ACE Screening Reimbursement Policy	Josh Breslau	UCSF, RAND, CCHE
It’s Called Communication, Relationship-Centered Care, and Health Trajectories Among Adults Who Have Experienced Trauma and/or ACEs: A Study of Patient-Provider Dyads in Primary Care	Anita Hargrave	UCSF, San Francisco Veterans Admin. Health System

Panel Discussion

Panelists



Dr. Shannon Thyne
Co-Principal Investigator
UCLA Chief of Pediatrics



Dr. Edward Machtinger
Co-Principal Investigator
UCSF Professor of Medicine



Dr. Mikah Owen
Senior Director, Clinical
and Academic Programs, Health
Equity

Training: Becoming ACEs Aware Certified



Take the training at:
training.acesaware.org

- Qualified Medi-Cal providers are eligible for a \$29 payment for qualifying ACE screenings for pediatric and adult patients (up to age 65) with full scope Medi-Cal.
- The training offers 2.0 Continuing Medical Education credit and 2.0 Maintenance of Certification credits upon completion.
- Providers who intend to receive Medi-Cal payment for ACE screenings must complete the training and submit the [Training Attestation](#) form.
- Certified clinicians are encouraged to join the [ACES Aware Clinician Directory](#).

ACEs Aware Resources

Website:

- www.ACEsAware.org

Social Media Channels



[@acesaware](https://twitter.com/acesaware)



[@acesawareinitiative](https://www.facebook.com/acesawareinitiative)



[@acesaware](https://www.instagram.com/acesaware)



[ACEs Aware](https://www.linkedin.com/company/aces-aware)

Sign up for the monthly newsletter
and e-alerts from ACEs Aware



Video Storytelling Series

Website:

- www.acesaware.org/blog/the-aces-aware-video-storytelling-series/



Webinar Evaluation

Please take one minute to provide feedback on today's webinar.

And let us know your suggestions for future webinar topics.



Thank You

Questions?

Email: questions@AcesAware.org