

Quarterly Progress Report

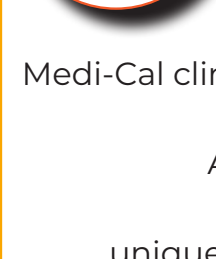
ACE Screening and Clinician Training Data

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The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Office of the California Surgeon General are leading ACEs Aware, a first-in-the-nation, statewide effort to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and treat toxic stress to improve the health and well-being of Californians.

ACEs Aware offers Medi-Cal clinical team members training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children and adults for ACEs.

New data are available on the number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021, and the number of clinical team members who completed the [“Becoming ACEs Aware in California”](#) online training between December 4, 2019 and August 31, 2022.



Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal clinicians conducted more than **1,153,000** ACE screenings of **899,000** unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Of the **752,000** unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 0 to 20 screened for ACEs, **5%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.

Of the **147,000** unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 21 to 64 screened for ACEs, **14%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.*

Data from: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021

Medi-Cal clinicians – primarily pediatric, family medicine, and behavioral health professionals – conducted more than 1,153,000 ACE screenings of 899,000 unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021. More than 84% of all screenings conducted were of beneficiaries ages 0 to 20, of which 5% had an ACE score of 4 or greater, indicating a high risk for toxic stress, and 16% of all screenings conducted were of beneficiaries ages 21 to 64, of which 14% had an ACE score of four or greater.

How many people have completed the ACEs Aware training?



Training & Certification

26,900 Individuals completed the training

12,100 Medi-Cal clinicians are ACEs Aware-certified**

65% of participants indicated that based on the training, they plan to implement changes in their practice or that the training already reinforced their current practice.

Before the training

51% of participants were not screening any patients for ACEs.

After the training

67% of participants who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated that they planned to implement routine ACE screening for children or adults.

Data from: December 4, 2019 to August 31, 2022

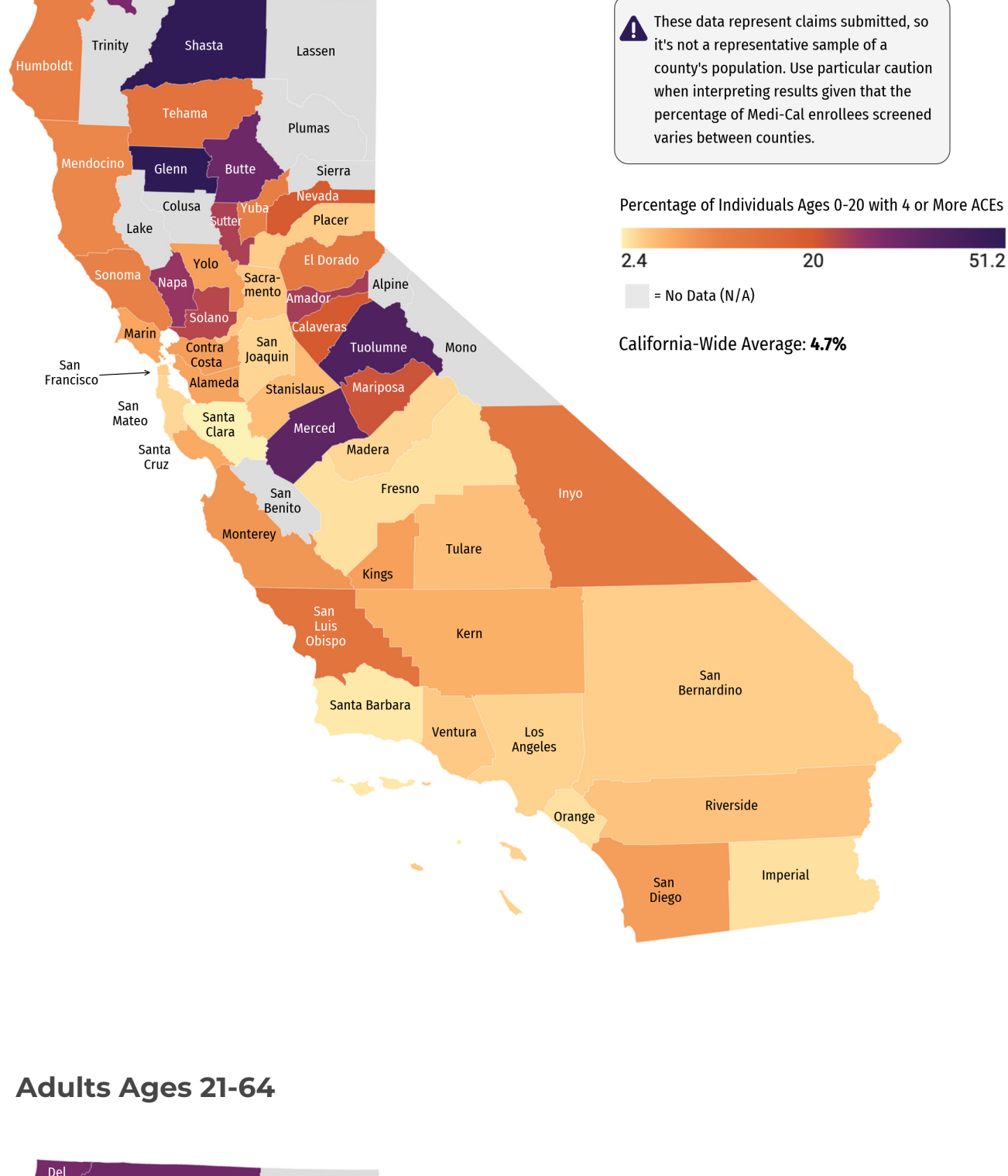
Since the launch of the ACEs Aware initiative in December 2019, more than 26,900 individuals have completed the core ACEs Aware training, including approximately 12,100 Medi-Cal clinicians in California who are ACEs Aware-certified and are eligible to receive Medi-Cal payment for conducting ACE screenings.

Is ACEs Aware making a difference?

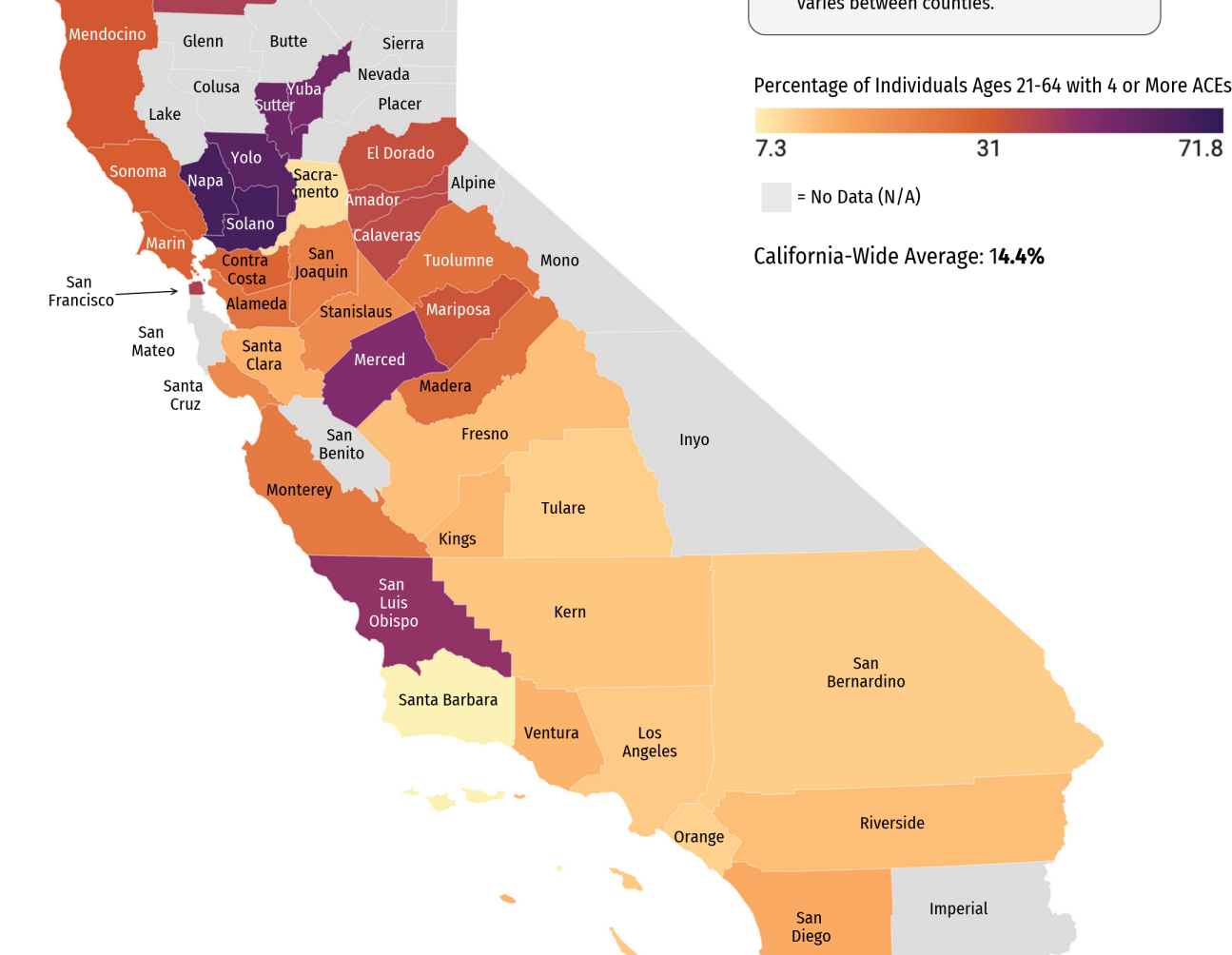
After completing the training, participants were asked about practice changes they plan to make based on the training: 65% of participants reported they plan to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented in the training; 54% of individuals who completed the training reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for children; 49% of individuals who completed the training reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for adults; and 89% of individuals reported being somewhat or very confident that they would be able to make their intended practice changes. Additionally, 37% of individuals plan to change their treatment or management approach based on the patient's ACE score and toxic stress risk assessment, and 38% plan to apply a clinical algorithm on ACEs and toxic stress to guide patient care.

Percentage of Patients Screened Who Disclosed an ACE Score of 4 or More, Based on Medi-Cal Claims Data, by County

Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults Ages 0-20



Adults Ages 21-64



ACE Screening Claims Data: from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021

Notes:

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%.

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"N/A" percentage of high-risk ACE scores means data have been suppressed in instances where values were at least one but less than 11, or whereby related data with values less than 11 not presented here could be deduced from the information in this map.

*ACE score refers to the total disclosed exposure to the 10 ACE categories. An ACE score of 4 or greater indicates that patients may be at high risk for toxic stress. Patients with an ACE score of 0 to 3 may also be at risk for toxic stress.

**Medi-Cal clinicians must attest to completing a certified ACEs Aware core training to qualify for Medi-Cal payment. The methodology has been revised to count unique Medi-Cal clinicians and thus is not comparable to prior quarterly reports.

ACE Screenings by Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Network

Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults (ages 0 to 20): MCP clinicians screened 650,120 individuals, representing 14% of unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries aged 20 and under who were enrolled with a single plan in any continuous 12-month period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). Fee-for-service (FFS) clinicians screened 6% of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period (Exhibit 1).

Exhibit 1: ACE Screenings for Beneficiaries Ages 0 to 20 by Medi-Cal MCP (January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021)

Managed Care Plan	Number of Beneficiaries Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	940	10,220	9%
Alameda Alliance for Health	17,070	103,360	17%
Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan	45,230	350,720	13%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	4,210	26,260	16%
CalOptima (COHS)	106,360	327,630	33%
CalViva Health	23,020	188,210	12%
California Health & Wellness Plan	3,460	91,890	4%
CenCal Health	15,370	92,170	17%
Central California Alliance for Health	800	178,630	<1%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	17,360	123,150	14%
Contra Costa Health Plan	830	80,490	1%
Gold Coast Health Plan	10,670	97,620	11%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	89,090	591,880	15%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	7,750	180,750	4%
Health Plan of San Mateo	4,010	50,590	8%
Inland Empire Health	134,490	632,760	21%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	2,580	77,010	3%
Kern Health Systems	19,850	148,130	13%
L.A. Care Health Plan	98,270	863,190	11%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	25,420	187,830	14%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	13,930	232,420	6%
San Francisco Health Plan	1,310	43,300	3%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	7,480	107,450	7%
United Healthcare Community Plan	610	--	--
Total – MCP	650,120	4,785,650	14%
Total – FFS	15,940	249,260	6%

Adults (Ages 21 to 64): MCP clinicians screened 126,490 individuals, representing 2% of unique Medi-Cal beneficiaries ages 21 through 64 who were enrolled with a single plan in any continuous 12-month period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). FFS clinicians screened less than 1% of Medi-Cal beneficiaries who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period (Exhibit 2).

Exhibit 2: ACE Screenings for Beneficiaries Ages 21 to 64 by Medi-Cal MCP (January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021)

Managed Care Plan	Number of Beneficiaries Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	740	19,010	4%
Alameda Alliance for Health	220	135,810	<1%
AltaMed	0	360	0%
Anthem Blue Cross Partnership Plan	5,440	402,090	1%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	4,370	55,440	8%
CalOptima (COHS)	14,800	367,350	4%
CalViva Health	3,200	170,600	2%
California Health & Wellness Plan	460	105,950	<1%
CenCal Health	460	81,240	1%
Central California Alliance for Health	1,340	150,230	1%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	9,040	130,040	7%
Contra Costa Health Plan	--	97,610	--
Gold Coast Health Plan	2,100	91,480	2%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	16,320	647,510	3%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	2,090	164,000	1%
Health Plan of San Mateo	50	51,370	<1%
Inland Empire Health	29,430	617,670	5%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	--	72,040	--
Kern Health Systems	2,470	129,690	2%
L.A. Care Health Plan	20,330	1,050,030	2%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	9,020	215,980	4%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	3,690	271,460	1%
San Francisco Health Plan	40	77,910	<1%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	110	115,510	<1%
United Healthcare Community Plan	780	13,080	6%
Total – MCP	126,490	5,234,680	2%
Total – FFS	2,420	1,177,000	<1%

Notes:

"Number of Beneficiaries Screened" and "Medi-Cal Enrollment" are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum to the total.

"Percentage Medi-Cal Population Screened" is rounded to the nearest whole percent.

"Number of Beneficiaries Screened" is the count of distinct non-dual individuals who were enrolled in a single plan in any continuous 12-month period and received an ACE screening during the measurement period.

"Medi-Cal Enrollment" is the count of distinct non-dual individuals who were enrolled in a single plan for any 12 continuous months during the measurement period.

Cells with "--" have been suppressed in instances where values were at least one but less than 11, or whereby related data with values less than 11 not presented here could be deduced from the information in this table.

The screens in this report are collected by capturing claims utilizing the designated G9919 and G9920 codes for ACE screenings. Any additional screenings that were not documented with these codes would not be counted in this report.

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ACEs Aware will continue to publish updates to screening and training data on a quarterly basis. In addition, the [ACEs Aware Screening, Training, and Certification Progress: March 2022 Update](#) includes additional details on demographics of clinical team members trained, characteristics of clinicians providing screening, profile of beneficiaries screened, and screening rates and quality improvement metrics for Medi-Cal MCPs.



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