

# Quarterly Progress Report

## ACE Screening and Clinician Training Data

### August 2023

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 implement screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and treatment of toxic stress to improve the health and well-being of Californians.

ACEs Aware offers clinical teams training, clinical protocols, and payment for screening children, adolescents, and adults for ACEs.

This quarterly progress report provides the following data:

- Number of individuals who completed the **"Becoming ACEs Aware in California"** online training between December 4, 2019, and June 30, 2023.
- Number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022, based on DHCS Medi-Cal claims data.

## Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal clinicians conducted more than **1,803,100** ACE screenings of **1,257,490** unique Medi-Cal members.

Of the **1,035,380** unique Medi-Cal members ages 0 to 20 screened for ACEs, **5%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.

Of the **222,110** unique Medi-Cal members ages 21 to 64 screened for ACEs, **14%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.\*

Data from: January 1, 2020, to September 30, 2022

Medi-Cal clinicians – primarily pediatric, family medicine, and behavioral health professionals – conducted 1,803,100 ACE screenings of 1,257,490 unique Medi-Cal members between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022. Eighty-two percent of all screenings conducted were of members ages 0 to 20, 5% of whom had an ACE score of four or greater, indicating a high risk for toxic stress, and 18% of all screenings conducted were of members ages 21 to 64, 14% of whom had an ACE score of four or greater.

## Number of people who have completed the Becoming ACEs Aware in California training

### Training and Certification

**32,840** Individuals completed the training

**14,310** Medi-Cal clinicians are ACEs Aware-certified\*\*

**Before the training**

**After the training**

**64%** of participants indicated that either the training already reinforced their current practice or based on the training, they plan to implement changes in their practice.

**53%** of participants were not screening any patients for ACEs.

**52%** 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 June 30, 2023

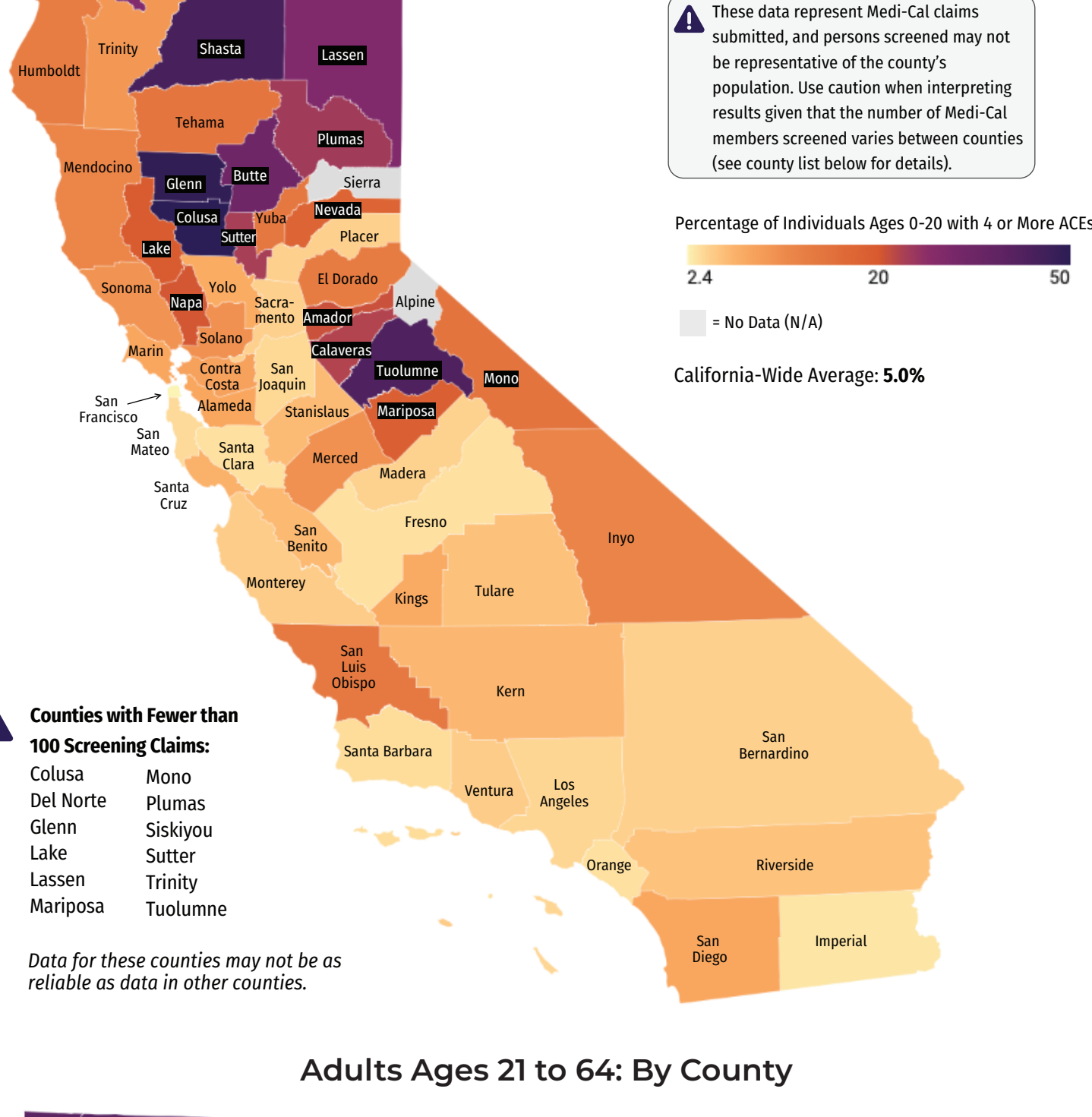
Since the launch of the ACEs Aware initiative in December 2019, more than 32,840 individuals have completed the core ACEs Aware training, including approximately 14,310 Medi-Cal clinicians in California who are ACEs Aware-certified and are eligible to receive Medi-Cal payment for conducting ACE screenings.

## ACEs Aware is making a difference in clinical care.

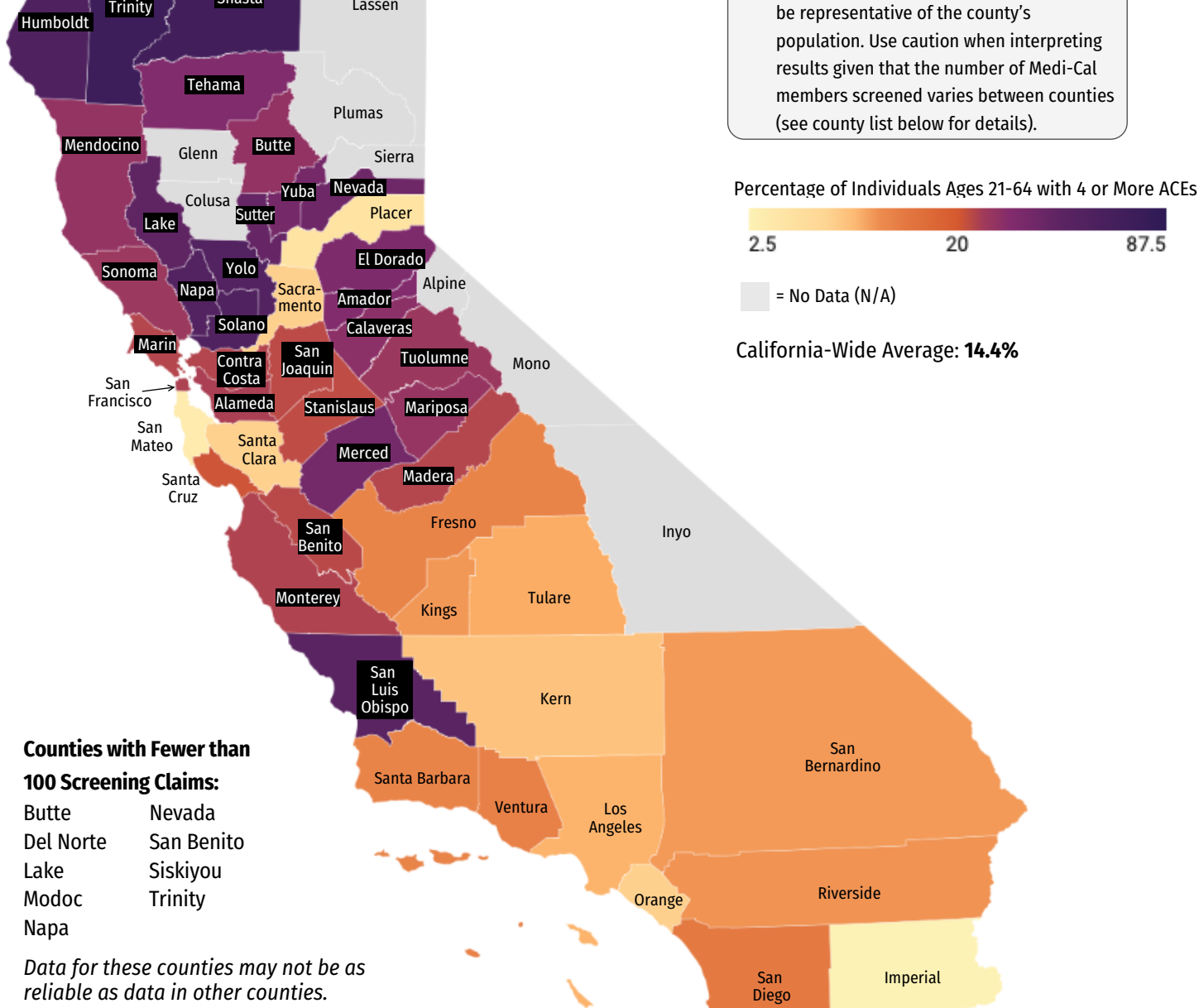
After completing the training, participants were asked about practice changes they plan to make based on the training: 64% of participants reported they plan to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented in the training; 57% reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for children; 52% reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for adults; and 87% reported being somewhat or very confident that they would be able to make their intended practice changes. Additionally, 39% plan to change their treatment or management approach based on the patient's ACE score and toxic stress risk assessment, and 40% 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 to 20: By County



### Adults Ages 21 to 64: By County



## ACE Screening Claims Data: from January 1, 2020, to September 30, 2022

### Notes:

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

Data Extraction Date: May 30, 2023, from the DHCS Numerical Information System/Decision Support System (MIS/DSS) data warehouse

"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 is not comparable to quarterly reports prior to October 2022.

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

**Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults (ages 0 to 20):** MCP clinicians screened 903,850 individuals, representing 18% of unique Medi-Cal members 20 years of age and younger who were enrolled with a single plan in any continuous 12-month period between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). Fee-for-service (FFS) clinicians screened 8% of Medi-Cal members who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period (Exhibit 1).

### Exhibit 1: ACE Screenings for Members Ages 0 to 20 by Medi-Cal MCP (January 1, 2020, to September 30, 2022)

Managed Care Plan	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	1,470	--	--
Alameda Alliance for Health	25,310	110,420	23%
Blue Cross of CA Partnership Plan	59,570	375,990	16%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	5,790	29,960	19%
CalOptima (COHS)	136,830	343,500	40%
CalViva Health	29,390	195,140	15%
California Health & Wellness Plan	5,670	98,070	6%
CenCal Health	19,760	97,100	20%
Central California Alliance for Health	6,120	186,160	3%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	24,420	130,470	19%
Contra Costa Health Plan	2,230	86,660	3%
Gold Coast Health Plan	13,910	102,250	14%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	117,310	618,040	19%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	11,590	191,230	6%
Health Plan of San Mateo	5,720	54,000	11%
Inland Empire Health	180,620	667,120	27%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	5,440	83,120	7%
Kern Health Systems	27,450	156,680	18%
L.A. Care Health Plan	146,100	904,150	16%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	35,630	201,000	18%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	23,360	246,230	9%
San Francisco Health Plan	6,200	46,560	13%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	13,020	113,530	11%
United Healthcare Community Plan	970	--	--
<b>Total – MCP</b>	<b>903,850</b>	<b>5,050,280</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Total – FFS</b>	<b>22,070</b>	<b>284,450</b>	<b>8%</b>

**Adults (Ages 21 to 64):** MCP clinicians screened 194,390 individuals, representing 3% of unique Medi-Cal members ages 21 through 64 who were enrolled with a single plan in any continuous 12-month period between January 1, 2020, and September 30, 2022 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). FFS clinicians screened less than 1% of Medi-Cal members who were not enrolled in any plan during the measurement period (Exhibit 2).

### Exhibit 2: ACE Screenings for Members Ages 21 to 64 by Medi-Cal MCP (January 1, 2020, to September 30, 2022)

Managed Care Plan	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	1,080	25,350	4%
Alameda Alliance for Health	370	156,320	<1%
AltaMed	--	530	--
Blue Cross of CA Partnership Plan	9,880	465,820	2%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	5,690	67,000	8%
CalOptima (COHS)	20,560	422,300	5%
CalViva Health	5,430	188,180	3%
California Health & Wellness Plan	740	120,300	1%
CenCal Health	830	94,110	1%
Central California Alliance for Health	3,690	171,380	2%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	12,080	150,610	8%
Contra Costa Health Plan	100	113,420	<1%
Gold Coast Health Plan	2,690	104,540	3%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	24,890	730,730	3%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	2,710	185,880	1%
Health Plan of San Mateo	80	60,680	<1%
Inland Empire Health	46,030	698,270	7%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	--	84,380	--
Kern Health Systems	4,940	147,100	3%
L.A. Care Health Plan	30,620	1,193,050	3%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	14,150	248,770	6%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	6,190	310,450	2%
San Francisco Health Plan	150	90,870	<1%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	360	133,340	<1%
United Healthcare Community Plan	1,100	17,210	6%
<b>Total – MCP</b>	<b>194,390</b>	<b>5,982,530</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total – FFS</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>1,383,870</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>

### Notes:

"Number of Members 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 Members 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: February 2023 Update** includes additional details on demographics of clinical team members trained, characteristics of clinicians providing screening, profile of members screened, and screening rates and quality improvement metrics for Medi-Cal MCPs.