

# Fact Sheet: ACEs Aware in California

## June 2025 Data Update

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 fact sheet provides the following data:

- Number of individuals who completed the ACEs Aware online training between December 4, 2019, and March 31, 2025.
- Number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2024, based on DHCS Medi-Cal claims data.

For additional information, see the full report on [ACEsAware.org](#).

### Training & Certification

46,270

Individuals completed the training

21,730

Medi-Cal clinicians are ACEs Aware-certified\*

63%

of participants indicated that based on the training, they plan to implement changes in their practice.

\* Medi-Cal clinicians must attest to completing a certified ACEs Aware core training to qualify for Medi-Cal payment.

Before the training

28%

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

After the training

74%

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

Training Data from:

December 4, 2019, to March 31, 2025

### Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal clinicians conducted more than

4,258,610

ACE screenings of

2,395,440

unique Medi-Cal members.

Of the 1,841,200 unique Medi-Cal members ages 0 to 20 screened for ACEs,

7%

had an ACE score of 4 or more.

Of the 554,240 unique Medi-Cal members ages 21 to 64 screened for ACEs, 18% had an ACE score of 4 or more.\*

### ACE Screenings by Month

Month	Screenings
January 2020	14,200
February 2020	27,120
March 2020	27,870
April 2020	17,570
May 2020	27,720
June 2020	40,070
July 2020	52,630
August 2020	45,220
September 2020	56,590
October 2020	60,510
November 2020	48,960
December 2020	45,250
January 2021	54,950
February 2021	68,410
March 2021	59,480
April 2021	62,030
May 2021	68,910
June 2021	70,180
July 2021	62,330
August 2021	60,720
September 2021	76,760
October 2021	57,790
November 2021	48,840
December 2021	57,080
January 2022	63,740
February 2022	80,580
March 2022	72,710
April 2022	71,960
May 2022	79,870
June 2022	80,220
July 2022	80,990
August 2022	100,610
September 2022	84,550
October 2022	76,940
November 2022	68,460
December 2022	98,250
January 2023	94,510
February 2023	107,870
March 2023	97,490
April 2023	106,920
May 2023	110,330
June 2023	115,990
July 2023	149,920
August 2023	115,850
September 2023	124,380
October 2023	110,700
November 2023	93,930
December 2023	141,400
January 2024	134,770
February 2024	141,380
March 2024	137,800
April 2024	144,340
May 2024	125,490
June 2024	125,490

Claims Data from:

January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024

### ACE Screening by California Region

#### Patients Screened for ACEs, Ages 0 to 20

##### Lower-Risk: 0 to 3 ACEs; High-Risk: 4+ ACEs\*

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### Patients Screened for ACEs, Ages 21 to 64

#### Lower-Risk: 0 to 3 ACEs; High-Risk: 4+ ACEs\*

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**ACE Screening Claims Data:** from January 1, 2020, to June 30, 2024  
**ACEs Aware Training Data:** from December 4, 2019, to March 31, 2025

**Notes:**  
Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not sum to 100%.  
Data labels are rounded to the nearest 10 and may not sum to the total.  
Data Source is the Management Information System/Decision Support System (MIS/DDS) and the DHCS Medi-Cal Data Warehouse, as extracted on March 7, 2025.  
\*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.