

Quarterly Progress Report

ACE Screening and Clinician Training Data

December 2025

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 treat 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 September 30, 2025.
- Number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2024, based on DHCS Medi-Cal claims data.



Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal clinicians conducted more than **4,883,630** ACE screenings of **2,744,380** unique Medi-Cal members.

Of the **2,085,130** unique Medi-Cal members ages 0 to 20 screened for ACEs, **8%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.

Of the **659,250** unique Medi-Cal members ages 21 to 64 screened for ACEs, **20%** had an ACE score of 4 or more.*

Data from: January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2024

Medi-Cal clinicians – primarily pediatric, family medicine, and behavioral health professionals – conducted 4,883,630 ACE screenings of 2,744,380 unique Medi-Cal members between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2024. Seventy-six percent of all screenings conducted were of members ages 0 to 20, 8% of whom had an ACE score of 4 or greater, indicating a high risk for toxic stress, and 24% of all screenings conducted were of members ages 21 to 64, 20% of whom had an ACE score of 4 or greater.

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

50,900 Individuals completed the training

63% of participants indicated they plan to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented in the training.

23,920 Medi-Cal clinicians are ACEs Aware-certified**

Before the training

55% of participants were not screening any patients for ACEs.

After the training

63% of participants who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated they planned to implement routine ACE screening for children or adults.

Data from: December 4, 2019, through September 30, 2025

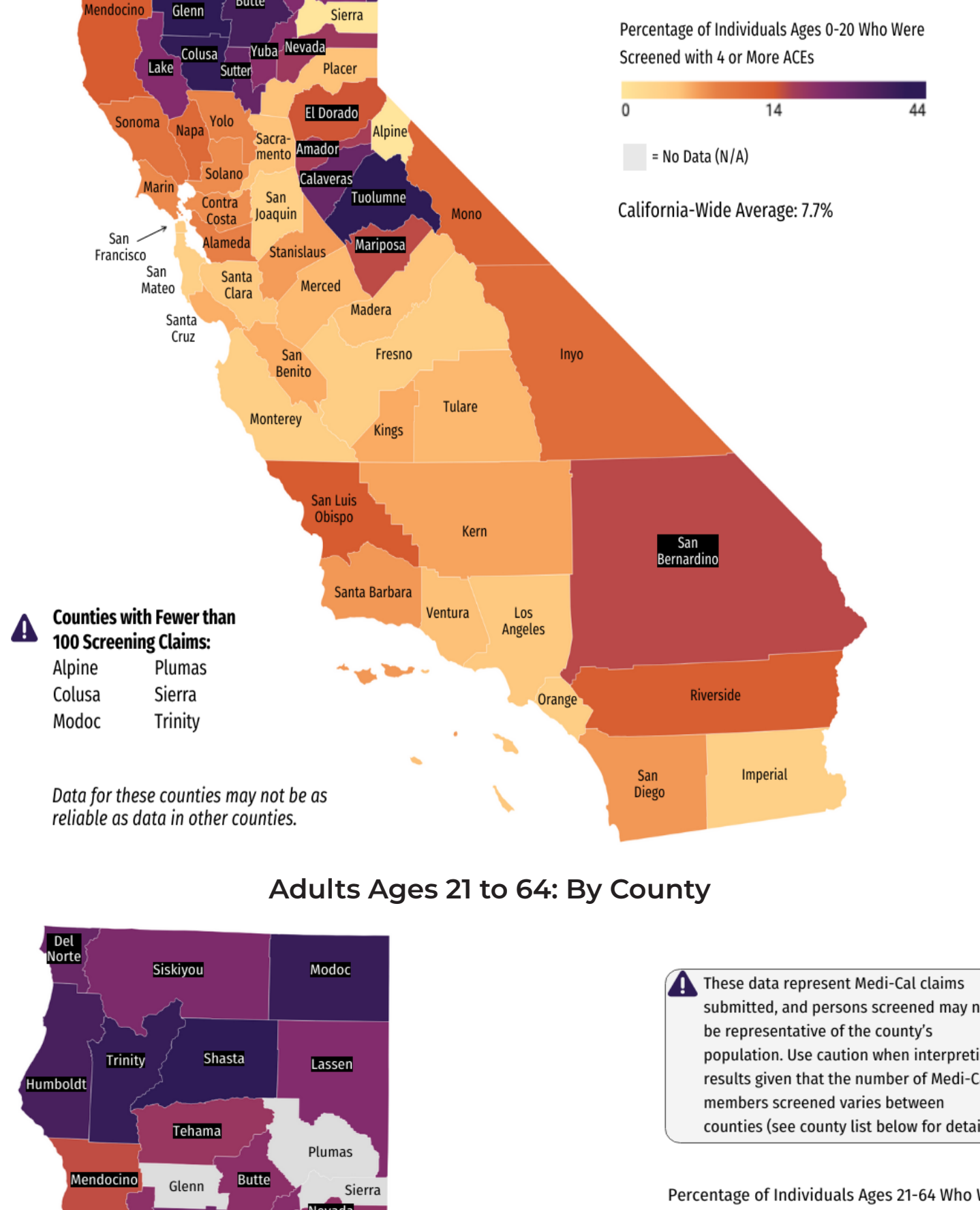
Since the launch of the ACEs Aware initiative in December 2019, 50,900 individuals have completed the ACEs Aware core training, including approximately 23,920 Medi-Cal clinicians in California who are ACEs Aware-certified and eligible to receive Medi-Cal payment for conducting ACE screenings.

ACEs Aware is making a difference in clinical care.

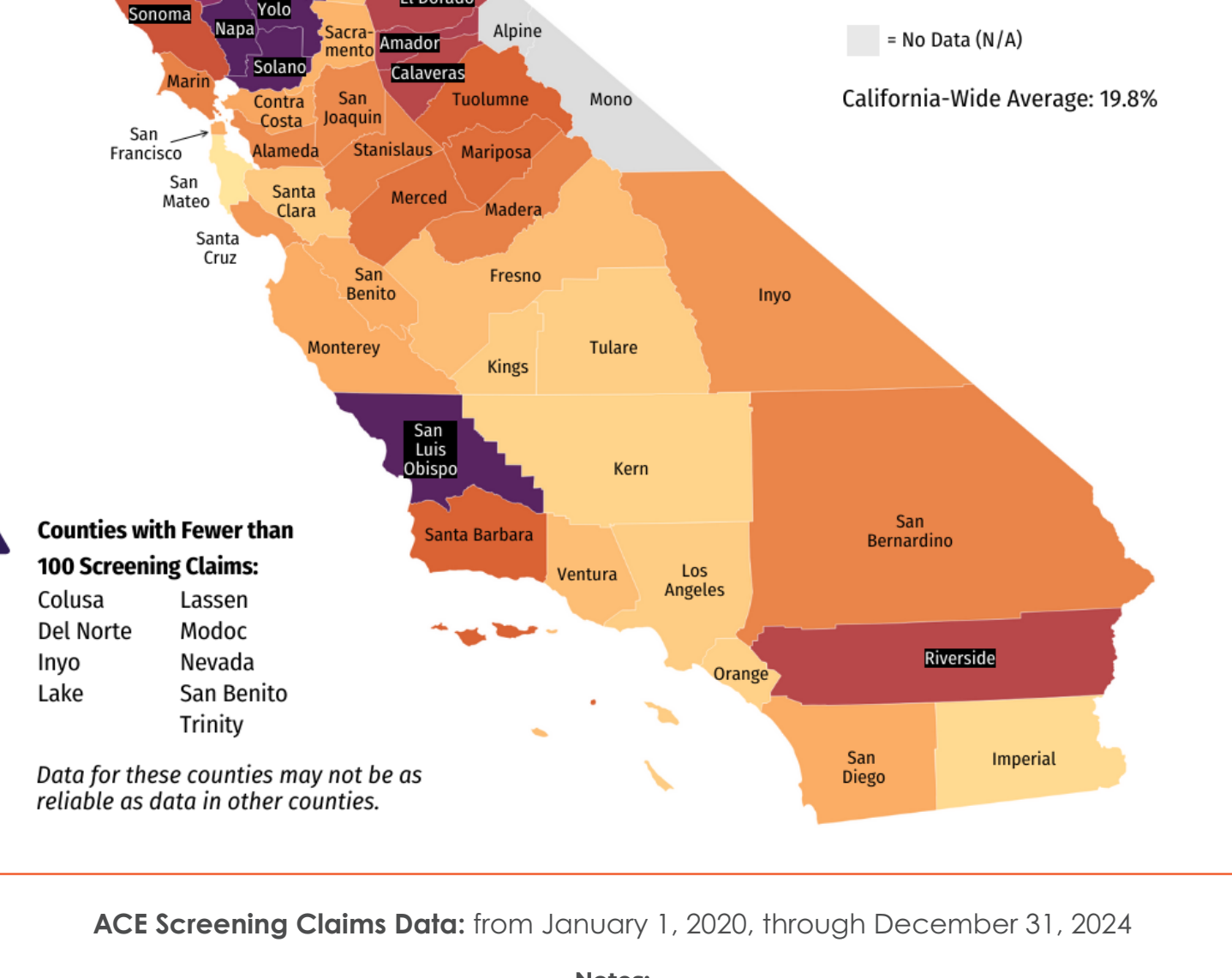
After completing the training, participants were asked about practice changes they plan to make based on the training: 63% of participants reported they plan to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented in the training; 53% reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for children; 48% reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings for adults; and 91% reported being somewhat or very confident they would be able to make their intended practice changes. Additionally, 35% plan to change their treatment or management approach based on the patient's ACE score and toxic stress risk assessment, and 35% 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, through December 31, 2024

Notes:

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add up 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 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 1,835,637 individuals, representing 29% 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 December 31, 2024 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). Fee-for-service (FFS) clinicians screened 10% 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, through December 31, 2024)

MCP	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	1,977	19,405	10.2%
Alameda Alliance for Health	45,214	153,051	29.5%
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan	93,934	455,858	20.6%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	16,780	55,097	30.5%
CalOptima	202,052	377,572	53.5%
CalViva Health	47,962	216,248	22.2%
California Health & Wellness Plan	5,729	108,752	5.3%
CenCal Health	33,867	108,772	31.1%
Central California Alliance for Health	61,624	213,953	28.8%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	50,415	161,980	31.1%
Community Health Plan	4,590	32,968	13.9%
Contra Costa Health Plan	7,974	118,551	6.7%
Gold Coast Health Plan	28,809	112,163	25.7%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	202,057	724,905	27.9%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	30,505	220,613	13.8%
Health Plan of San Mateo	12,475	62,583	19.9%
Inland Empire Health	362,034	774,712	46.7%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	112,196	390,101	28.8%
Kern Health Systems	43,363	206,222	21%
L.A. Care Health Plan	313,368	1,025,474	30.6%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan	71,232	261,543	27.2%
Mountain Valley Health Plan	20	1,209	1.7%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	46,238	374,719	12.3%
San Francisco Health Plan	11,308	52,950	21.4%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	28,829	131,128	22%
United Healthcare Community Plan	1,085	8,640	12.6%
Total – MCP	1,835,637	6,369,169	28.8%
Total – FFS	37,413	391,931	9.5%

Adults (Ages 21 to 64): MCP clinicians screened 561,573 individuals, representing 6% 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 December 31, 2024 (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, through December 31, 2024)

MCP	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	1,878	37,267	5%
Alameda Alliance for Health	1,056	270,495	<1%
AltaMed	--	976	--
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan	25,657	651,146	3.9%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	12,033	117,058	10.3%
CalOptima	42,021	618,434	6.8%
CalViva Health	18,866	244,936	7.7%
California Health & Wellness Plan	1,001	143,552	<1%
CenCal Health	4,303	142,710	3%
Central California Alliance for Health	21,165	263,424	8%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	21,472	233,348	9.2%
Community Health Plan	81	34,480	<1%
Contra Costa Health Plan	504	181,033	<1%
Gold Coast Health Plan	9,382	154,127	6.1%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	58,422	1,059,269	5.5%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	5,260	249,574	2.1%
Health Plan of San Mateo	1,555	103,129	1.5%
Inland Empire Health	192,351	961,353	20%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	2,086	394,612	<1%
Kern Health Systems	12,015	227,922	5.3%
L.A. Care Health Plan	84,837	1,662,468	5.1%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	31,604	373,311	8.5%
Mountain Valley Health Plan	--	3,579	--
Partnership HealthPlan of California	10,964	546,600	2%
San Francisco Health Plan	515	124,855	<1%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	1,320	194,057	<1%
United Healthcare Community Plan	1,211	18,493	6.5%
Total – MCP	561,573	9,015,965	6.2%
Total – FFS	10,097	1,692,521	<1%

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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