

Quarterly Progress Report

ACE Screening and Clinician Training Data

March 2026

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 January 31, 2026.
- Number of ACE screenings conducted in California between January 1, 2020, and March 31, 2025, based on DHCS Medi-Cal claims data.



Medi-Cal Claims for ACE Screenings

Medi-Cal clinicians conducted more than **5,235,280** ACE screenings of **2,878,420** unique Medi-Cal members.

Of the **2,170,850** unique Medi-Cal members ages 0 to 20 screened for ACEs,

8% had an ACE score of 4 or more.

Of the **707,570** 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 March 31, 2025

Medi-Cal clinicians – primarily pediatric, family medicine, and behavioral health professionals – conducted 5,235,280 ACE screenings of 2,878,420 unique Medi-Cal members between January 1, 2020, and March 31, 2025. Seventy-five 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 25% 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



Training and Certification

53,580 Individuals completed the training

24,970 Medi-Cal clinicians are ACEs Aware-certified**

Before the training

After the training

56% of participants were not screening any patients for ACEs.

62% of participants who were not previously screening patients for ACEs indicated they planned to implement routine ACE screening for children or adults.

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

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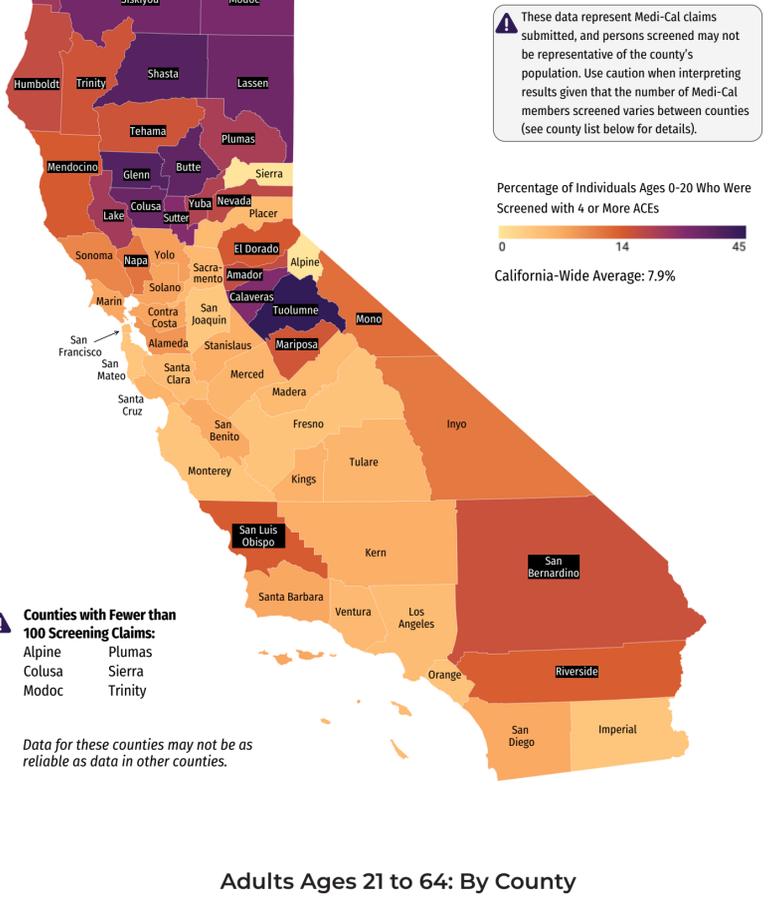
Since the launch of the ACEs Aware initiative in December 2019, 53,580 individuals have completed the ACEs Aware core training, including approximately 24,970 Medi-Cal clinicians in California who are ACEs Aware-certified and eligible to receive Medi-Cal payment for conducting ACE screenings.

ACEs Aware is making a difference in clinical care.

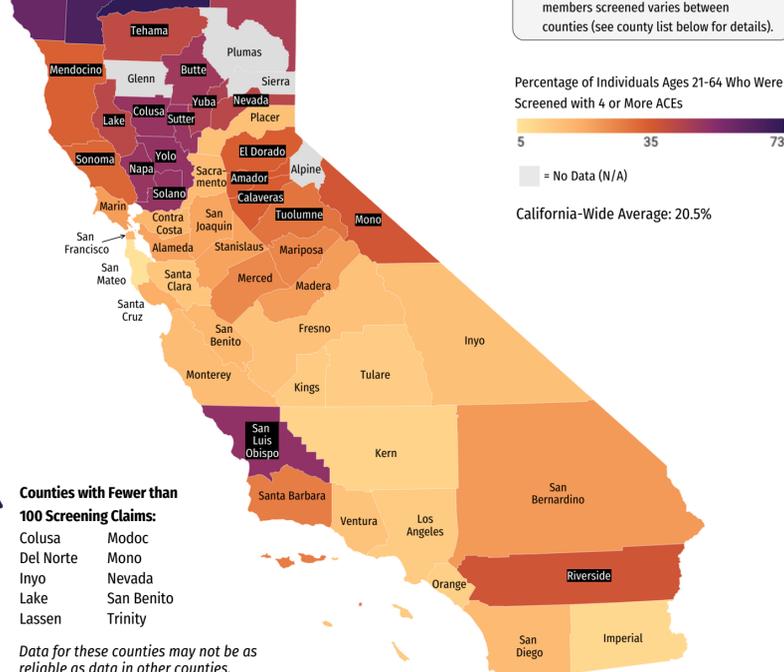
After completing the training, participants were asked about practice changes they plan to make based on the training: 63% of participants reported they plan to implement changes in their practice based on the information presented in the training; 53% reported they plan to conduct routine ACE screenings 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 March 31, 2025

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 1,918,672 individuals, representing 30% 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 March 31, 2025 (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 March 31, 2025)

MCP	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	1,838	19,405	9.5%
Alameda Alliance for Health	46,582	157,736	29.5%
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan	96,387	464,380	20.8%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	18,063	58,005	31.1%
CalOptima	207,256	382,409	54.2%
CalViva Health	50,059	218,726	22.9%
California Health & Wellness Plan	5,398	108,752	5%
CenCal Health	35,070	110,336	31.8%
Central California Alliance for Health	66,775	217,073	30.8%
Community Health Partnership Plan	52,750	164,534	32.1%
Community Health Plan	5,246	34,583	15.2%
Contra Costa Health Plan	8,296	121,853	6.8%
Gold Coast Health Plan	29,724	113,128	26.3%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	209,985	738,085	28.4%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	31,902	223,288	14.3%
Health Plan of San Mateo	12,912	63,888	20.2%
Inland Empire Health	376,298	783,656	48%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	127,403	419,470	30.4%
Kern Health Systems	45,434	209,587	21.7%
L.A. Care Health Plan	325,282	1,036,057	31.4%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan	74,723	267,453	27.9%
Mountain Valley Health Plan	22	1,432	1.5%
Partnership HealthPlan of California	49,011	384,641	12.7%
San Francisco Health Plan	11,536	53,456	21.6%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	29,659	133,221	22.3%
United Healthcare Community Plan	1,061	8,640	12.3%
Total – MCP	1,918,672	6,493,794	29.5%
Total – FFS	38,897	401,988	9.7%

Adults (Ages 21 to 64): MCP clinicians screened 626,338 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 March 31, 2025 (and were not dually eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare). FFS clinicians screened nearly 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 March 31, 2025)

MCP	Number of Members Screened	Medi-Cal Enrollment	Percentage of Medi-Cal Population Screened
Aetna Better Health of California	1,872	37,267	5%
Alameda Alliance for Health	1,164	282,466	<1%
AltaMed	--	1,003	--
Blue Cross of California Partnership Plan	27,454	699,193	3.9%
Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan	13,123	128,722	10.2%
CalOptima	44,971	645,464	7%
CalViva Health	19,857	260,556	7.6%
California Health & Wellness Plan	998	143,552	<1%
CenCal Health	4,932	148,170	3.3%
Central California Alliance for Health	23,739	273,892	8.7%
Community Health Group Partnership Plan	22,494	251,558	8.9%
Community Health Plan	90	37,164	<1%
Contra Costa Health Plan	525	188,213	<1%
Gold Coast Health Plan	10,318	159,094	6.5%
Health Net Community Solutions, Inc.	65,607	1,184,938	5.5%
Health Plan of San Joaquin	5,752	266,254	2.2%
Health Plan of San Mateo	1,625	107,648	1.5%
Inland Empire Health	216,895	1,024,343	21.2%
Kaiser Permanente Cal, LLC	2,559	443,587	<1%
Kern Health Systems	12,775	242,758	5.3%
L.A. Care Health Plan	100,666	1,833,330	5.5%
Molina Healthcare of California Partner Plan, Inc.	34,068	405,078	8.4%
Mountain Valley Health Plan	--	4,234	--
Partnership HealthPlan of California	11,544	569,058	2%
San Francisco Health Plan	551	134,590	<1%
Santa Clara Family Health Plan	1,527	217,031	<1%
United Healthcare Community Plan	1,213	18,493	6.6%
Total – MCP	626,338	9,711,564	6.4%
Total – FFS	10,099	1,709,867	<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.

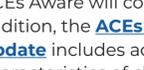
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The screens in this report are collected by capturing claims using the designated G9919 and G9920 codes for ACE screenings. Any additional screenings that were not documented with these codes would not be counted in this report.

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ACEs Aware will continue to publish quarterly screening and training data updates. In addition, the [ACEs Aware Screening, Training, and Certification Progress: June 2025 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.



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