

ACEs Aware Learning Community for SBHCs

Background

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are a preventable root cause of numerous health conditions and social challenges. Identification of exposure to ACEs and other risk factors for toxic stress - through universal and routine ACE screening - can help school-based health centers (SBHCs) provide more effective, equitable, specific and high quality care, and improve the health and well-being of the students and families they serve.

With funding from the ACEs Aware Initiative, California School-Based Health Alliance (CSHA) and the UCLA-UCSF ACEs Aware Family Resilience Network (UCAAN) are partnering to host a learning community with a cohort of 10-20 SBHCs across California. The purpose of the ACEs Aware Learning Community for SBHCs is to help SBHC Medi-Cal providers overcome barriers to implementing and sustaining an ACE screening and response initiative in their school sites.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the ACEs Aware Learning Community for SBHCs, applicant organizations must meet the following requirements:

- Be an SBHC in California that provides primary medical care and bills Medi-Cal
- At least 25 percent of the patient population of the SBHC must be enrolled in Medi-Cal.
- Are not currently screening for ACEs or screen less than 25 percent of the patient population for ACEs.

Additionally, organizations must commit to:

- Establish an ACE screening and response implementation team
- Ensure that all clinical team members complete the Becoming ACEs Aware in California core training
- Attend three one-hour virtual group or individual meetings with the CSHA/ACEs Aware technical assistance team
- Participate in three one-hour live or recorded ACEs in SBHCs webinar trainings
- Launch an ACE screening and response pilot in their SBHC within the 2024-25 academic year, with a design and scope appropriate for each SBHC.
- Submit a final report

Learning Community Timeline

The ACEs Aware Learning Community in SBHCs will begin as soon as participant organizations are accepted, and last through the end of the 2024-25 academic year. 10-20 providers will be selected, representing a range of SBHC settings and regions across California.

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Funding

Participants will receive **up to \$10,000** for related costs associated with this project.

Grant Funds

Please see the list below for examples of what funds can be used for:

- Meals, snacks, and other incentives associated with pilot implementation trainings, meetings, and staff development
- Communication tools for staff and patients such as printed materials, flyers, handouts, and other collateral to promote your pilot implementation
- Supplemental costs of integrating screening tools into your clinic workflows, EMR, billing (but not salary or benefits associated with personnel)
- Supplemental technology tools (hardware, software) directly used for your pilot implementation
- Travel costs (airfare, lodging, meals, parking, other) directly associated with your pilot implementation
- Offset for lost clinical time for SBHC team professional development on ACEs screening and response implementation

Examples of what funds cannot be used for:

- Indirect / overhead fees imposed by your fiscal agency
- Staff salary and benefits
- Compensation for completion of FREE Becoming ACEs Aware in California core training, which is required for all eligible providers; this free training awards professional CE credit to eligible participants

Application Process

To apply for the ACES Aware Learning Community for SBHCs, please complete the brief application form [here](#) by November 9, 2024.

Contact

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