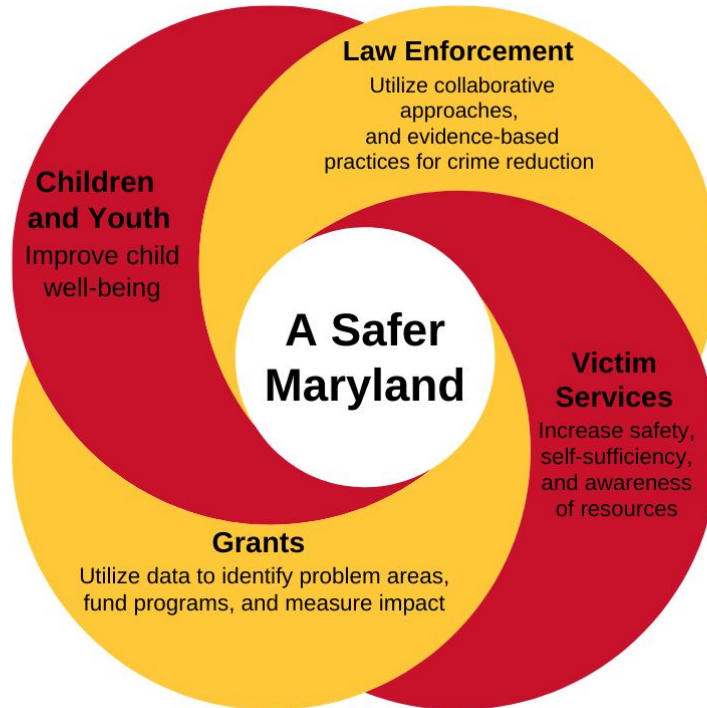


State Action to Address ACEs: Maryland

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Goal: Increase child well-being across Maryland

Priority Initiatives/Partnerships:

- Project Bounce Back
- Handle with Care Maryland
- Local Management Boards
- Councils, Boards, Commissions including:
 - Maryland's Children's Cabinet
 - State Advisory Group
 - Commission on Trauma Informed Care
 - Children's Justice Act Committee
 - Maryland Youth Advisory Council

National Governors Association (NGA) ACEs Learning Collaborative



- Maryland selected as 1 of 5 states to participate in NGA's *Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences Learning Collaborative* along with: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, Wyoming
- NGA provided each state with technical assistance for developing a Statewide ACEs Action Plan
- Participating Maryland State Agencies:
 - Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services (GOCPYVS)
 - Opioid Operational Command Center (O OCC)
 - State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (SCCAN)
 - Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)
 - Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS)

NGA Learning Collaborative: Developing the Plan



Vision Statement

Maryland will become a trauma-responsive state that will promote and support resiliency for all residents across the lifespan. State government, together with business, youth and families, the faith-based community, philanthropic organizations, and the nonprofit sector, will support local communities in facilitating and supporting efforts to improve community health, well-being and safety by preventing and mitigating exposure to childhood trauma, through both policy and cultural change.

NGA Learning Collaborative: Developing the Plan



Goals:

1. Develop a statewide ACEs strategic action plan with measurable, time-bound and relevant goals.
2. Create an integrated system to identify and track ACE exposure in Maryland, including through a statewide data dashboard on ACEs.
3. Increase adoption and implementation of evidence-based approaches for preventing childhood traumas.

Governor Hogan's Executive Order



The State of Maryland Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2021.06

Adverse Childhood Experiences

WHEREAS, all of Maryland's children and youth should have the opportunity to grow in a safe and healthy environment;

WHEREAS, it is the State's responsibility to address Marylanders' health and safety in its laws, regulations, and executive policy;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the health, emotions, education, and development of Maryland's children and youth;

WHEREAS, the Kaiser Permanente and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Adverse Childhood Experiences ("ACEs") Study concluded that childhood exposure to traumatic experiences — including physical, emotional, or sexual abuse, physical or emotional neglect, household dysfunction such as substance abuse, untreated mental illness, or incarceration of a household member, domestic violence, and separation or divorce of household members — increases the likelihood of physical and psychological illness later in life;

WHEREAS, it is the State's policy to promote understanding of the impacts of adversity, toxic stress, and trauma on early childhood brain development, and to promote resilience through protective factors and programing; and

WHEREAS, a multidisciplinary collaboration between those working in crime prevention and enforcement, victim services, and child welfare, education, and protection makes Maryland a safer place to live, work, raise a family, and retire;

NOW, THEREFORE, J. LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION

AND LAWS OF MARYLAND, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

- I. All State units subject to the control and direction of the Governor shall:
 - A. Consider how the implementation of State policies and programming could reduce adverse childhood experiences;
 - B. Cooperate with, and provide such data and other information as may be allowed by law to, the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to enable study and monitoring of State policies and programming that prevent and mitigate adverse childhood experiences; and
 - C. If they serve children and families:
 - i. Incorporate an understanding of adverse childhood experiences into treatment and other similar interactions; and
 - ii. Implement care models informed by adverse childhood experiences and the impact they have on development.
- II. The Governor shall, to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Month, proclaim May 6 of each year to be Adverse Childhood Experiences Awareness Day.
- III. This Executive Order shall not be construed as altering the designation of, or granting authority to, any unit of State or local government for the purposes of federal law.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, in the City of Annapolis, this 6th Day of May, 2021.



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

ATTEST:

John C. Wobensmith
John C. Wobensmith
Secretary of State

Legislative Initiatives



Commission on Trauma Informed Care (HB 548, Ch. 722)

- Coordinate a statewide initiative to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of State services that impact children, youth, families, and older adults.
- The commission has 29 total appointed members. The seats are outlined in the law.

Legislative Initiatives



Commission on Trauma Informed Care (HB 548, Ch. 722)

- Assist in identifying state programs/services that impact children, youth, families, older adults
- Assist in the development of a statewide strategy toward an “organizational culture shift into a trauma-responsive state government”
- Establish metrics with the Maryland Department of Health to evaluate the progress of the statewide trauma care initiative
- Coordinate and develop with the Maryland Department of Health any formal or informal TIC (Trauma-Informed Care) training
- Advise the Governor in providing oversight in implementing these requirements
- Submit a report on the commission’s evaluation metrics that includes an assessment of:
 - The implementation of TIC within each agency
 - The trauma-responsiveness of each agency
 - Make recommendations regarding improvements to existing laws related to children, youth, families and older adults
- On or before June 30 each year, the commission submits the report using the Commission’s established evaluation and assessment metrics, as described above, to the Governor and General Assembly

Legislative Initiatives

Commission on Trauma Informed Care (HB 548, Ch. 722)

ACEs Aware Program

- The Commission is tasked with:
 - Studying and developing a process and framework for implementation of an ACEs Aware Program in the state.
- The commission shall:
 - Propose a process to set up training and accreditation for providers in the program
 - Explore the possibility of 3rd party reimbursement, including the State Medical Assistance Program, for screenings under the program.
- On or before October 1 each year beginning in 2022, the Commission must report its findings about the development and implementation of the program to Governor and General Assembly.

Legislative Initiatives

Commission on Trauma Informed Care (HB 548, Ch. 722)

Required Trainings for Trauma-Informed Care

- Each agency head must designate 2 staff members to:
 - Serve as principal advisors to the agency in trauma-responsiveness and TIC
 - Assess the agency for training and technical assistance needs related to trauma-responsiveness and TIC
 - Review and make recommendations to the agency director to align the agency's policies with a trauma-informed approach
- On or before March 31 each year, each agency head shall submit to the commission a progress report detailing the agency's progress and compliance with duties mentioned for the 2 staff members appointed by the agency head.

Legislative Initiatives



Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) (SB 548/Ch. 570)

- The Maryland YRBS is an on-site survey of students in Maryland public middle and high schools, focusing on behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of death and disability, including but not limited to, alcohol and other drug use, tobacco use, sexual behaviors, unintentional injuries and violence, and poor physical activity and dietary behaviors.
- This law requires the Maryland Department of Health to include at least five questions pertaining to ACEs and/or positive childhood experiences in the YRBS survey.

Maryland ACEs-Related Initiatives and Programs Statewide



- Maryland Essentials for Childhood (SCCAN & Family Tree)
- Handle with Care Maryland (GOCPYVS)
- Project Aware (MSDE)



Maryland ACEs-Related Initiatives and Programs Statewide (Cont'd)

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AND VICTIM SERVICES

- Maryland Violence and Injury Prevention Program (MDH)
- Circle of Security - Parenting Program (The Lourie Center for Children's Social and Emotional Wellness-UMD)
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (No More Stolen Childhoods)
- Bureau of Justice-Stop School Violence Grant (MSDE)

Maryland ACEs-Related Initiatives and Programs

Local

- Elijah Cummings Healing Task Force (Baltimore City)
- Healthy Families America Home Visiting (Baltimore County)
- The School Wellness Center (Baltimore County)
- Child Advocacy Center
- Reducing ACEs (Harford County)
- Eastern Shore ACEs Consortium

Maryland ACEs-Related Initiatives and Programs

Local (Cont'd)

- Increasing Trauma Informed Care (Wicomico County)
- Safe Babies Court Team (Frederick County)
- Big Brother/Big Sisters (Washington County)
- Bester Community of Hope (Washington County)
- Pyramid Walden Crisis & Trauma Support (St. Mary's County)
- Family Violence Coordinating Council (St. Mary's County)
- Strong Beginnings (St. Mary's County)
- Violence Injury and Trauma (VIT) Action Team (St. Mary's County)
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (St. Mary's County)

ACEs and Trauma Informed Strategies and Next Steps



- Develop and implement State ACEs Action Plan
- Continue to convene and operationalize work of Commission on Trauma Informed Care (Chapter 722 of 2021)
 - Identify trauma informed training resources and implement across state agencies

ACEs and Trauma Informed Strategies and Next Steps



- Operationalize Governor's Executive Order directives
- Enhance ACEs data surveillance activities (e.g., select state ACEs performance metrics and design and implement ACEs dashboard tool, develop ACEs Data to Action Tool kit)
- Work with state agencies develop trauma-informed action plans

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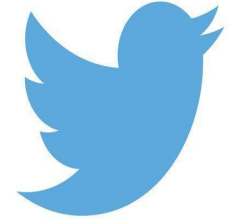
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