

The Connecticut “Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Data to Action” Grant



Overview & FAQ

<p>What is the “Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences Data to Action” Grant?</p>	<p>September 2020, the State of Connecticut was awarded a three-year, \$1,497,167 total grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the “Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Data to Action Initiative (PACES D2A). ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood related to neglect, abuse, household dysfunction, or loss and negatively impact the health and well-being of adults later in life. Studies indicate two-thirds of adults have experienced at least one ACE.</p>
<p>What is the purpose of the PACES D2A?</p>	<p>The PACES D2A will seek to measure and prevent childhood ACEs in CT among youth to support a lifetime of emotional and physical well-being. It will also help CT advance the work of the Children’s Behavioral Health Plan.</p>
<p>Who will administer and advise the PACES D2A?</p>	<p>The PACES D2A will be administered by the CT Office of Early Childhood (OEC). The PACES D2A will be evaluated by UConn School of Social Work, and advised by the CT Children’s Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board.</p>
<p>How will the PACES D2A work to prevent ACEs among youth?</p>	<p>PACES D2A activities will include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Implementing evidence-based strategies such as healthy social norms and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) public awareness campaigns; expanding financial literacy and EITC training; and integrating trauma-informed approaches through ACEs awareness training among DCF and OEC funded providers. 2) In collaboration with the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup, increasing real time monitoring of ACEs among CT youth and resilience metrics to track improvements, and developing a comprehensive ACEs Data Prevention Portal of ACEs indicators such as- chronic absenteeism and preschool sanctions, incarcerated adults with children, homeless youth, domestic violence reports, youth survivors of suicide, and youth with substance abusing parents/guardians. 3) Increasing the number of stakeholders committed to preventing ACEs by helping them better understand the burden of ACEs in their communities and what strategies they can apply to ensure children thrive using a public-facing interactive ACEs data portal, community stories through the use of data, and regular updates to the CT Children’s Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board, and other stake-holding groups.
<p>What organizations are involved in the PACES D2A?</p>	<p>The partnering organizations in the PACES D2A include: the University of Connecticut-School of Social Work; UConn Health-State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup; CT Department of Children and Families (DCF); CT Department of Public Health (DPH); CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS); CT Children’s Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board; Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI); Connecticut Association for Human Services (CAHS); Connecticut Data Collaborative; Scholars Strategy Network; and the O’Donnell Company.</p>

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