

# Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

## SUCCESS STORY 2017

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### Intentional and Unintentional Injury Prevention

#### California Created Childhood Adversity and Resilience Indicators on KidsData.org

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**Issue:** Child maltreatment (CM) continues to be a major public health and societal problem. Recent 2016 California CM data numbers indicate: 495,000 reports of CM (53.8/1,000) and 73,500 substantiated CM cases (8/1,000).<sup>1</sup> Blacks and Native Americans have rates three times higher than whites, but not after controlling for SES. The estimated economic cost per year for California is ~ \$15 billion.<sup>2</sup>

**Intervention:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) -funded California Essentials for Childhood (EfC) Initiative supports a collective impact approach building upon and collaborating with existing efforts to promote safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments (SSNRE) for children and families, prevent child maltreatment, and assure that children reach their full potential. The EfC Shared Data and Outcomes Workgroup partnered with KidsData.org to create a Child Adversity and Resilience Topic on Kidsdata.org that was launched on October 16, 2016. EfC provide county level data with three indicators of trauma exposure: 1) Behavioral Risk Factor Survey Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) module (adults); 2) Maternal Infant Health Assessment Childhood Hardship (post-partum pregnant women) on exposure to trauma; and 3) CAHMI (National Child Health Survey) parent report of child exposure to trauma. These trauma indicators tap into different aspects of child and adult trauma and represent different perspectives on trauma. They expand the original Kaiser ACEs Study indicators that focused on individual and family measures to include more community and structural aspects of trauma.

In addition, the Workgroup created an EfC dashboard (and pilot county dashboards) with a short list of KidsData.org indicators that reflect the Essentials SSNRE principles, organized around the life course: Pregnancy & Birth; Early Childhood; Middle Childhood; Adolescents; and Entire Life Course. These dashboards with state and local EfC data indicators are housed on the ACEs Connection website. They are intended to be an important step toward developing a user friendly way for local communities to access useful and actionable information to inform their trauma prevention and mitigation efforts.

In partnership with others, EfC is also conducting community trainings on ACEs science and how to use these data to inform communities and take action on behalf of families and children.

**Impact:** Together the new Child Adversity and Resilience topic with the three adversity indicators, the EfC dashboards and the community trainings are helping counties document local trauma and mobilize their communities to act. The Kidsdata.org site received over 18,000 page views within the first three months.

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2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention webpage <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/index.html>