

MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS' CURRENT PRACTICES AND NEEDS RELATED TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

The following information was collected from a survey of 239 public behavioral health care providers in Maryland in 2023.

Prevalence

Providers estimate that of the individuals they have served...

97%

of clients experience 1 or more Adverse Childhood Experience.



75%

of clients experience 1 or more Positive Childhood Experience, which can help counterbalance the impact of ACEs.

63%

of clients experience 4 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences.



Screening

While many providers screen for ACEs and PCEs, only **59%** routinely screen all individuals. Providers most frequently screen for child abuse and neglect (about 1/3 of the time).

Other ACEs are screened less frequently:

School-related ACEs



screened up to **31% of the time**

- Examples: bullying or not feeling safe at school

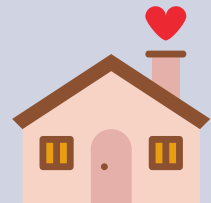
Community ACEs



screened up to **29% of the time**

- Examples: discrimination or witnessing neighborhood violence

Household ACEs



screened up to **25% of the time**

- Examples: caregiver mental illness or foster care

Training

Providers have most frequently received training in ACE awareness or theories (62%).



Providers are most interested in receiving training on implementing evidence-informed practices for individuals (60%).



Many providers also expressed interest in trainings for working with special populations.