Adverse Childhood Experiences
Wyandotte County, Kansas

2014-2015 Kansas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

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What is ACE?
ACEs, or adverse childhood experiences, is a term that describes the cumulative exposure of abuse, neglect and other traumatic experiences that occur among children younger than 18 years of age.

Type of ACEs

Abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse

Family Challenges
- Violence between adults in household
- Substance abuse in household
- Parental separation/divorce
- Mentally ill household member
- Incarcerated household member

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How ACEs impact health and well-being?

The CDC-Kaiser ACE study linked early traumatic experiences to the development of health-related issues that lead to early death.  


How is ACE data collected in Kansas?

- CDC developed a standardized ACE Module in 2008. Kansas included this ACE module in the 2014 and 2015 Kansas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). The ACE module is comprised of 11 questions which reflects 8 types of ACEs.

- Kansas BRFSS is a random digit dial telephone survey of health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions & use of preventive services among non-institutionalized adults 18 years & older adults, living in households and college housing with landline and/or cellphone service.

How are ACEs scored?

ACE score is calculated based on the 8 types of ACEs assessed. Exposure to a single type counts as one point toward a cumulative exposure. ACE scores range from 0 to 8 (0: No ACE, 1-2: Low ACE, 3+: High ACE).

1,589

Respondents answered all 11 ACE module questions and were therefore included in the 2014-2015 Wyandotte County ACE analysis.
Where is Wyandotte County in Kansas?

Prevalence of no, low and high ACE in Wyandotte County, Kansas

Kansas

- 0 (No ACE) 45.2%
- 1 to 2 (Low ACE) 33.9%
- 3+ (High ACE) 20.9%

Wyandotte County

- 0 (No ACE) 34.1%
- 1 to 2 (Low ACE) 40.6%
- 3+ (High ACE) 25.2%

65.9%
Wyandotte County adults have at least 1 ACE

How common are ACEs in Wyandotte County, KS?

Abuse
- 28.7% Emotional abuse
- 18.9% Physical abuse
- 12.3% Sexual abuse

Family Challenges
- 33.5% Parental separation/divorce
- 30.5% Substance abuse in household
- 20.1% Violence between adults in household
- 13.1% Mentally ill household member
- 9.0% Incarcerated household member


High (3+) ACE Disparities

Race/ethnicity*
- NH White
- NH African American
- NH Other/Multiracial
- Hispanic

Annual household income
- Less than $15,000
- $15,000 to $24,999
- $25,000 to $34,999
- $35,000 to $49,999
- $50,000 or more

Education
- Less than H.S.
- H.S. grad or G.E.D.
- Some college
- College graduate

High ACE is significantly higher among Wyandotte County adults younger than 65 years old compared with adults aged 65 years and older.
What impact do ACEs have on health?

As ACE score increases, so does the prevalence of negative health outcomes.

Compared with those who did not experience any ACEs, Wyandotte County adults with high (3+) ACE scores showed significantly higher prevalence for the following risk behaviors & health conditions after statistical adjustment*:

An example for how to interpret the following data:
Wyandotte County adults who experienced high ACE have 3.8 times greater odds of experiencing kidney disease.

*Adjusted for age, gender, race/ethnicity, education and income.
What is Kansas doing about ACE?

Kansas is implementing CDC's Essentials for Childhood Framework.

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<td>&quot;As people who never knew each other before this project work together, I'm starting to see they all had ties to building safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments in Kansas. Significant things are happening while these partners develop trust and learn more about one another.&quot;</td>
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See the full two year Kansas ACE report here: http://www.kansaspowerofthepositive.org/

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