

What Happens After ACE Screening?

Effective Clinical Response &
Community Partnership

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Learning Objectives

- Describe opportunities for expanding ACE screening and response in the pediatric setting
- Identify key considerations for successful ACE screening implementation and response

Rationale for ACE screening in primary care

- Pediatrics and primary care are ideal settings for screening, health promotion, and disease prevention
- Early detection can prevent or slow negative health outcomes
- Provider/patient relationship creates an atmosphere to discuss adverse experiences



Value of ACE screening in primary care

- ACEs science can contribute to clinical decision-making
- Determine the likelihood a patient is at increased risk for toxic stress
- Ensure providers and staff become better able to identify and more specifically treat ACE-Associated Health Conditions
- Connect families to clinic and community supports
- Empower patients to achieve better health by addressing potential toxic stress physiology
- Build a culture of trauma-informed practice and self-care

3 Key Elements

- Education & Advocacy
- Training
- Infrastructure

Education & Advocacy

- Understand the science & rationale for ACE screening in primary care
- Frame your screening efforts
- Obtain buy-in from various clinic and community stakeholders

Training

- Align clinical algorithm to assess and respond to toxic stress with ACEs Aware
- Engage in both general & role specific training
 - Administration
 - Review
 - Intervention/follow up

Infrastructure

- Integrate your EHR early
 - Data capture and report capabilities
- Find alignment with organizational initiatives and priorities
- Build support mechanisms for healthcare teams around self-care and burnout

Thank you!

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