

Adverse Childhood Experiences Environmental Scan Data Analysis

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois - Analyzed by the Human Trafficking Research Lab at Millikin University

Overview

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events that occur in childhood and have the potential to impact a person's health and wellbeing throughout their lifespan. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois developed and released a survey to better understand the current level of knowledge among Illinois residents regarding ACEs and its related concepts, as well as: (a) existing company practices relating to ACEs; (b) groups and organizations in Illinois doing work relating to ACEs; (c) knowledge of and access to available resources; (d) current or previous ACEs public awareness campaigns.

Method

The 32-question survey was administered by Prevent Child Abuse Illinois in March of 2022 and received 2,465 responses. The survey included both quantitative and qualitative data through a variety of employment questions, open-ended questions, multiple choice questions, and Likert scale questions. The Human Trafficking Research Lab at Millikin University conducted 222 frequency calculations to obtain count and percentage data. Respondents were consolidated into 6 main categories.

- Education
- Social Services
- Healthcare
- Legal Entities
- Government and Business
- Parents and Volunteers

Results

91%

of respondents working in the social service sector reported hearing about ACEs prior to taking the survey.

68%

of respondents reported that their knowledge of ACEs influenced how they interact with others in their work or personal life.

45%

of respondents indicated that they knew where to access information about ACEs.

26%

of respondents felt that their company/organization had adequate resources to meet the needs of individuals who have experienced ACEs.

Next Steps

1. Provide more education to Illinois residents about ACEs.
2. Increase availability of low or no-cost training opportunities on ACEs.
3. Increase public awareness on ACEs through various outlets.
4. Increase public knowledge of local and statewide ACEs groups and networks.



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