



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Committee: Childhood Trauma & Resilience

Date: 4/12/2021

Summary of Recent Progress:

- ***Leveraging Existing Work and Increasing Collaboration:*** The Committee includes experts and stakeholders working across a range of youth serving systems and sectors to prevent or address childhood trauma and adversity. Each meeting has involved updates from Committee members and discussion of planned or ongoing initiatives being carried out through their agencies, organizations, or other Children's Commission groups. To increase awareness of members' strengths and expertise and promote collaboration across the group, a directory of members' professional roles, interests, and skills was generated. This document will be used to guide subcommittee assignments and external consultations, as appropriate.
- ***Assessment, Screening, and Surveillance Subcommittee:*** In October 2020, the Children's Commission adopted an ACES Position Statement drafted by this group. It was determined that a companion document should be developed that offers guidance for youth-serving systems, agencies, or organizations that are considering implementation of ACES/trauma screening. Specific goals of the document will be to define and distinguish between different purposes for asking about trauma exposure (e.g., to guide clinical intervention or resource allocation, for public health surveillance, to address research questions) and to provide practical guidance on how to approach different types of ACES/trauma measurement. The document will outline key considerations that should be addressed before, during, and after such instruments are administered (i.e., consent process; communication with stakeholders; planning for disclosures outside the formal survey process; selection and administration of instruments; interpretation of findings; etc.). A subcommittee has been tasked with drafting this document.

Anticipated Date for Presenting Completed Deliverables or Recommendations to the Commission:

Summer 2021