



Child Trauma and ACEs Policy Working Group (CTAP)

Introduction

CTAP was founded in 2017 as a working group of national organizations joining together to advance federal policy that prevents and responds to childhood trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). We originally came together around the RISE from Trauma Act and successfully advocated for provisions that were included in the SUPPORT Act, addressing opioid misuse. We recognize childhood trauma, youth exposure to violence, and ACEs impact the health and wellbeing of children, leading to increased risks for behavioral, mental, and other health problems, poverty, early death, and intergenerational cycles of violence. Together, we aim to advance policy solutions that reduce harm and prevent trauma and its consequences.

The Three Pillars of Our Work

- **Relationships** – Create and strengthen connections with policymakers
- **Education** – Share information with CTAP members, the public, and policymakers
- **Influence** – Advance legislation and funding to reduce child trauma and ACEs

Our Activities

- Meet regularly to share information, connect with guest speakers, and learn about Federal efforts to limit and address childhood trauma and ACEs
- Serve as go-to source for Congress, federal agencies, and the White House on federal policy
- Advance policy and track the implementation of key legislative achievements
- Communicate among members via our listserv

Our Priorities for the 118th Congress (Include, But Are Not Limited To)

- Securing appropriate funding for federal programs addressing childhood trauma
- Advancing policies to help children who are struggling to process, grief, disruption, loss
- Integrating “trauma-informed” and “trauma-responsive” measures into policy

Our Members

Our membership is made up of national organizations who focus on federal policy. Our Steering Committee includes Futures Without Violence, YMCA of the USA, and Campaign for Trauma-Informed Policy and Practice.

Becoming A Member

We are an informal working coalition and do not have an application or approval process. Membership is open to organizations with interest in addressing childhood trauma and ACEs.

To join the CTAP Working Group and get information about our meetings and listserv, reach out to Claire Kao at ckao@futureswithoutviolence.org.