



DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
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Regional ACEs Collaborative Microgrants

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When can we apply for the second round of Microgrants?

February 22 through April 5, 2023 (6-week application period)

2. How do we apply?

Complete the one-page Letter of Intent (LOI), using the form found at these links:

[CUMAC Google Form](#) - [NORWESCAP Google Form](#) - [ACENDA INTEGRATED HEALTH Google Form](#)

3. What size organizations can apply for a Microgrant?

We welcome applications from any organization that does not already receive state funding through grant support or state contract (e.g., if your agency is registered with NJSTART then you may be ineligible for this grant). We are eagerly seeking applications from small, community-focused organizations that have innovative, creative programming that seeks to help children to thrive and families to flourish.

4. Can individuals apply for a Microgrant?

YES! If you have a great idea, we will work with you to figure out the details, including how to receive the funding if your application is chosen for award.

5. Can the Microgrant be used to pay for salary?

Microgrant funds can be used, in part, to pay for salary; however, it is important to be able to explain what impact the project will have beyond the grant period (e.g., demonstrate sustainability). We want to know that this funding is contributing to a project that will have an ongoing, positive effect in your community or with your service population. One way to consider this is to ask yourself whether the salaried position would end when the funding ends. If the answer is yes, consider how you could seek additional support through other charitable channels to maintain the position and/or the project.

6. How much money is available, and how long do we have to use the grant money?

You can request up to \$75,000 and the project will be for one year (12 months).

Funds will be released in full upon award, and quarterly reporting on the status and progress of your project, and expenditure of funds, will be required. Any funds not used at the end of one year will need to be returned.

7. Are we eligible to apply again if our organization received funding from the first Microgrant round?

Yes, if the funding is for a NEW project. We will not accept applications for continued funding of the first project. Your second project may use the first project as a foundation.

8. What is a RAC?

RAC = Regional ACEs Collaborative. We have divided the state into three regions, and have chosen a large non-profit in each one of those regions to partner with us in soliciting, awarding and supporting these Microgrants:

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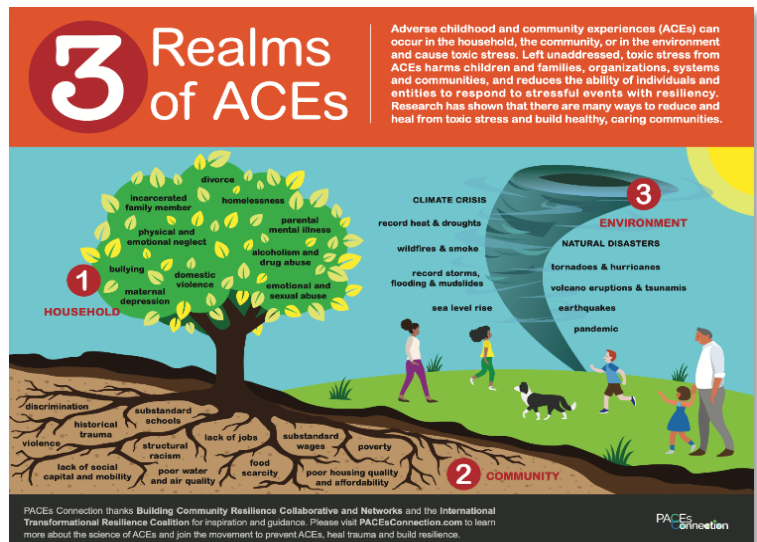
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9. What are Adverse Childhood Experiences?

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are traumatic events that occur before the age of 18 that generate toxic levels of stress. This infographic is helpful to understand the depth and breadth of adversity:

Graphic is public domain, retrieved from <https://www.pacesconnection.com/g/hutchinson-ks-aces-connection/blog/3-realms-of-aces-updated>



The counterpoint to ACEs is Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) – which are just as important, if not more so, than ACEs in children’s lives. This infographic is helpful to understand PCEs:

Graphic is public domain, retrieved from <https://www.pacesconnection.com/resource/7-positive-childhood-experiences-pces>

Watch this video to better understand Positive Childhood Experiences:
<https://www.mezzosolutions.com/aces>



We are looking for project proposals that can prevent or mitigate ACEs and promote the opportunity for children to experience PCEs.