

Some Useful Sources

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A range of literature references can be found in the state of the art assessments in the contributions to the themed section on Adverse Childhood Circumstances (ACEs). Here we provide a list of blog and website resources, discussing ACEs from a range of enthusiastic and critical perspectives.

ACEs Too High <https://acestoohigh.com/>

This is a news site run by a former journalist, reporting on research about adverse childhood experiences and providing an ACE screening tool.

Blackburn with Darwin Council and Public Health Wales animation: what are adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)? <http://www.aces.me.uk/in-england/>

This site promotes awareness of ACEs in the public health field in particular. A controversial animation depicting the tragic life and early death of an ACE inflicted child can be viewed.

Coyne of the Realm <https://www.coyneoftherealm.com/>

James C Coyne is Emeritus Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and a science blogger. He has written posts critiquing the methodology underpinning the concept of ACE: <https://mindthebrain.blog/2017/11/25/in-a-classic-study-of-early-childhood-abuse-and-neglect-effects-on-later-mental-health-nearly-disappeared-when/> and ACE checklists: <https://mindthebrain.blog/2017/11/15/stop-using-the-adverse-childhood-experiences-checklist-to-make-claims-about-trauma-causing-physical-and-mental-health-problems/>

Evidence-based early-years intervention inquiry <https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/730b9508-5ff6-4464-a7b8-2bbb6f709ef5>

The House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee launched an Inquiry into the evidence-base for early years intervention, with a particular focus on programmes influenced by the concept ACEs. The evidence sessions can be watched here via this link.

Harvard Centre of the Developing Child: ACEs and toxic stress <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/aces-and-toxic-stress-frequently-asked-questions/>

The website of this science-focused child advocacy group has a page containing various ACE resources including Frequently Asked Questions and infographics.

Mad in America: The ACE Survey is unusable data <https://www.madinamerica.com/2016/11/ace-survey-unusable-data/>

This post by Corinna West explores the problems with ACE surveys and the potential negative impacts of ACE screening on individuals and communities.

No such thing as a parenting expert: ACE sceptics <https://drjanmacvarish.com/ace-sceptics/>

Jan Macvarish is a researcher, writer and lecturer. This section of her blog is given over to sceptical engagements with ACE approaches.

Public Healthy: Good intentions but the right approach? The case of ACEs <http://publichealthy.co.uk/good-intentions-but-the-right-approach-the-case-of-aces/>

This blog post by Andrew Turner, a Public Health Speciality Registrar, Cumbria and Lancashire, provides a critical but sympathetic review of ACEs from a practitioner perspective.

Public Health Wales: Cymru Well Wales: Adverse Childhood Experiences <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/88524>

These webpages contain material defining ACEs and there are links to reports, research and infographics.

NHS Scotland: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) <http://www.healthscotland.scot/population-groups/children/adverse-childhood-experiences-aces/overview-of-aces>

This site provides an overview of the ACEs concept and links to reports and research, a national action plan ('Polishing the Diamonds'), and an awareness-raising animation.