ALL CHILDREN THRIVE CALIFORNIA (ACT/CA)

A one-time allocation of $10 million in Proposition 63 administrative funds to prevent adverse childhood experiences, counter their effects, promote healing, and foster individual and community resilience to give all California children the opportunity to thrive.

ACT/CA: A Public Health Response to Child Trauma

ACT/CA will begin in spring 2019 and will identify best practices from around the world to develop models for what cities can do to address these critical issues. ACT/CA objectives include:

- Establish an ACT/CA Equity Advisory Group
- Identify the most effective public health approaches currently in use around the world
- Develop an ACT/CA Toolkit for cities
- Educate city leaders throughout California and provide technical assistance
- Evaluate impact, identify best practices, and develop options to spread ACT/CA throughout California

the PROBLEM

Trauma—physical and emotional abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction—profoundly affects a child’s ability to thrive emotionally, socially, and academically, increasing the likelihood of poor physical health and economic hardship later in life.

The community trauma inflicted by economic hardship, community violence, poor housing quality, institutional racism, and inadequate community infrastructure put low-income people and people of color at greater risk.

the PARTNERS

Public Health Advocates. ACT/CA expands Public Health Advocates’ existing Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities Campaign to help cities develop policies and practices that prevent and heal trauma and promote child well-being.

UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities. ACT/CA builds on UCLA’s national ACT initiative prioritizing children’s health in more than a dozen U.S. cities.

Community Partners offers expert guidance and a strong dose of passion to launch and grow creative solutions to community challenges.

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