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Act No. 43 (H.508). Human services; adverse childhood experiences

An act relating to building resilience for individuals experiencing adverse childhood experiences

This act establishes principles regarding Vermont's response to trauma and toxic stress occurring during childhood. It establishes the interim Adverse Childhood Experiences Working Group that shall meet to analyze existing resources related to building resilience in early childhood and propose appropriate structures for the most evidence-based or evidence-informed and cost-effective approaches to serve children experiencing trauma. The Working Group is composed of six legislative members and may propose recommended legislation by November 1, 2017. The act also requires the Agency of Human Services to present to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare a plan to address the integration of evidence-informed and family-focused prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services for individuals affected by adverse childhood experiences by January 15, 2019, as well as a status report on the development of the plan by February 1, 2018.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017