

State adds three counties to special deer surveillance zone

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New Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance measures are in effect for Henderson, Union and Webster counties, following the detection of CWD in a deer harvested just across the Ohio River in Posey County, Indiana.

In response, the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission approved a CWD Surveillance Zone for the three counties, expanding the state's existing surveillance area,

which includes Ballard, Breckinridge, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hardin, Hickman, Marshall, Meade and McCracken counties.

The zone establishes specific regulations to help limit the spread of the disease among deer including:

- Mandatory testing. Hunters in Henderson, Union and Webster counties must bring deer harvested during the first three days of modern gun season Nov. 8–10 to a staffed check station or CWD Sample Drop-Off site for testing.
- Carcass transport limits. Whole

carcasses or high-risk parts from deer harvested in the zone cannot leave the three counties. Permitted items for transport include de-boned meat, clean skulls and teeth, antlers (with or without a clean skull cap), hides and finished taxidermy mounts. Carcasses of deer harvested outside the zone may be brought in.

- Rehabilitation ban. The rehabilitation of deer is prohibited within the surveillance zone.

Chronic Wasting Disease is caused by abnormal proteins called prions and affects white-tailed deer,

elk and other animals in the deer family. There is no known cure or vaccine and the disease is always fatal in infected animals.

The disease is not known to be transmissible to people, but as a precaution the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends not consuming meat from deer that test positive for the disease.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife always recommends not consuming meat taken from animals that appear to be sick or in poor condition.

Since 2002, Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife has CWD-tested more than 60,000 deer and elk from across the state. Hunters all across the state are encouraged to submit samples through CWD Sample Drop-Off sites or CWD Sample Mail-in Kits at any time during the hunting season. The test comes at no monetary cost to the hunter, and results are typically returned within four to six weeks.

More information about CWD, the surveillance zone and the state response plan can be found at fw.ky.gov/cwd.

Report: Childhood trauma costs Kentucky nearly \$300M every year

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Adverse experiences in childhood and their lasting consequences cost Kentucky nearly \$300 million a year, a new report says.

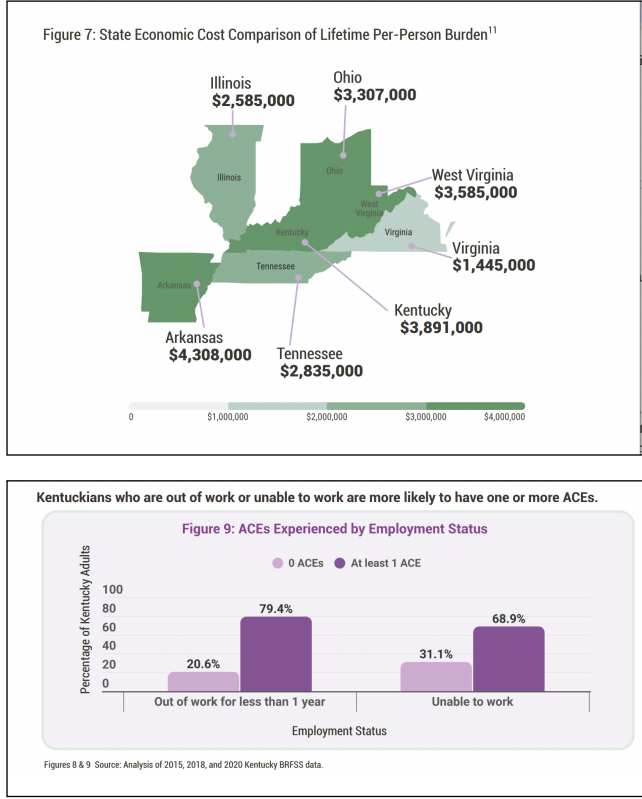
Kentucky Youth Advocates and Bloom Kentucky, a KYA initiative focused on reducing childhood adversity, released an analysis, called “The Economic Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences in Kentucky” that shows health care costs and loss of workforce participation as a result of childhood trauma comes with a \$295 million annual price tag.

The analysis is based on Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey data from 2015–20. At that time, 62% of Kentucky adults said they’d had at least one adverse childhood experience or ACE and 19% reported four or more.

ACEs are traumas or stressors in a person’s life before their 18th birthday. They include, but are not limited to, parental divorce, abuse, parental incarceration, substance use issues in the home and other instances. The more ACEs a person has, the more likely they are to have poor health, lower education and economic hardships.

When these stressors become chronic, it “has an impact on our physiology,” said Shannon Moody, Kentucky Youth Advocates’ chief officer of strategic initiatives.

The more ACEs a person has, the more likely they are to turn to unhealthy practices such as smoking, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACEs survivors also tend to report poorer mental health, might be unemployed and are more likely to have chronic health issues such as diabetes and



cancer, according to the CDC.

“The ways that our body absorbs stress or deals with stress has an impact on our physiology as well as on our mental health,” Moody said. “When that stress goes unaddressed in our bodies, it starts to take a toll on how our bodies’ function.”

The result is sicker people who might not be able to work and contribute to the economy.

“If we don’t invest in making sure that kids can overcome the adversity that they are (facing) — or maybe prevent it if it is preventable — we’re going to end up absorbing the costs through our state budget,” Moody said.

WHAT’S IN THE REPORT?

According to the analysis:

- The most common type of ACEs in Kentucky is divorce with 32% of adults reporting they lived through their parents splitting when they were children. A close second, 31% of adults reported there were substance abuse

issues in their childhood home.

- ACEs cost Kentucky — both in medical spending and in lost income when people cannot work — nearly \$300 million each year. Among these, smoking costs more than \$107 million each year in lost wages.
- Depression costs the state the most in treatment expenses at \$728,000 annually.
- Kentucky has higher expenses per person in treating ACEs than most of its neighboring states.
- People with at least one ACE are more likely to be unable to work or be out of work.
- Non-white Kentuckians are more likely to have experienced ACEs than their white counterparts. Multiracial Kentuckians have the highest rates of ACEs.

“Given how common ACEs are in Kentucky, organizations, agencies and decisionmakers must take trauma into account when working to strengthen communities,”

the report says. “Understanding the widespread impact of trauma begins with learning both its effects and the potential pathways to healing.”

That includes creating better access to quality child care, Moody said, and creating a state child tax credit. Combating poverty, which affects 20% of Kentucky’s children and for many means they don’t have reliable sources of nutritious food, is key as well.

She also stressed the importance of positive childhood experiences (PCEs), which can balance children’s adverse experiences. PCEs can include feeling supported by friends, having adults who care, the ability to talk with family members about feelings and more.

“Even if a child is experiencing adversity, even if they have an ACE score of 7, or they have had just a really tough environment in which they were raised, we can counterbalance those adversities with positive childhood experiences,” Moody said.

WHY NOW?

The report is coming out now, Moody said, because work on the 2026 state budget is beginning and because proposed federal funding cuts to safety net programs such as Medicaid and SNAP put people at risk of more instability and more adverse childhood experiences.

The report is a call to action, she said, to invest in child wellbeing and prevent ACEs.

“We need to get an understanding among all of our decision makers as far as what the implications of childhood adversity mean for our bottom line,” Moody said, “and for the investments that they’re making right now on behalf of kids.”

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percentage increase of 3.7%, from \$11,452 to \$11,872. Despite the increase, the university anticipates a \$326,000 drop in revenue, though fixed costs are expected to decline by 1.3%, or \$3.2 million.

The CPE board also approved a series of additional measures at its June meeting, including two new academic programs: a Bachelor of Science degree for surgical first assistants at the University of Kentucky and a Master of Science in nonprofit leadership studies at Murray State University.

In other business, the board approved tuition reciprocity agreements between Kentucky institutions and select schools in Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia, allowing students to pay in-state rates across state lines.

The board also reallocated \$2 million in unspent performance improvement

funding originally designated for an engineering program at Kentucky State University. One million dollars will now support new online programs, while the other million will enhance accounting and auditing functions, the release stated.

Additional approvals

included changes to the statewide dual credit policy, updates to the CPE agency budget for fiscal year 2025-26, and a revision to the Tuition and Mandatory Fee Policy to bring certain student fees under tuition parameters beginning next school year.

Presentations from Eastern

Kentucky University and Morehead State University highlighted progress toward statewide strategic goals.

The next CPE board work session is scheduled for Sept. 11, followed by a regular meeting on Sept. 12, both at Somerset Community College.

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Sealed Bids for “Raw Waterline Replacement” for the City of Campbellsville will be received until 1:30 p.m. (local time) on June 26, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 10,256 LF of 24-inch DI raw waterline, 50 LF of 48-inch steel casing pipe, 7 air release valve assemblies, and related appurtenances.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be viewed online at lynnimaging.com or examined at the following locations:

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