



## Universal ACEs Screening with PEARLS Screening Tool

CFMG is beginning a pilot program in selected practices to screen for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), for further referral to the FINDconnect Program pioneered by Dr. Dayna Long at Claremont Clinic.

The patient-administered PEARLS (PEdiatric ACEs and Related Life-events Screener) tool is approved by the Department of Health Care Services. PEARLS was the subject of a recent webinar: ***Moving Towards Universal ACEs Screening***. Dr. Long is the first presenter; that portion of the webinar is recommended. PEARLS screening is not yet mandated by the State but recommended annually.

The problem for practitioners is what to do with the information about social vulnerabilities. The FINDconnect program assesses ACEs and Social Determinants of Health and connects patients and families to government and non-government resources and agencies.

This is in the pilot stage now. The developmental health implications of ACEs, the cumulative effects of Toxic Stress, and the PEARLS portion of screening is described in the video. The final portion on Whole Child Assessment is not applicable to our practices. Dr. Blustein recommends viewing the webinar.

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