Adverse Cilitate Traumas: Abuse, Neglect, Household Dysfunction

Adverse Childhood Experiences

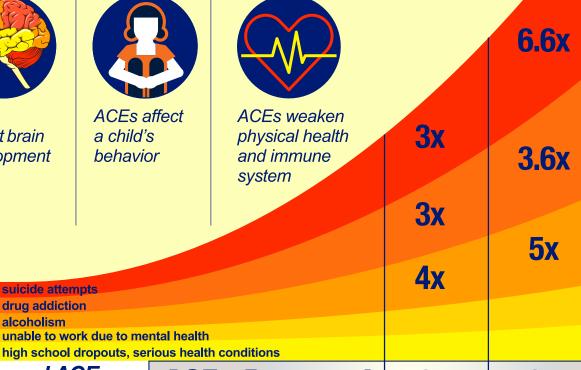
adults in Pennsylvania report 4 or more ACEs



ACEs disrupt brain development



ACEs affect a child's behavior



more likely to attempt suicide

more likely to use injection drugs

more likely to be alcoholic

more likely to be unable to work

more likely to drop out of high school, have heart disease, a stroke, cancer, diabetes

Increased ACEs = Increased Risk

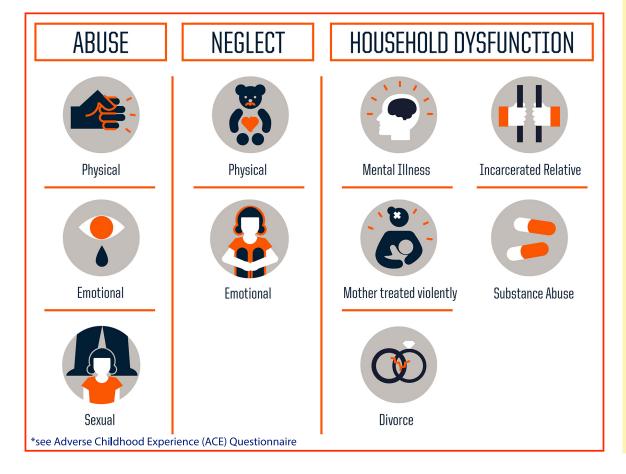
suicide attempts drug addiction alcoholism

unable to work due to mental health

ACEs Reported

ACEs happen everywhere, to more children, and in more places than you'd think! And, it costs more than you can imagine!

Adverse Childhood Experiences include 10 items, basically represented by household, community, and personal traumatic events*:



The Cost of ACEs in the US Annually

\$22.4B
Health Care

\$4.2B Special Education

\$3.5B
Criminal Justice

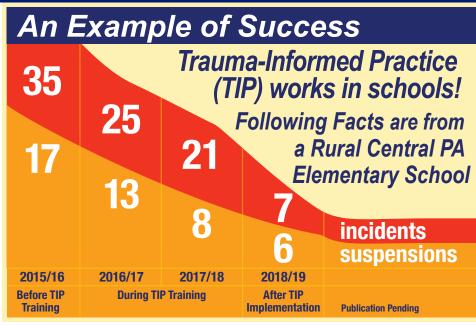
The Economic Burden of Child Maltreatment in the United States, 2015. CDC economist, Cora Peterson, et. al. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2018.09.018

Reduce the cost of ACEs: Build Resilience!



The good news is

resilience creates the ability to be healthy and hopeful despite experiencing stressful events (ACEs). When caregivers provide physically and emotionally safe environments for children and teach them how to be resilient, the negative effects of ACEs are reduced.





The About Child Trauma Foundation is one of Pennsylvania's best resources for PDE approved ACT 48 trauma informed courses, helping educators throughout the state retain their certification, while understanding the learning needs of students, especially those children and teens impacted by trauma. Courses are presented by experts in fields of trauma and education. We recognize the diversity within each classroom, school and school district and are eager to work with you to develop a training program that meets your district's needs.

Course Offering

Introduction to Emotional Trauma

Emotional Trauma: what is it, how does it happen and how does it affect children and teens.

Complex Trauma, Part 1

Neurobiology of Trauma: how emotional trauma negatively affects the developing brain.

Complex Trauma, Part 2

Identifying effects of complex trauma on a student's behavior, academic and social learning.

Trauma in the Classroom

Trauma in the classroom: what it looks like, skills to address it.

Mindfulness, Part 1

A simple, highly productive way to care for those of us who care for so many others.

Mindfulness, Part 2

Guiding Mindfulness in the Classroom. The single most simple and effective, productive tool for improving traumatized brains and behavior.

Trauma and Sensory Processing Disorder

Understanding trauma sensory processing disorder and the high co-occurrence rate with complex trauma; its significant impact on student performance and behavior, and the many ways to address it in the classroom.

Interactional Workshop

Advanced skill building for faculty to address trauma in the classroom and educational environment; follow-up as needed.

The About Child Trauma Foundation has a deep and abiding commitment to follow up support, mentoring and consultation after our keynote presentations and workshops and encourages our partners to contact us for more details.

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