## Supporting Hope & Resilience for Families

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#### Early Adversity Increases Physical, Mental, Behavioral Problems, Scientists Report





Dr. Robert Anda & Dr. Vincent Felitti Investigators

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Kaiser Permanente Study

Over 17,000 study participants

The ACE Study confirms, with scientific evidence, that adversity early in life increases physical, mental and behavioral problems later in life.

#### Adverse Childhood Experiences

#### ARE COMMON

#### **Household Dysfunction**

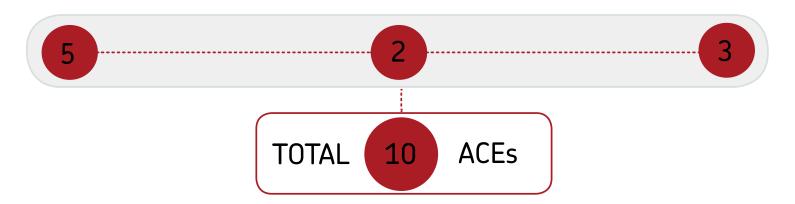
Substance Abuse Parental Sep/Divorce 23% Mental Illness Battered Mothers 13% Criminal Behavior 6%

#### Neglect

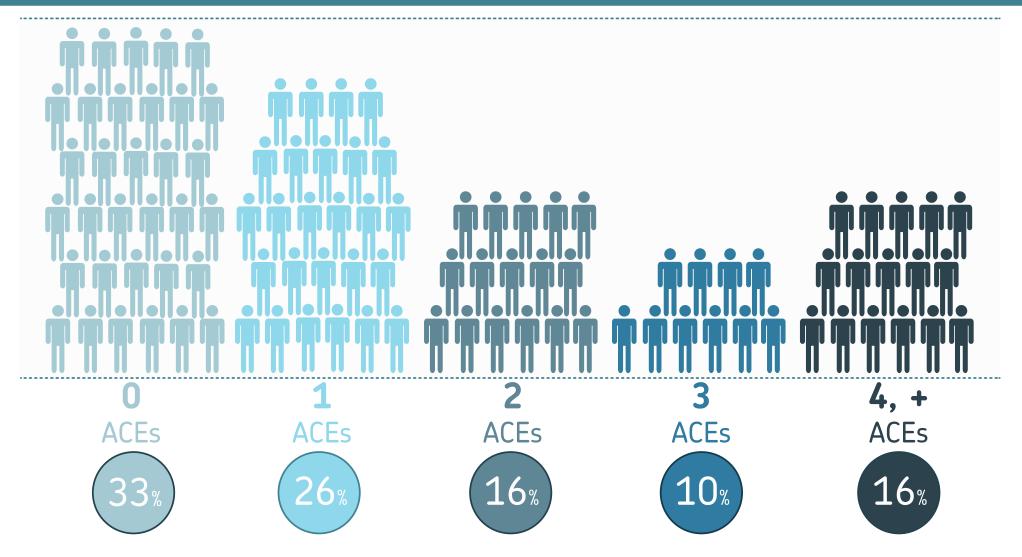
Emotional 15% Physical 10%

#### **Abuse**

Emotional Physical 28% Sexual 21%

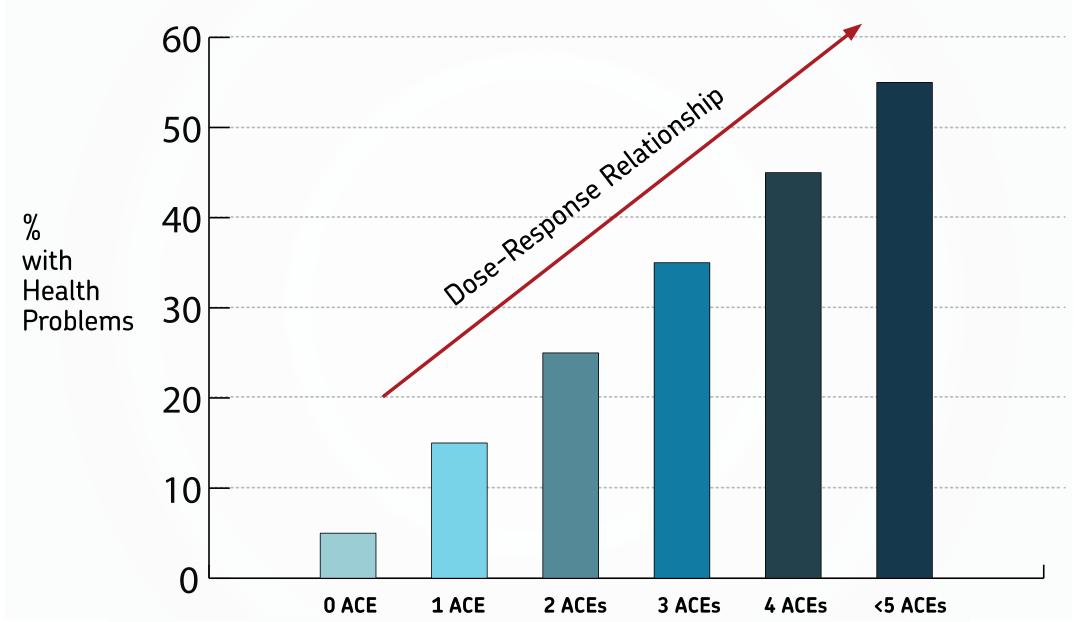


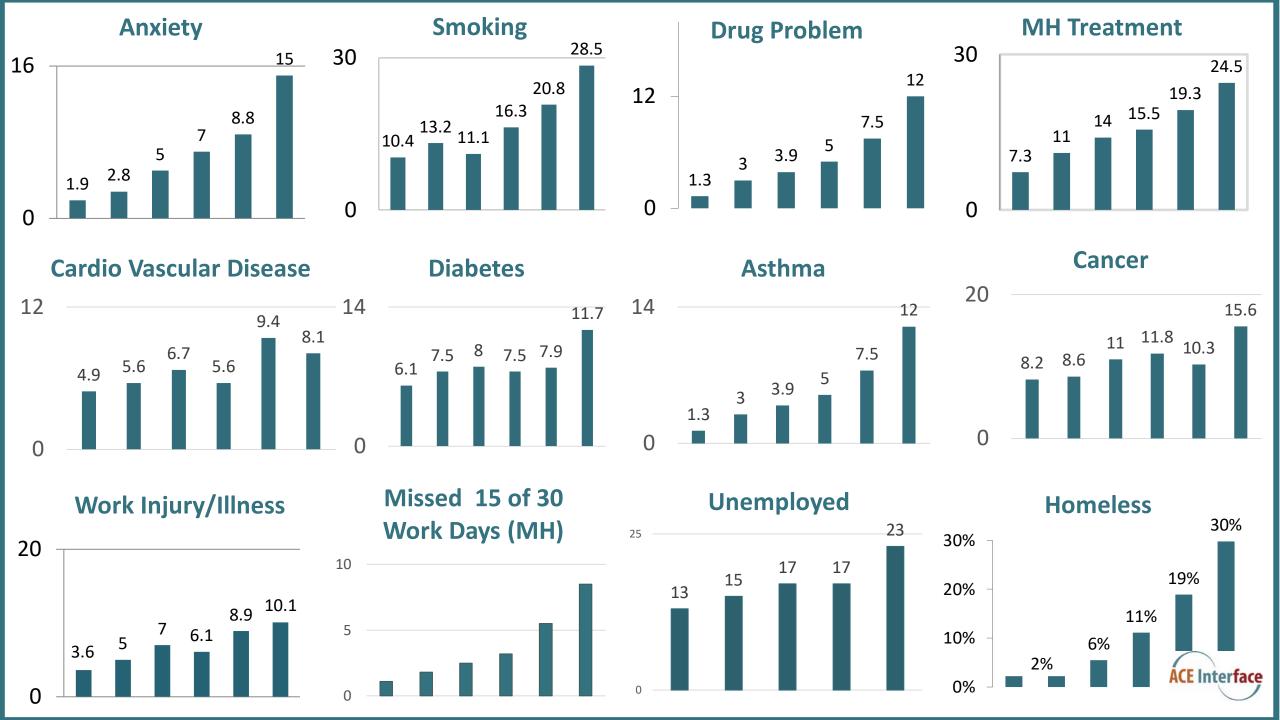
#### ACE Score = Number of ACE Categories

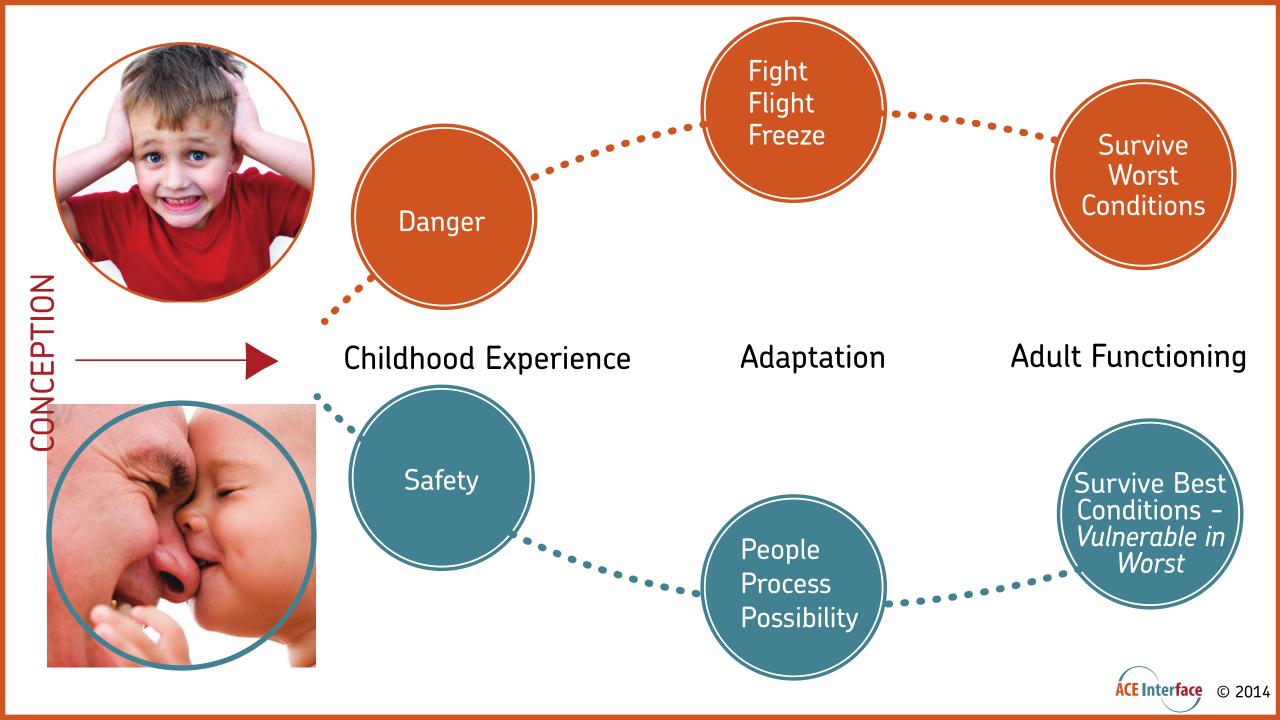


ACE Scores Reliably Predict Challenges During the Life Course

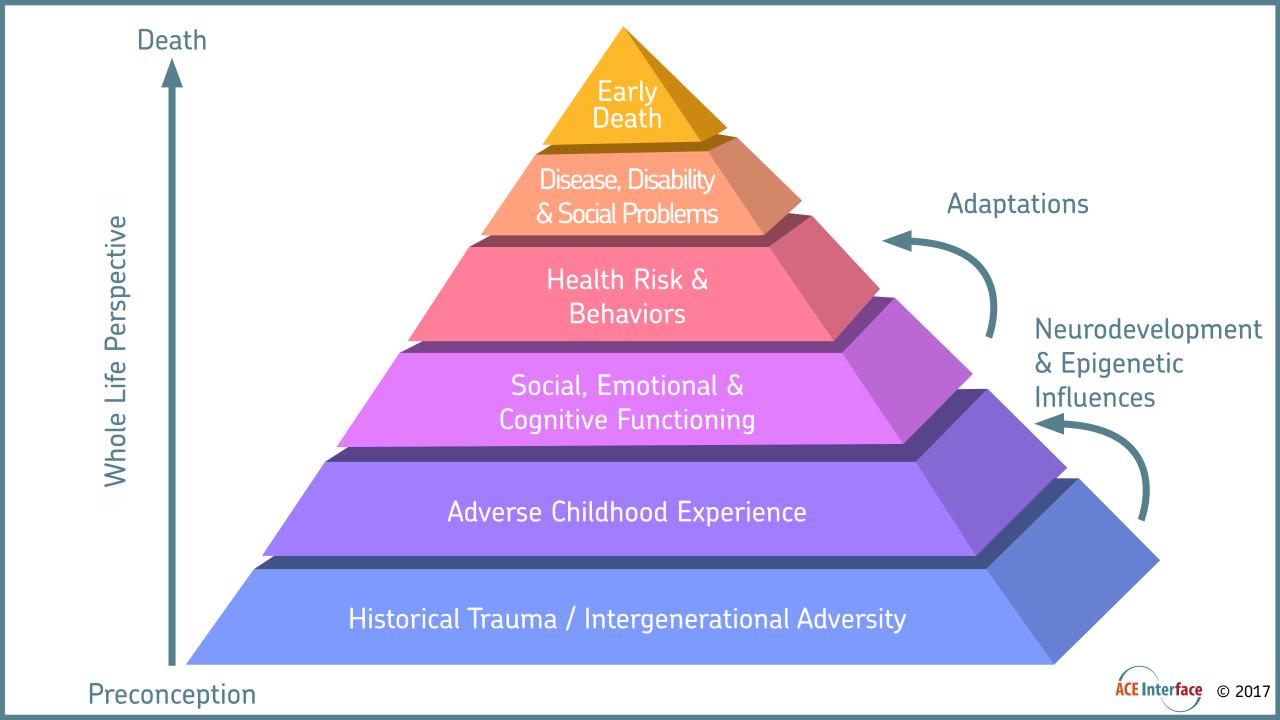
#### ACE Score and Health Problems











Parents in Dependency Court



6 ACEs on average



#### **SHAME**

#### BUILDING RESILIENCE

Hope

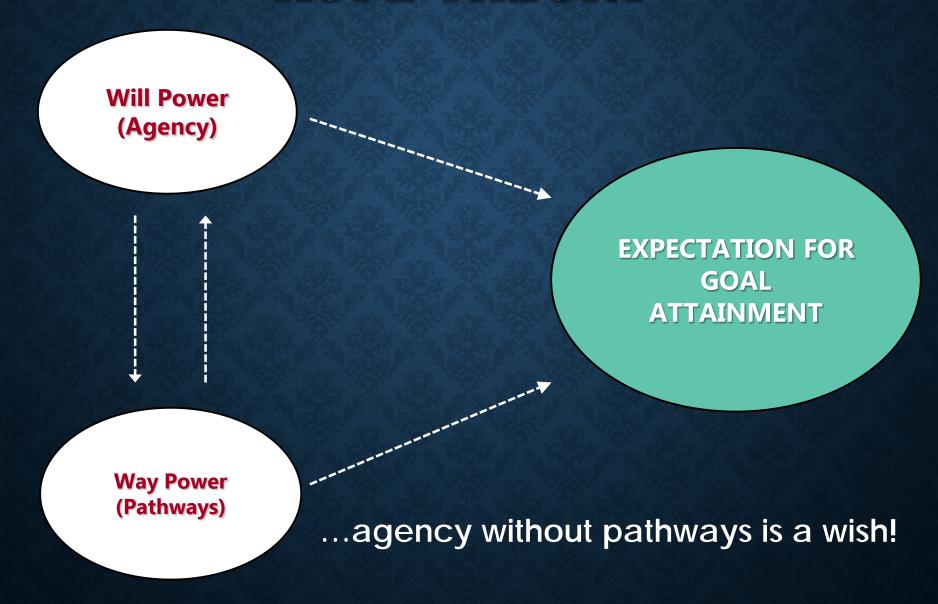
Relationships

Community and cultural connection





#### HOPE THEORY



#### Measure Your Hope

www.hopescore.com



#### **Positive view**

Help people see their strengths

Self-efficacy – belief in your own ability to accomplish something

Self-regulation – controlling one's behavior, emotions, and thoughts in the pursuit of long-term goals

# Any effort to address past trauma that does not include empowerment is doomed to fail.

Herman, Judith. (1992) Trauma and Recovery. Basic Books.

#### Attachment & Belonging

#### RELATIONSHIPS

with caring and competent

people are

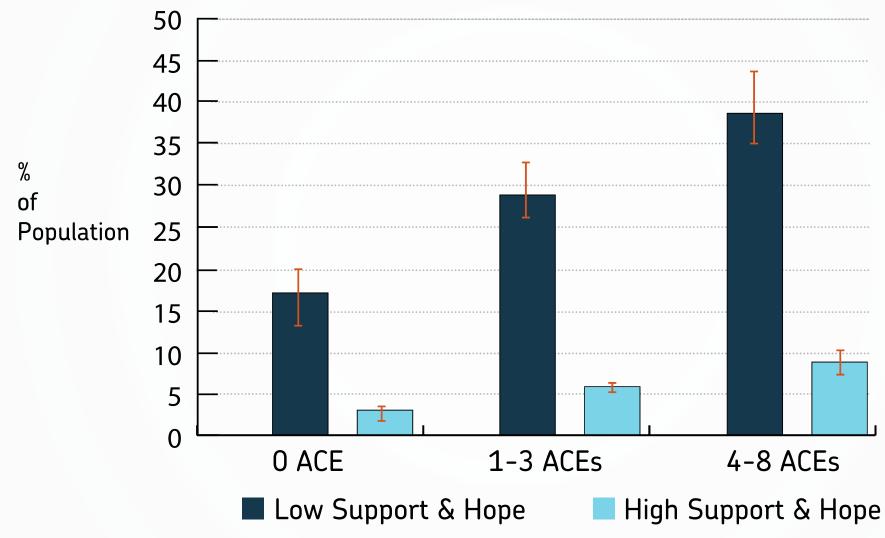
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contributors to
resilience & recovery





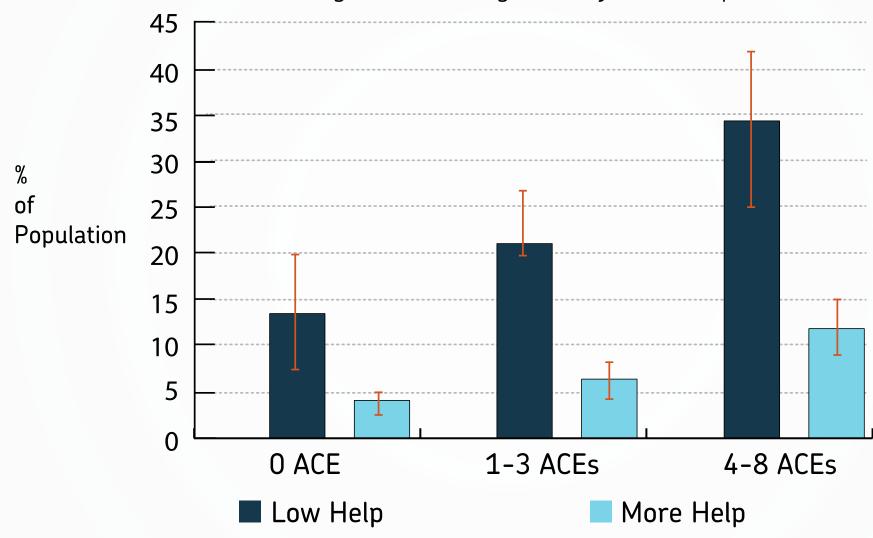






#### Hunger & Help

Hunger: Not Enough Money With Help







Culture, Community and Faith

Parents for Parents



Recognize strengths and competence



"What's right with you?"

## Empower and encourage



Articulate pathways to reunification and dismissal



Ensure meaningful Family Time



#### Case plans:

### support resilience

#### build protective factors

#### **Everyday Actions That Help Build Protective Factors**

 Demonstrate in multiple ways that parents are valued

 Honor each family's race, language, culture, history and approach to parenting

 Encourage parents to manage stress effectively

 Support parents as decision-makers and help build decisionmaking and leadership skills

 Help parents understand how to buffer their child during stressful times  Help families value, build, sustain and use social connections

 Create an inclusive environment

 Facilitate mutual support around parenting and other issues

 Promote engagement in the community and participation in community activities  Model developmentally appropriate interactions with children

 Provide information and resources on parenting and child development

 Encourage exploration of parenting issues or concerns

 Provide opportunities to try out new parenting strategies

 Address parenting issues from a strength-based perspective  Respond immediately when families are in crisis

 Provide information and connections to other services in the community

 Help families to develop skills and tools they need to identify their needs and connect to supports  Help parents foster their child's social emotional development

 Model nurturing support to children

 Include children's social and emotional development activities in programming

 Help children develop a positive cultural identity and interact in a diverse society

 Respond proactively when social or emotional development seems to need support

Protective Factors

Actions

Everyday

**Parental Resilience** 

**Social Connections** 

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development

Concrete Support in Times of Need

Social and Emotional Competence of Children

Results

Strengthened Families

**Optimal Child Development** 

Reduced Likelihood of Child Abuse and Neglect

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#### Fairness



Court culture:

ceremony and celebration

