



# ***Impact of Childhood Trauma on Health***

## *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience*

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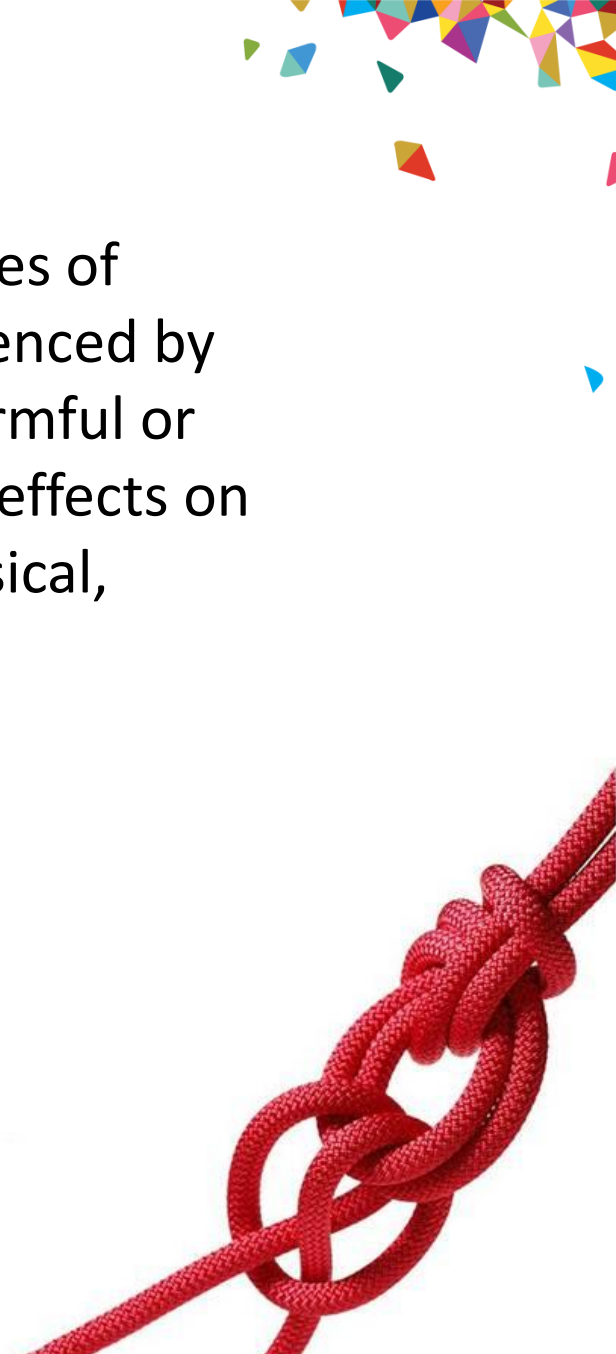
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# *Defining Trauma*

Individual trauma results from an event, series of events or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional or spiritual well-being.

-SAMHSA definition 2014



# *Adverse Childhood Experiences – A Primer Video*

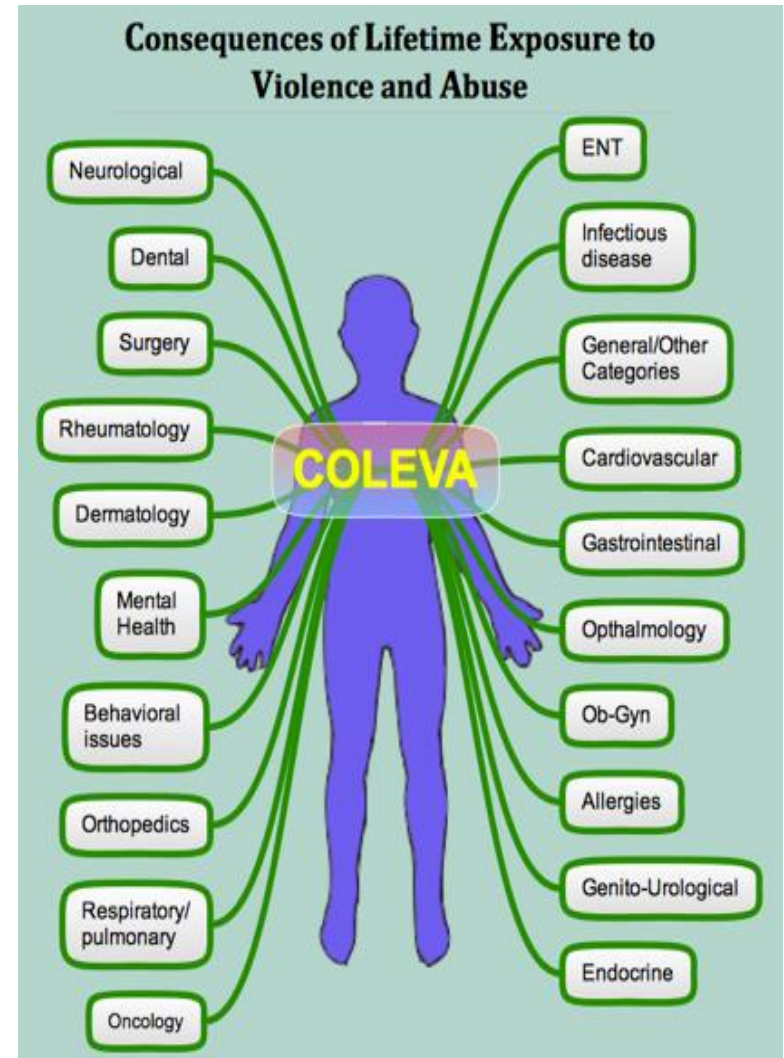


- Emotional abuse
- Physically abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Not loved, not important
- Poverty
- Using drugs/substances
- Separation/divorce
- Mother- interpersonal violence
- Substance abuse
- Mentally health diagnosis
- Prison

\*Remember this is a research tool or for your personal reflection now, not intended to be read to someone and used independently as a screen.

# Consequences of a Lifetime Exposure to Violence and Abuse

- Alcoholism and alcohol abuse
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Depression
- Fetal death
- Health-related quality of life
- Illicit drug use
- Ischemic heart disease (IHD)
- Liver disease
- Risk for intimate partner violence
- Multiple sexual partners
- Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Smoking
- Suicide attempts
- Unintended pregnancies
- Early initiation of smoking
- Early initiation of sexual activity
- Adolescent pregnancy



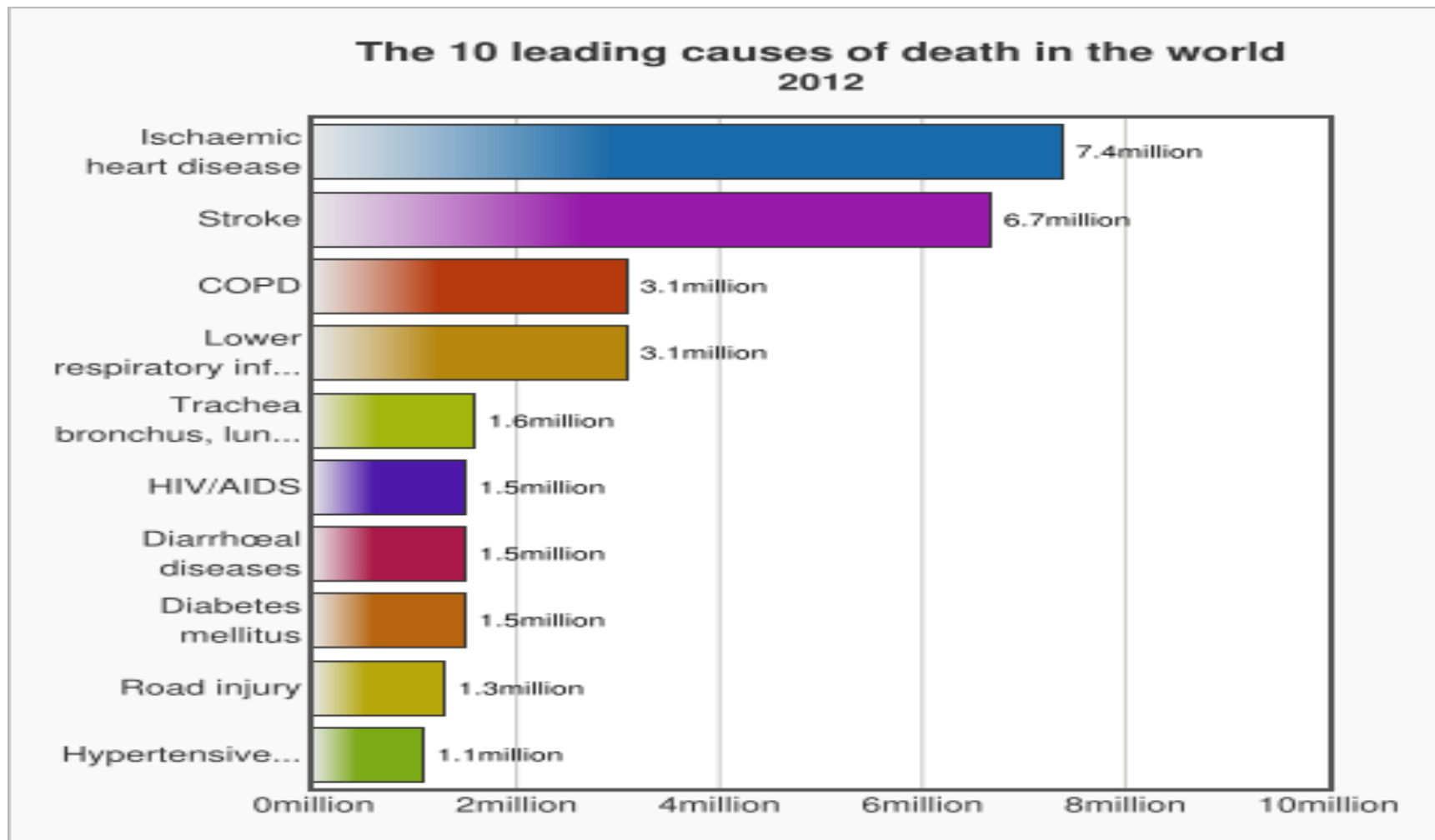
<http://www.coleva.net/>

# ACEs Score: Adoption of At-Risk Health Behaviors

<http://www.iowaaces360.org/impact-of-aces.html>

ACE Score	Risk
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 260% more likely to develop COPD</li> <li>- 500% more likely to develop alcoholism</li> <li>- Females are 500% more likely to become victims of domestic violence.</li> <li>- Females are almost 900% more likely to become victims of rape</li> <li>- 242% more likely to smoke</li> <li>- 222% more likely to become obese</li> <li>- 357% more likely to experience depression</li> <li>- 443% more likely to use illicit drugs</li> <li>- 1133% more likely to use injected drugs</li> <li>- 298% more likely to contract an STD</li> <li>- 1525% more likely to attempt suicide</li> <li>- 555% more likely to develop alcoholism</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 250% more likely to become adult smoker</li> <li>- A male child with an ACE score of 6 has a 4,600% increase in the likelihood that he will become an IV drug user later in life</li> <li>- More likely to die 20 years younger than a person with no ACEs</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult suicide attempts increased 3,000%</li> <li>- Childhood and adolescent suicide attempts 5,100%</li> <li>- 5,000% more likely to develop hallucinations</li> <li>- Increased the risk of suicide attempts <b>51-fold</b> among children/adolescents</li> <li>- Increased risk of suicide attempts <b>30-fold</b> among adults</li> </ul>

# ACEs and Leading Causes of Death Linked to 7 out of the 10



<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs310/en/>

# Recommendations for Improving Youth and Family Health

#1 – Get a Baseline on Impact of ACEs in Virginia	VDH- BRFSS added 2016
#2 – Over Sampling of BRFSS in key communities of concern	Norfolk, Petersburg, & Richmond 2017
#3 – Coordinate Cross System Data Collection to Focus Health Response	Lora Porter & Walla Walla WA work
#4 – Integrate ACEs Professional Development Plan across all Health & Human Services Systems	ACEs Interface
#5 – Preventative Strategies for Next Generation Health	Washington NEAR HV Funding
#6 – Engage Hospitals in Preventative HealthCare Approaches	Bounce Back Campaign funding
#7 – Require Pediatricians to Screening for ACEs	CYW-ACEs Q
#8 – Integrate Trauma Informed Care into all 3 tiers of Schools	VTSS and DC model
#9 – Create Responsive HealthCare Systems for Super Utilizers via Enhanced Care Coordination	Camden Healthcare/Dr. Brenner Pilot Funding
#10 – Integrate Trauma Informed Care into Jail Screening and Programs while Enhancing Care Coordination	HARP program replication

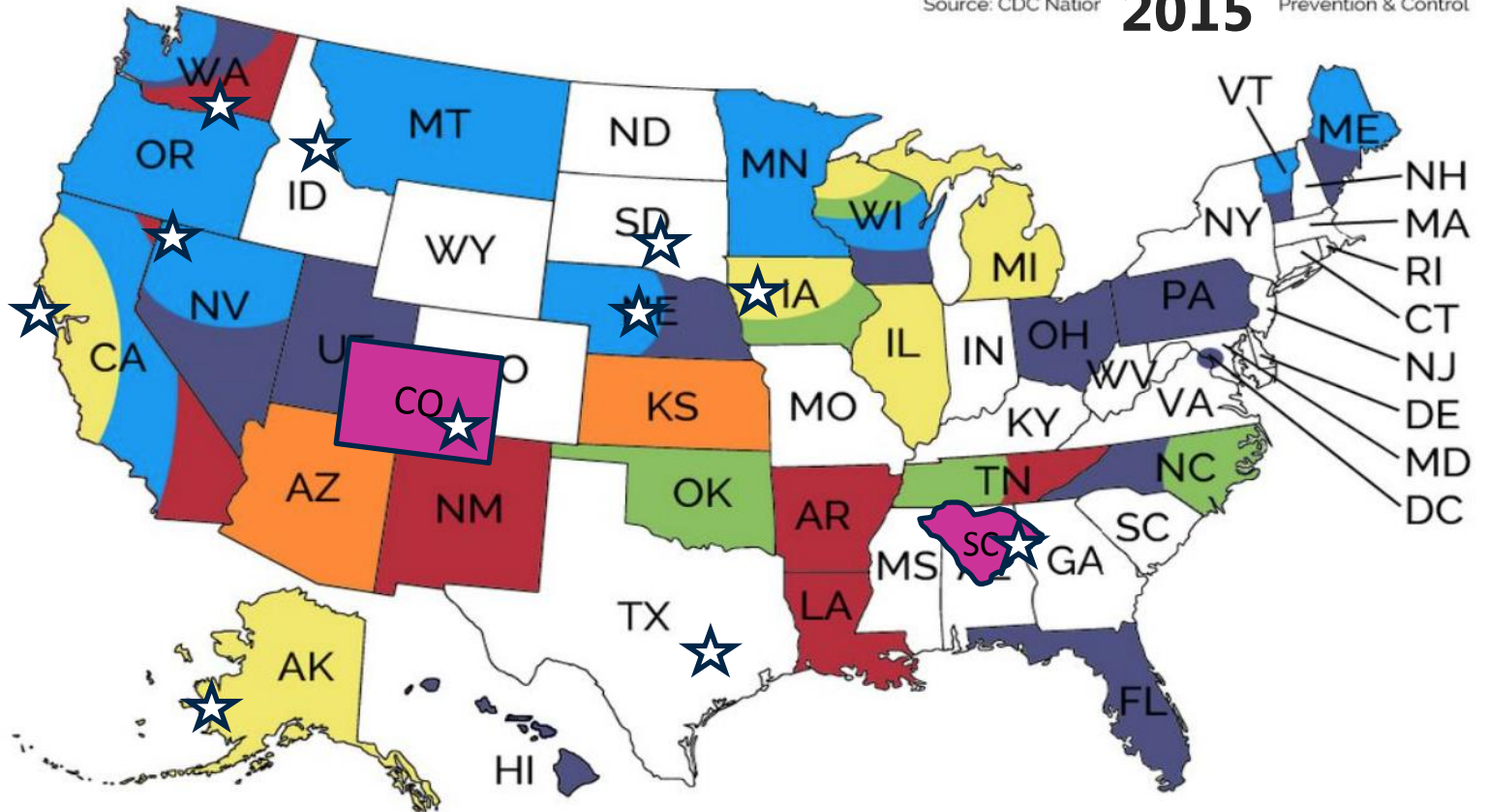
*Recommendation One:  
Get a Baseline on Impact of ACEs in Virginia*





# States Collecting ACEs Data 2009 - 2014

Source: CDC National Center for Injury Prevention & Control 2015



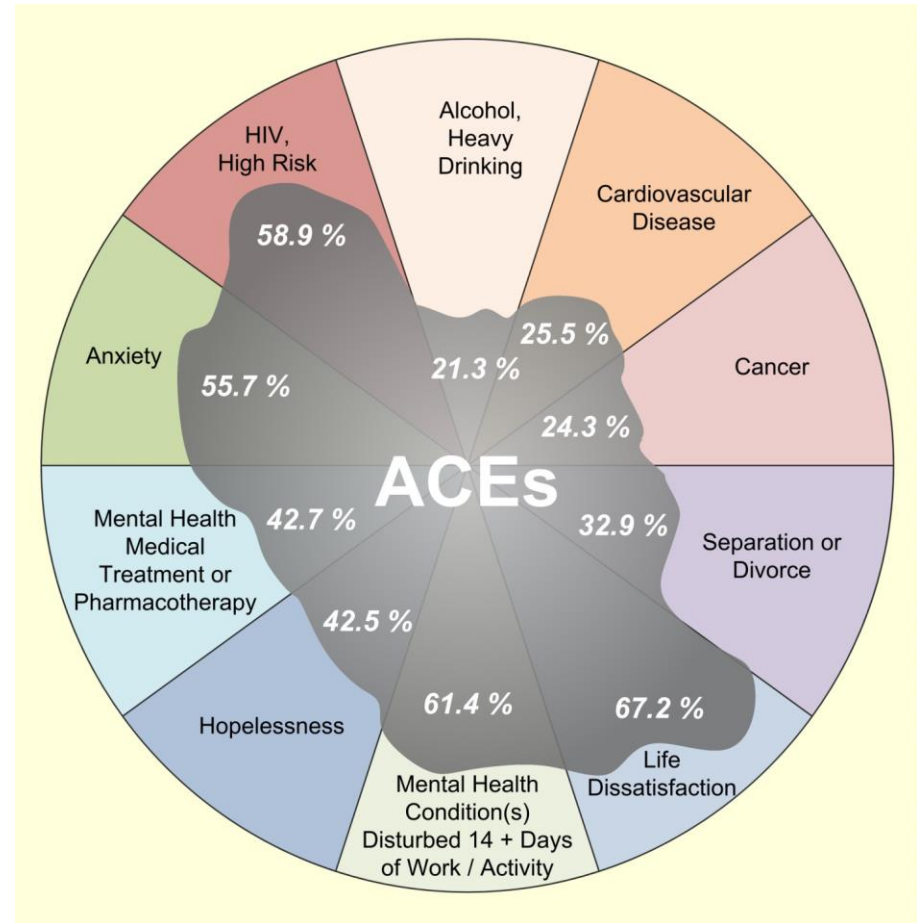
- ACE Interface
- Master Trainers
- Active in 2016
- Minnesota
- Wisconsin
- Alaska
- South Carolina
- Louisiana
- Washington
- East Iowa
- Colorado
- Oregon
- Indiana
- Sonoma County, CA

*Recommendation Two:  
Over Sampling of BRFSS in  
Key Communities of Concern*



# Population Attributable Risk

- A large portion of many health, safety and prosperity conditions is attributable to Adverse Childhood Experience.
- ACE reduction reliably predicts a decrease in all of these conditions simultaneously



Foundation for Healthy Generations .  
(2014-2015). *Health, Safety and Resilience: Foundations for Health Equity* . Seattle: Foundation for Healthy Generations

# Population Attributable Risk



<b>61%</b>	<b>Incarceration for Adults</b>
<b>22%</b>	<b>Fell <math>\geq 3x</math> in 3 months</b>
<b>31%</b>	<b>Current Smoker</b>
<b>31%</b>	<b>Drinking and Driving</b>
<b>51%</b>	<b>High Risk HIV</b>
<b>15%</b>	<b>Insulin Diabetes</b>
<b>17%</b>	<b>Asthma</b>
<b>69%</b>	<b>Mental Illness</b>
<b>41%</b>	<b>Chronic Depression</b>
<b>67%</b>	<b>Suicide Attempts</b>
<b>65%</b>	<b>Alcoholism</b>
<b>78%</b>	<b>IV Drug Use</b>
<b>54%</b>	<b>Painkillers to get high</b>
<b>14%</b>	<b>Not graduating college or tech</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>Out of Work <math>\geq 1</math> year</b>
<b>25%</b>	<b>Job Injury (medical)</b>
<b>43%</b>	<b>Interrupted activities <math>\geq</math> of 30 days</b>

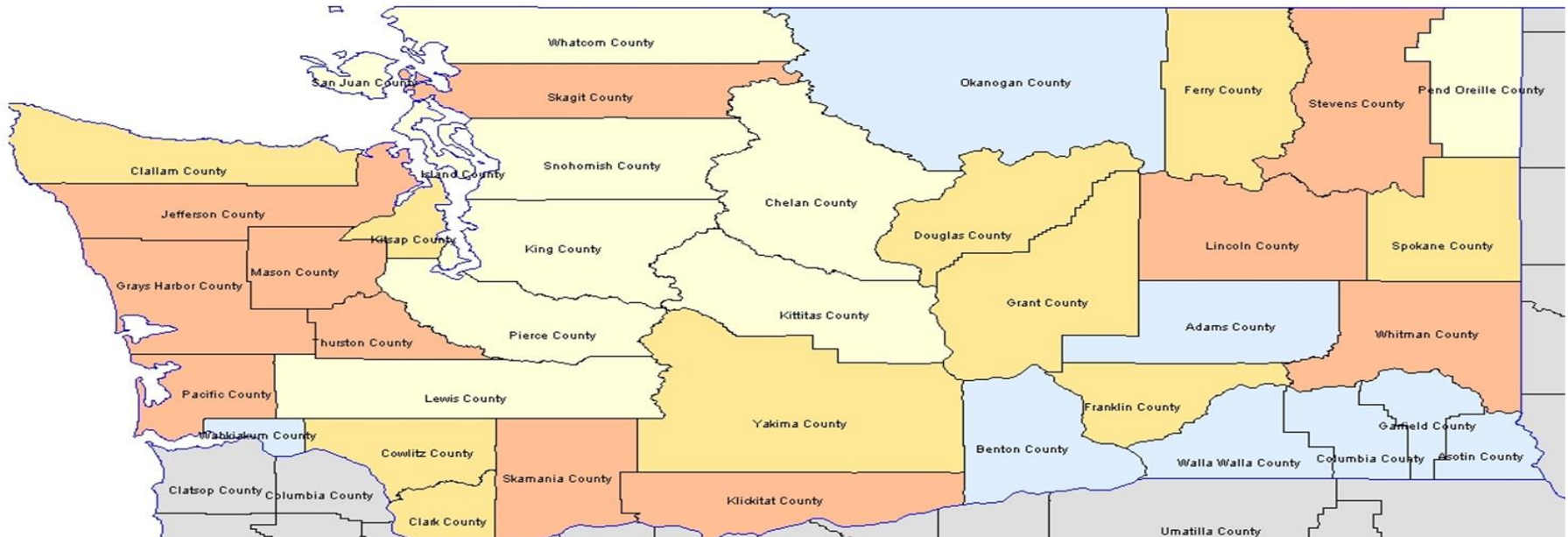
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# BRFSS Data in Washington Example



## PREVALENCE OF 6-8 ACES AMONG WASHINGTON ADULTS AGE 18-44



### Alignment Legend

- 1 Lowest 6-8 ACE 18-44
- 2 Lower than Median
- 3 Higher than Median
- 4 Highest 6-8 ACE 18-44

<http://www.tulalipnews.com/wp/2014/09/03/adverse-childhood-experiences-aces-chronic-health-and-addiction-in-indian-country/>

*Recommendation Three:  
Coordinate Cross System Data Collection and  
Thriving Maps in these Areas  
to Focus Health Response*





# Building a Trauma Informed Community – Resilience Trumps Aces



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**Children's Resilience Initiative**

## Walla Walla organizations that build resilience

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Building a thriving community  
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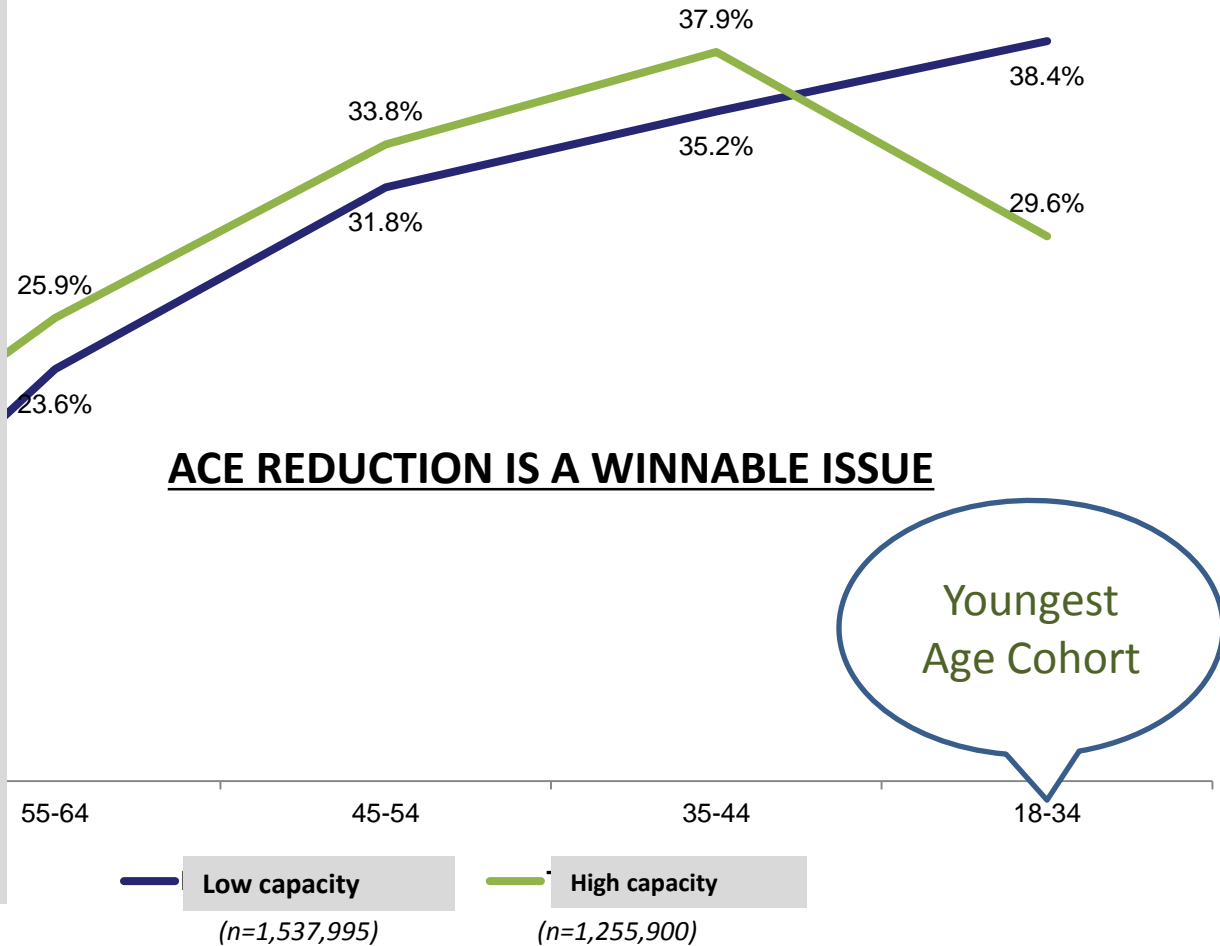
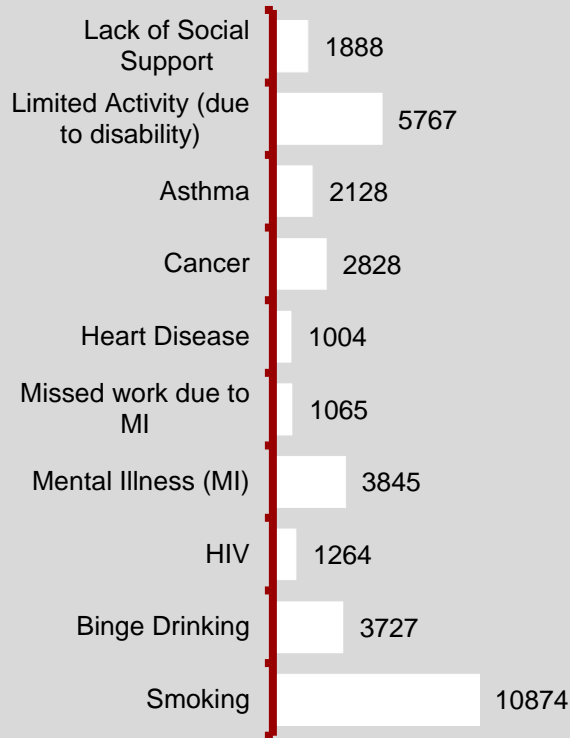
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# High Capacity Communities Reduce Percent of Young Adults With $\geq 3$ ACEs

## POSITIVE ACE TREND MEANS REDUCED CASES:





# Washington Community Capacity Building

## Funded Community Networks showed significant improvement in Severity Index

- Out of home placement
- Loss of parental rights
- Child hospitalization rates for accident and injury
- High School Drop Out
- Juvenile Suicide Attempts
- Juvenile arrests for alcohol, drugs, and violent crime
- Juvenile offenders
- Teen births
- Low birth weights
- No third trimester maternity care
- Infant mortality
- Fourth grade performance on standardized testing

Hall J, Porter L, Longhi D, Becker-Green J, and Dryefus S. (2012) *Reducing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) by Building Community Capacity: A Summary of Washington Family Policy Council Research Findings*, *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*, 40:4, 325-334. --

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/10852352.2012.707463>

*Recommendation Four:  
Integrate a ACEs Professional Development  
Plan across all Health and Human Services  
Systems*



# ACEs Interface Master Training

Throughout the nation, people are talking about the ACE Study because study findings reveal this is the largest public health discovery of our time. In any great public health discovery the most important actions in the first decades are:

To tell everyone – share the findings effectively and with fidelity, and  
To change ourselves and promote changes within our spheres of influence.

The ACE Interface *Train the Master Trainer Program* is designed to support rapid dissemination of ACE and resilience science, and promote understanding and application of the science to improve health and wellbeing across the lifespan. In less than a year, *the Master Trainer Program* enables delivery ACE information to diverse communities--*with fidelity to science and concepts*--to tens of thousands of people.

*Recommendation Five:  
Preventative Strategies for Next Generation Health*



# *NEAR Science*

- Neuroscience
- Epigenetics
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Resilience

**<http://www.healthygen.org/resources/nearhome-toolkit>**

**<http://www.healthygen.org/resources/laura-porter-keynote-address-near-science-wa-state-resilience-findings>**

# *NEAR: What Help actually Helps ?*

## **Support: Feeling socially and emotionally supported and hopeful**

- Social Emotional Competence Building
- Hope and a Sense of Future

## **Help: Having two or more people who give concrete help when needed**

- Concrete Supports (not Facebook Friends)

## **Community Reciprocity: Watching out for children, intervening when they are in trouble, and doing favors for one another**

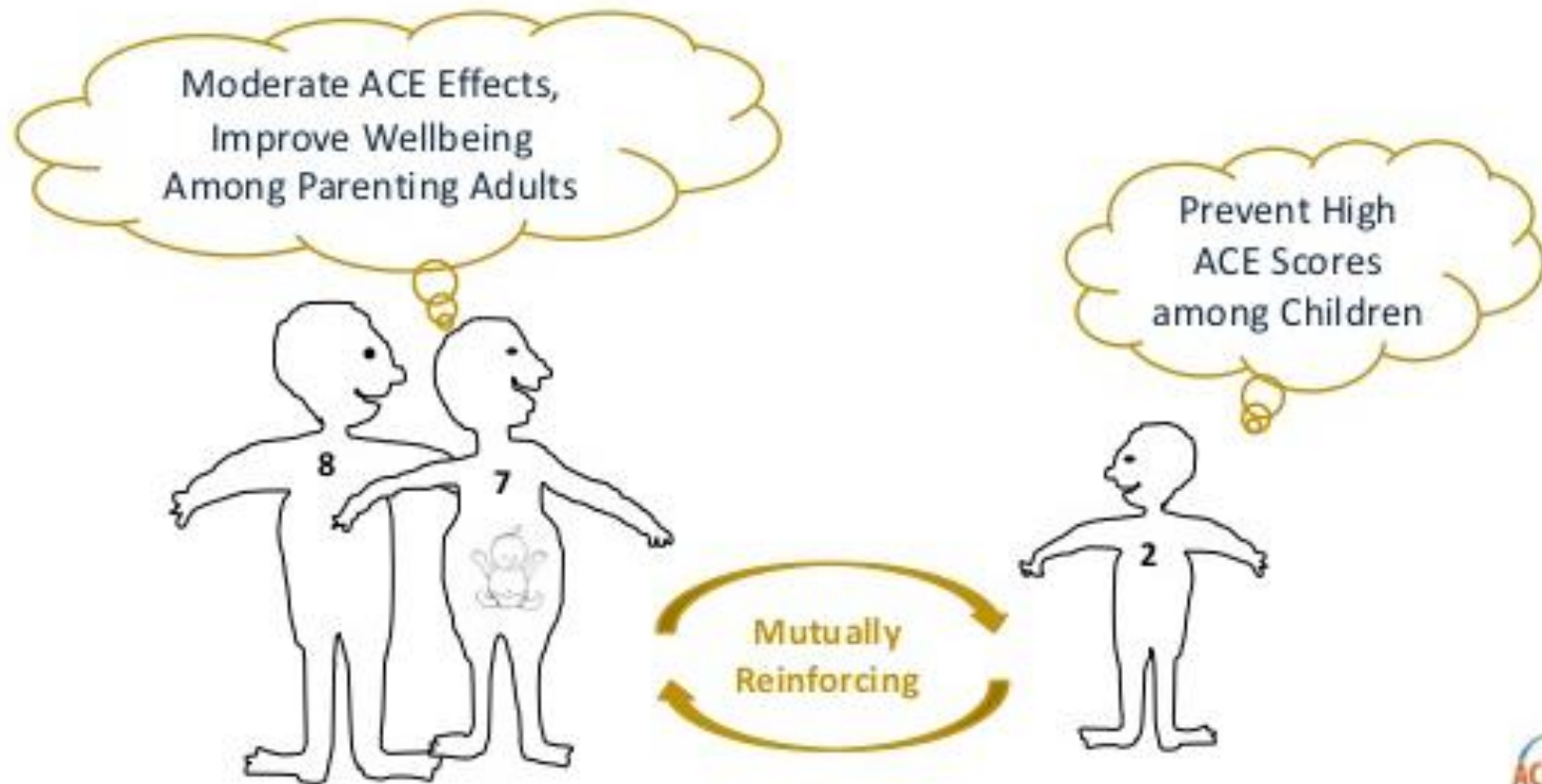
- Primary network of protection in your community
- People you see each day and see you

## **Social Bridging: Reaching outside one's immediate circle of friends to recruit help for someone inside that circle**

- Asking for help
- Trusting Systems and People outside your circle to respond and be safe

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# Promote Virtuous Cycle of Health



*Recommendation Six:  
Engage Hospitals in  
Preventative HealthCare Approaches*







*Engage Hospitals, VDH and Health Clinics in  
Statewide Resilience Campaigns*

**<http://www.bouncebackproject.org/>**

*Solution Seven:  
Require Pediatricians to Screening for ACEs*



## *What's important to know about the ACEs Tool ...*

- Important to note that at this time, there are no psychometrically tested and validated ACEs screens for children
- ACEs measure was developed originally as a research tool to gather history from adults 18 years or older
- Dr. Anda and Laura Porter prefer to call it a history gathering tool versus a “screening” tool
- ACEs scores are not predictive at the **individual level** therefore it should not be used to determine eligibility or diagnosis independent of a comprehensive psychosocial assessment with the use of valid and reliable tools that are shown to help in predicting likelihood of mental health challenges in living

Laura Porter (personal communication 10/16/2016)

## CYW-ACE-Q Tool Kit Guidance ...

“In the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) policy statement, *“Early Childhood Adversity, Toxic Stress, and the Role of the Pediatrician: Translating Developmental Science into Lifelong Health,”* the AAP explicitly calls on pediatricians to “actively screen for precipitants of toxic stress that are common in their particular practices” 26.”

Burke Harris, N. and Renschler, T.  
(version 7/2015).

Center for Youth Wellness ACE-Questionnaire  
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childhood adversity ,toxic stress, and the role of  
the pediatrician: Translating  
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# CYW-ACE Q

## SECTION 1 *Ten items assessing exposure to the original ten ACEs*

*\* Population level data for disease risk in adults*

## SECTION 2 *Seven or nine items assessing for exposure to additional early life stressors relevant to children/youth served in community clinics*

*\* Hypothesized to lead to disruption in neuro-endocrine-immune axis*

*\* Not yet correlated with population level data about risk of disease*

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# Iowa

## 2015

- New patient records for nine month well exams
- NCQA Requirements for a Patient-Centered Medical Home
  - Enhance Access and Continuity
  - Identify and Manage Patient Populations
  - Plan and Manage Care
  - Provide Self-Care and Community Support
  - Track and Coordinate Care
  - Measure and Improve Performance

[www.ncqa.org](http://www.ncqa.org)

- [Created Iowa EPSDT Care for Kids Health Maintenance Recommendations for Pediatricians](#)

## 2016

- Resiliency Toolkit  
<http://www.iowaaces360.org/individuals-and-families.html#resiliency>

*Recommendation Eight:  
Integrate Trauma Informed Care  
into all Three Tiers of Schools*

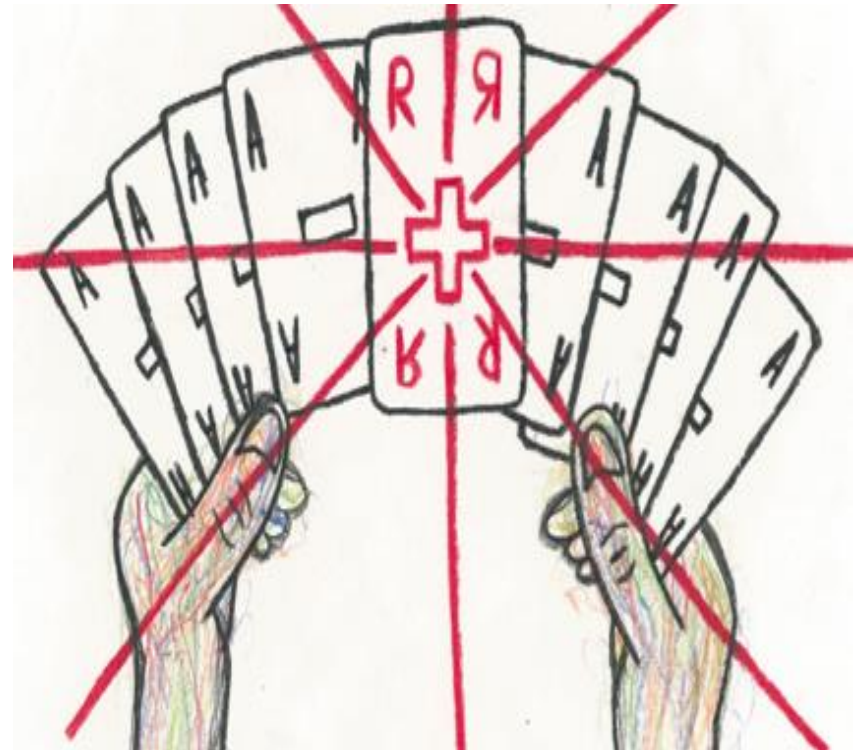


*Be a F.O.R.S.E. in your community*



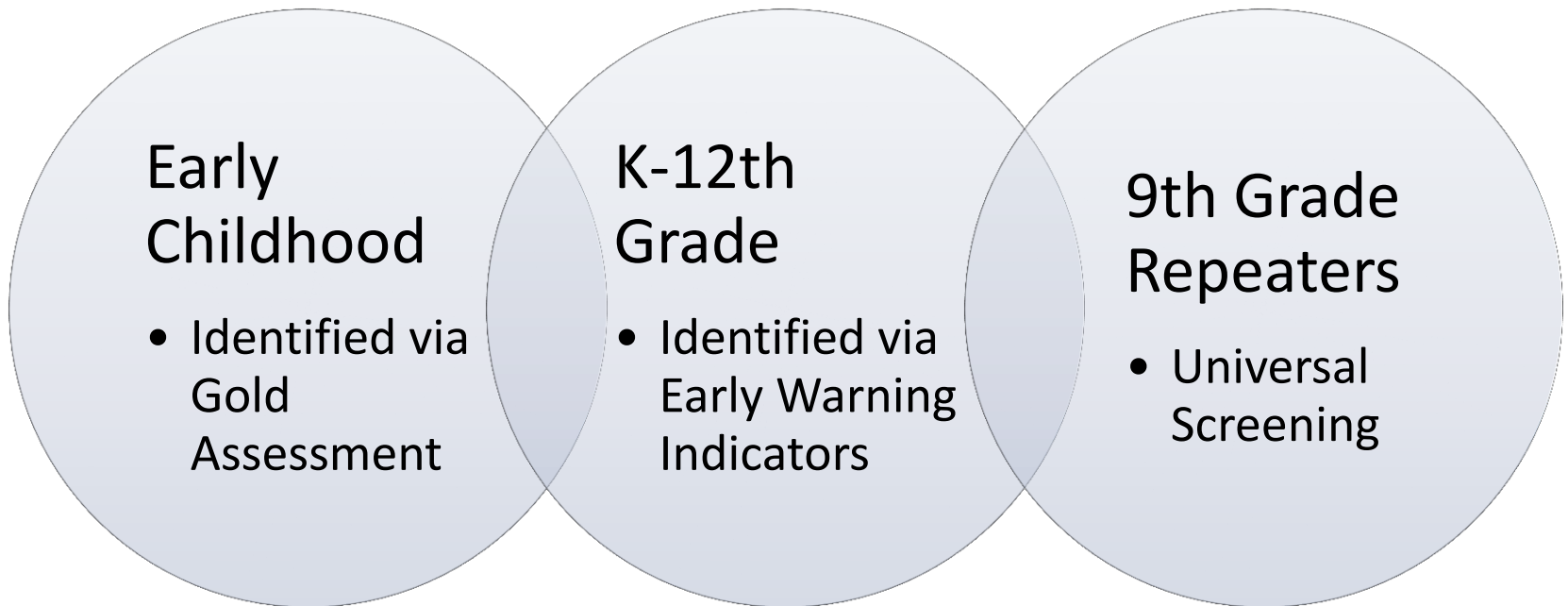
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# Focus On Resilience & Social-Emotional





# *District of Columbia Trauma Sensitive Process*

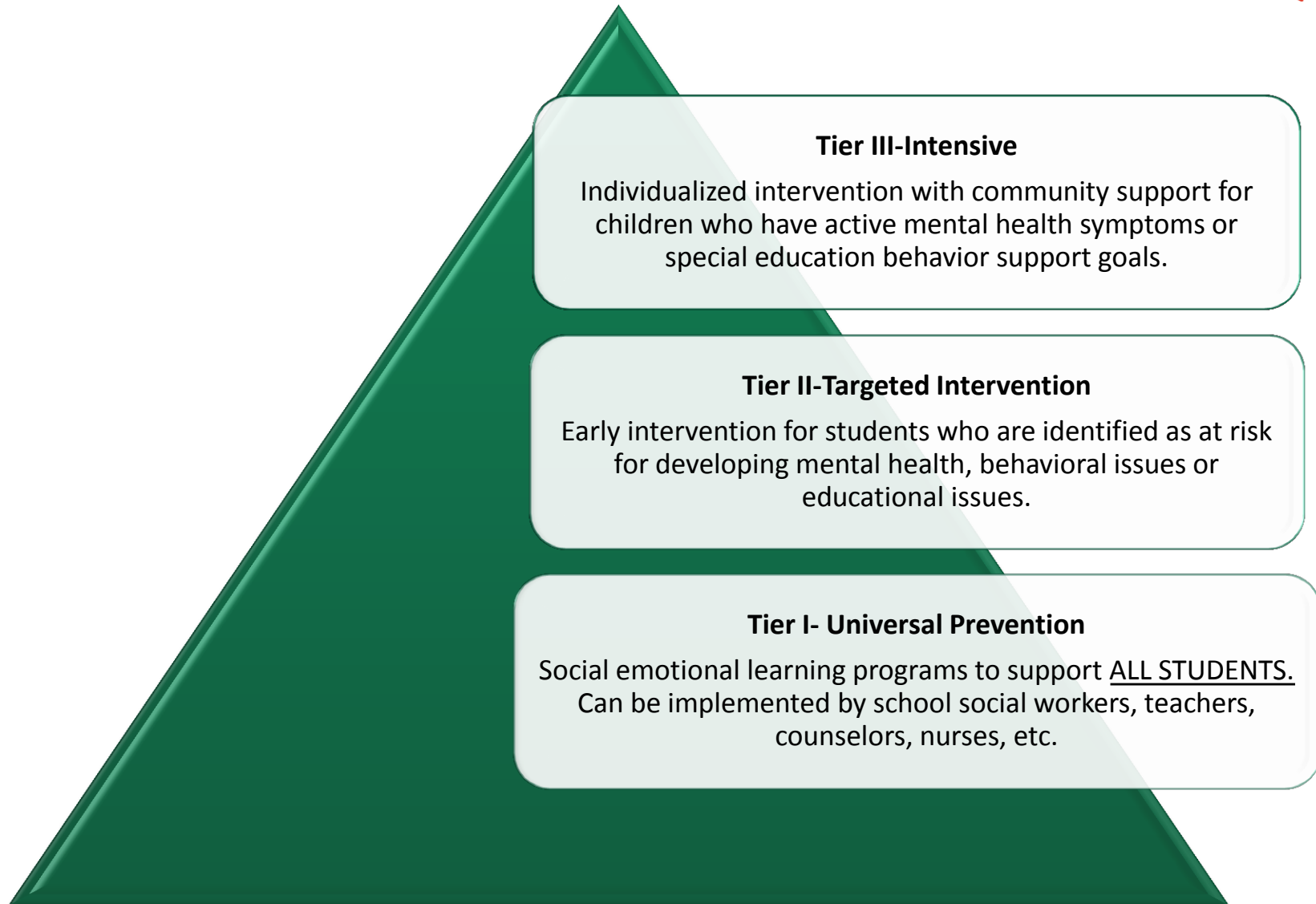


# Early Warning Indicator System Screening for MH and Trauma



Early Warning Indicators	On-Track  (Tier I)	Sliding  (Tier II)	Off-Track  (Tier III)
<b>BEHAVIOR</b>	No Office Discipline Referrals (ODR) or suspensions	2-3 ODRs and/or 1 suspension	3+ ODRs and/or 2+ suspensions
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	missed < 5% instructional days	missed ≥ 5-9% instructional days	≥ 10% instructional days
<b>ACADEMICS: READING and Math</b>	Above Proficient or Proficient on interim assessment	Below Proficient	Far Below Proficient

# Tiered Trauma Sensitive Model



# Tier One

## **Tier I: Universal Prevention/Consultation and Mental Health Promotion:**

Social Emotional Support services at this tier are provided universally to the entire student body, school staff, or parents/guardians. These services aim to prevent the development of serious mental health problems and to promote pro-social skill development among children and youth.

### **Examples of interventions at this tier include:**

- School-wide PBIS or classroom-based social emotional learning programs, including substance abuse and violence prevention programs (i.e., bullying prevention; Good touch, Bad touch; peer mediation; conflict resolution)
- Staff professional development (i.e., mental health awareness, classroom management)
- Mental health educational workshops for parents/guardians or students
- Mental Health Consultation\*

\*During Tier One: Consultation is focused on increasing the general knowledge base of general education teachers regarding social emotional development, impairments, and the relationship to the curriculum and function in age-appropriate activities.

# Tier Two

## **Tier II: Targeted or Early Intervention/Prevention:**

Students who are at elevated risks for developing a mental health problem are offered various early intervention services to target specific risk factors. These interventions are delivered to children and youth who have social emotional challenges, behavioral symptoms and/or mental health needs that may not be severe enough to meet diagnostic criteria or eligibility for special education services.

### **Evidence Based Interventions**

- Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT-Elementary, Middle and High School)
- Child Centered Play Therapy (CCPT-Elementary School)
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention For Trauma in Schools (CBITS-Middle and High School)
- Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS-Middle and High School)
- Theatre Troupe/ Peer Education Project (TT/PEP-Middle and High School)
- Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT-Middle and High School)
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### **Additional interventions may include:**

- Support groups (e.g., grief and loss, children of divorce, etc.)
- Focused skills training groups (social skills, anger management)
- Crisis management
- Interventions that target specific behaviors, such as aggression, withdrawal, sadness etc.
- Attendance interventions, dropout prevention programs, and training or consultation for families and teachers who work with identified children.
- Mental Health Consultation
- FBA and BIP-Level I



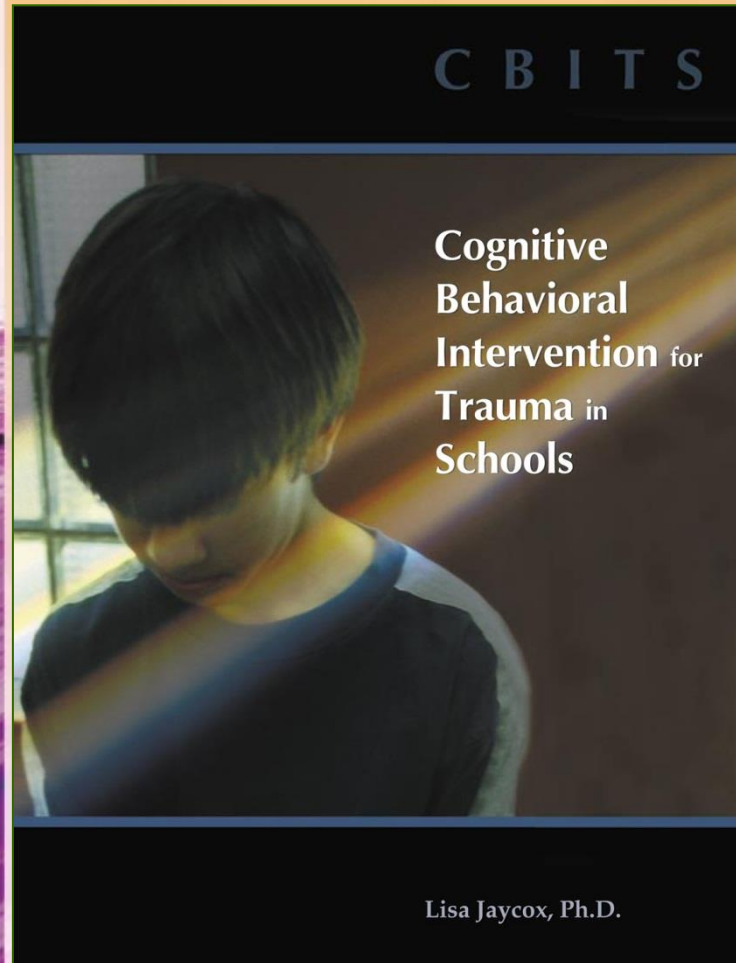
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# Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)



- School-based intervention
- Delivered by licensed mental health professionals
- Proven effective in research trials
- Visit: [Rand.org](http://Rand.org) OR [cbitsprogram.org](http://cbitsprogram.org)

# Tier Three

## Tier III: Intensive Intervention:

Students who have active mental health symptoms that meet diagnostic criteria are offered intensive interventions to improve functioning in school and decrease impact on academic achievement. Interventions at this level are appropriate for meeting the needs of students who have specific mental health needs that are impacting their functioning in the school, home, and/or community.

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- Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT-Middle and High School)

### Interventions at this tier may include any combination of the following:

- Behavior Support Services on an IEP utilizing evidenced based interventions (listed above)
- Individual and or group counseling
- Psycho-education
- Crisis intervention
- Referral to and Service coordination with community mental health providers





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## Support for Students Exposed to Trauma (SSET) – Modified for Use by Teachers

- **Modified version of CBITS**
- **Delivered by: Teachers, Graduate Interns and School Counselors**
- **Proven effective in research trials**

PROGRAM MANUAL

### Support for Students Exposed to Trauma: The SSET Program

Group Leader Training Manual, Lesson Plans, and Lesson Materials and Worksheets

*Lisa H. Jaycox • Audra K. Langley • Kristin L. Dean*





*Recommendation Nine:  
Create Responsive HealthCare Systems for  
Super Utilizers via  
Enhanced Care Coordination*



# *Changes in Healthcare Systems*

## **Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers**

### **A Video from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**

2003 - Physician Jeffrey Brenner founds the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, an integrated health care system designed to provide preventive and primary care while also addressing patients' social needs.

2011 - Brenner is the subject of a profile in The New Yorker that describes his use of data and mapping to identify “hot-spotters”—people with multiple and chronic ailments who are the heaviest users of health care—and respond with a team-based approach to help those patients manage their health, improve their stability and reduce the costs of their care.

Brenner receives a MacArthur “genius” grant for his model of cooperative care, now being replicated by more than ten communities across the country.

## *Dr. Brenner's Problem Arising From Data*

Nearly half of the city's approximately 77,000 residents were visiting an emergency department or hospital annually—most often for head colds, viral infections, ear infections, and sore throats.

Thirteen percent of the patients accounted for 80 percent of hospital costs; 20 percent of the patients accounted for 90 percent of the costs.

# Process of linking to a Care Management Team

## Pro-Actively and as Part of a Readmission Reduction Team

- The database identifies hospitalized patients with complicated medical and social needs
- *A care management team*—consisting of a social worker, nurse, community health worker and health "coach" (an AmeriCorps volunteer who plans to go into medicine or nursing)—visits the patient in the hospital, reviewing prescribed medications, conferring with doctors and nurses, and helping plan the discharge
- Team members visit the patient at home immediately after discharge and provide ongoing support for two to nine months, including connecting the patient to a primary care doctor, accompanying him or her to appointments, and helping line up needed social services. The goal is to leave patients with the ability to manage their health on their own

# *Improving Care Can Save Money*

While Brenner's main purpose was to improve care, there is evidence that his model reduces costs.

The first 36 patients averaged a total of 62 hospital and emergency room visits per month before the intervention compared to 37 visits per month afterward.

Their hospital bill total fell from a monthly average of \$1.2 million to just over \$500,000—savings that benefit the federal and state governments in reduced Medicaid spending and the hospitals in reduced charity care costs.

*Recommendation Ten:  
Enhance Integration of Trauma Informed Care  
into Department of Juvenile Justice Screening  
and Programs while Enhancing Care  
Coordination*



# *Trauma and Juvenile Justice Population*

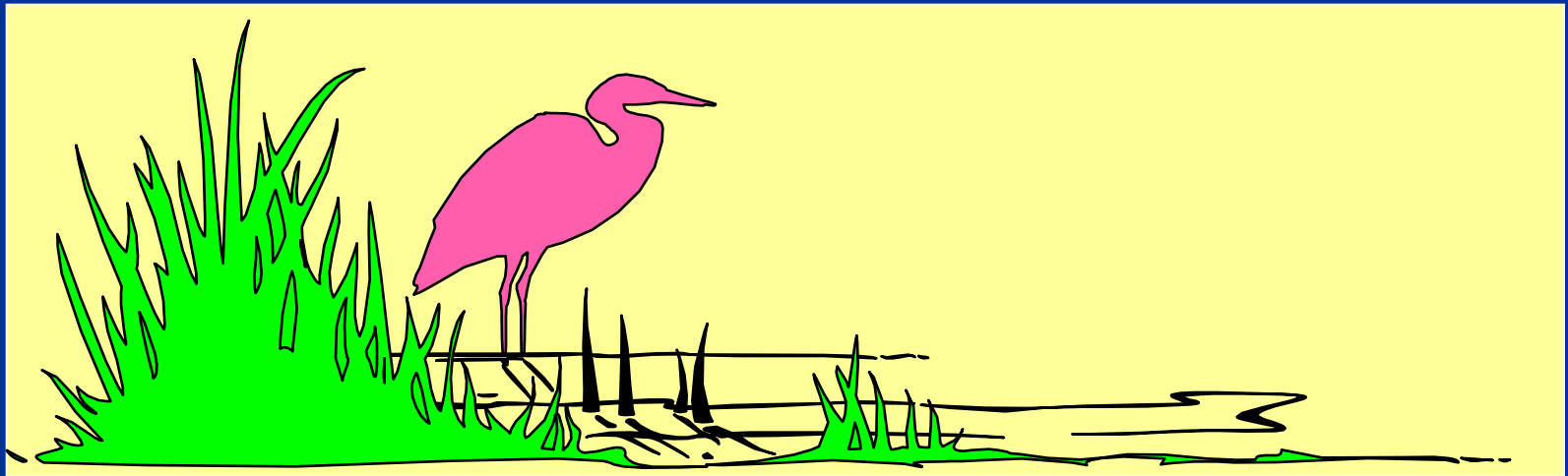


Being abused or neglected as a child increased the likelihood of arrest as a juvenile by 59 percent and as an adult by 28 percent, and for a violent crime by 30 percent. The abused and neglected cases were younger at first arrest, committed nearly twice as many offenses, and were arrested more frequently

(Widom, 1995; Widom and Maxfield, 2001).

- According to NCTSN, each year 2 million children come into contact with the Juvenile Justice System
- The majority of these youth have directly experienced or witnessed trauma
- Trauma informed approaches to their care in the Juvenile Justice System can reduce contact and recidivism

# Crime is a wound



Justice should be healing

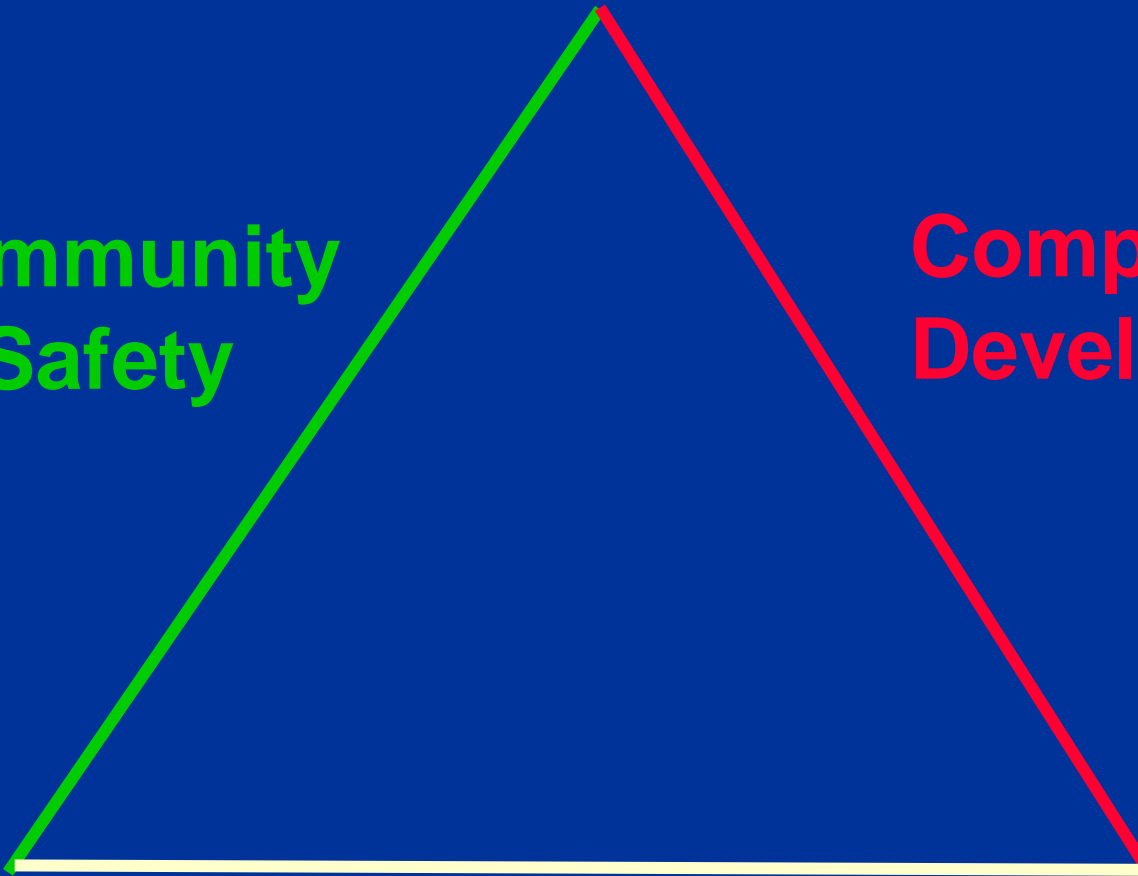


# The Balanced Approach

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Safety**

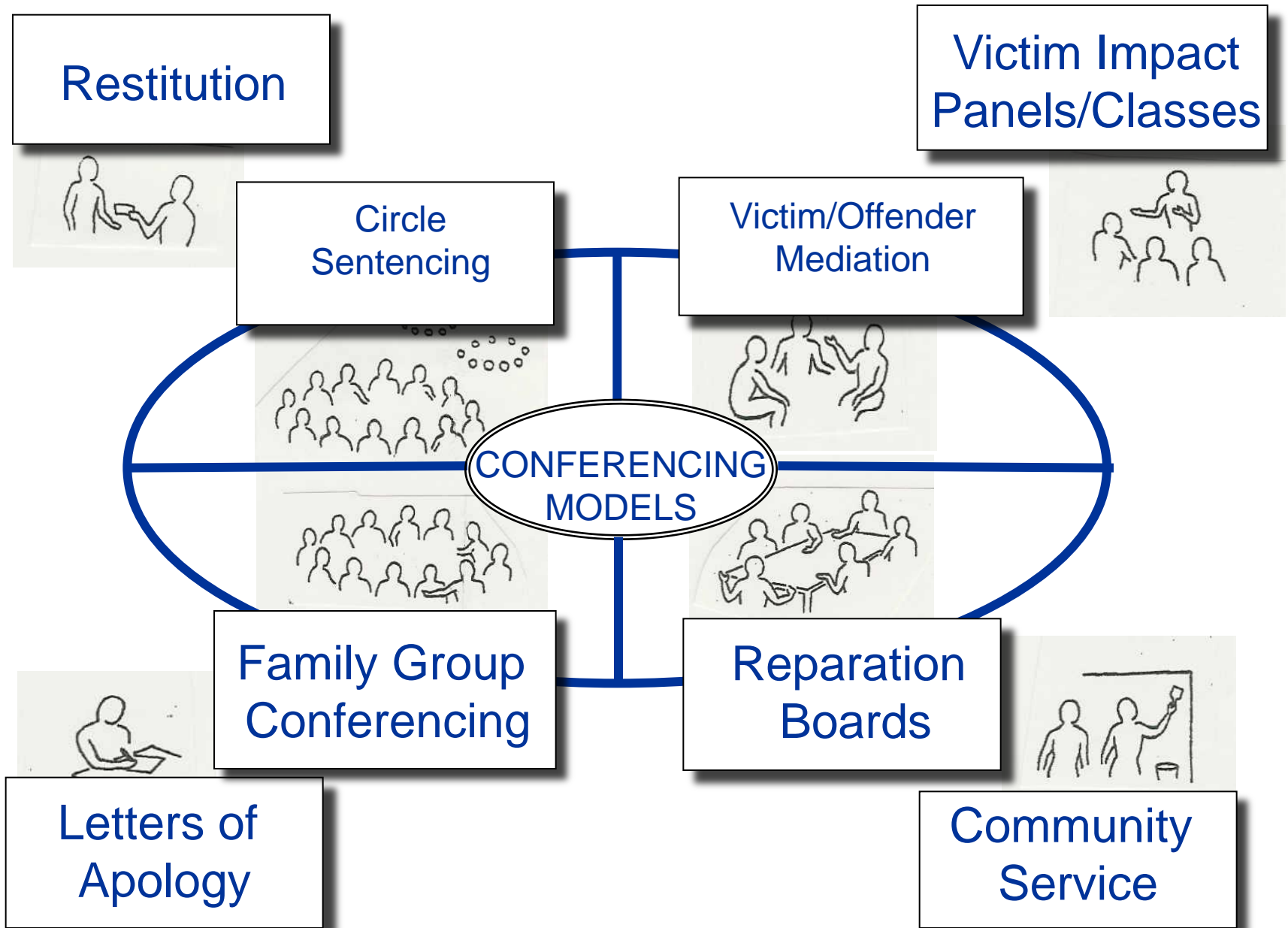
**Competency  
Development**

**Accountability**



# Restorative Justice Practices at a Glance

OJJDP: Balance and Restorative Justice Training Restorative Justice Foundations Module 1, Slide 68)



# *Additional Implementation Suggestions*



- Continued enhancement of Positive Youth Development (PYD) Models focusing on protective factors and assets of youth
- Incorporation of Restorative Practices and Restorative Justice Models across the Department of Juvenile Justice Continuum
- Incorporation of Trauma Informed Organizational Assessments across continuum of services offered

# Implications & Future Directions

## Reduction of ACEs within linked lives context of parents and children

- Better assessment of factors that serve as mechanisms of stress proliferation, coping and support erosion, disability and health outcomes: Macro, Meso, Micro
- More data on children's well-being within parental trajectories
- Main directions of Interventions should be on:
  - Strengthening “adaptive parental function”
  - Interrupting stress proliferation and stress embodiment
  - Resilience cannot thrive at any one level alone: Individual, family, community, structural needed

Paula S. Nurius, University of Washington  
Illustrating NEAR-Related Findings from Surveillance  
Population Data:  
Building Partnership Complementarity



*Thanks*

