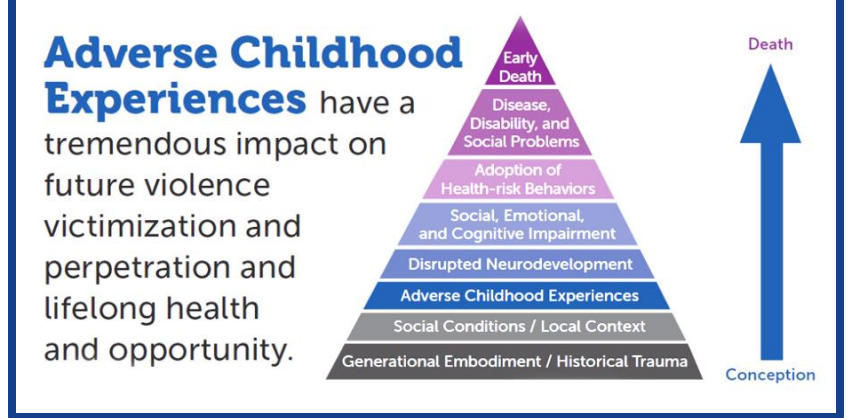


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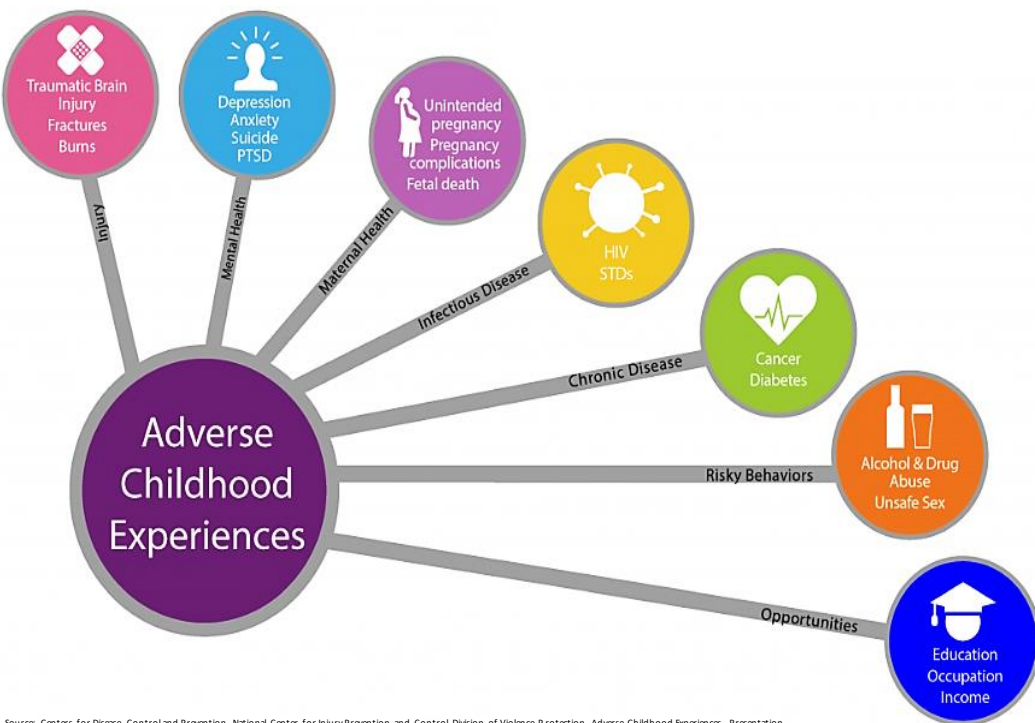
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

ACEs is a blanket term used to classify types of abuse, neglect, and other potentially traumatic experiences that occur to people under the age of 18.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention, About Adverse Childhood Experiences, Atlanta, Georgia; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2019



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Child abuse, neglect, and other ACEs can have a tremendous impact on broader lifelong health and well-being outcomes such as:

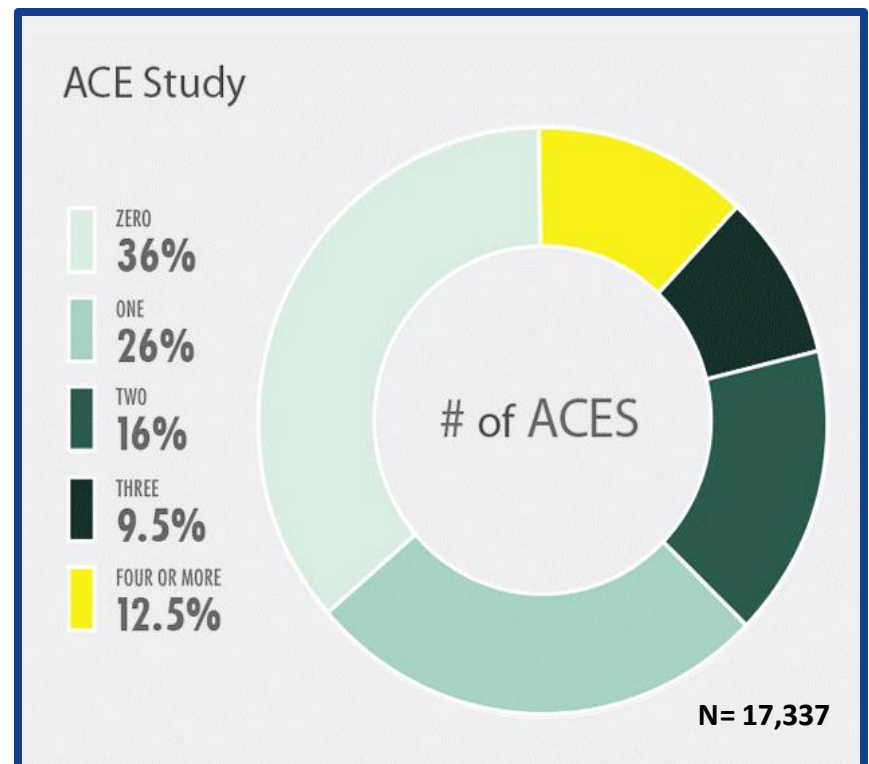
- ❖ Lower educational attainment
- ❖ Increased risk of substance misuse later in life
- ❖ Delayed brain development
- ❖ Underdeveloped social and mental skills
- ❖ Reproductive health problems
- ❖ Limited future employment opportunities

Source: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2019

Fast Facts

- ❖ The CDC estimated lifetime costs of child maltreatment in the US at \$124 billion in 2010.
- ❖ The presence of ACEs does not necessarily lead to a child experiencing poor outcomes. However, a child's positive experiences (protective factors) can prevent them from experiencing adversity and can protect against many of the negative health and life-long outcomes, even after adversity has occurred.
- ❖ New and growing ACEs include poverty, racism, and bullying.
- ❖ Studies show a \$7 return on every \$1 spent on prevention-centered services targeting the earliest years of development.

How Common are ACEs?



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Kaiser Permanente, The ACE Study Survey Data [Unpublished Data], Atlanta, Georgia; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2016

What Coalitions Can Do

1. Invite community members and key stake-holders from the early childhood field to coalition meetings and encourage them to become members of your coalition.
2. Build strong foundations through investment in high-quality, evidence-based, early intervention services.
3. Encourage change of social norms to support parents and positive parenting.
4. Advocate for early-life education.
5. Engage youth early to help identify possible ACEs and prevent future ACEs from occurring.
6. Educate yourself by visiting the CDC's ACEs website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/acestudy/index.html>
7. Connect with SAMHSA's National Helpline at 1-800-662-HELP.

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