

## UNDERSTANDING

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Building Self-Healing Communities





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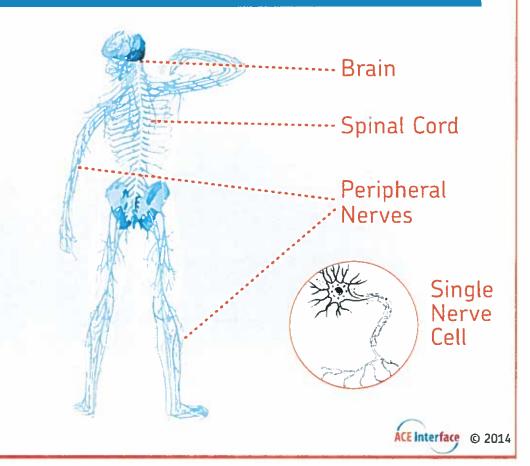
## **HUMAN NERVOUS SYSTEM**

Nervous system ORCHESTRATES BODY FUNCTIONS & PERCEPTIONS

Neuroscience
HELPS US UNDERSTAND WHY

A C E S

ARE SO POWERFUL

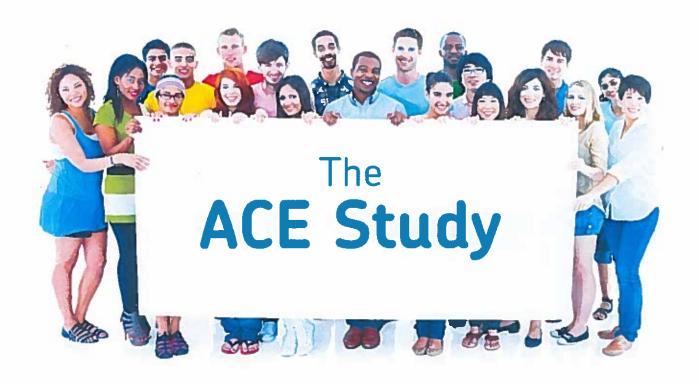


## ADAPTATIONS VS EXPECTATIONS

COUBLE WHEN BIOLOGY COULD SWITH SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS WE run into TROUBLE









# FINDING MORE CONNECTIONS

how multiple forms of childhood adversity can affect many important PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS

## **Adverse Childhood Experiences** ARE COMMON

#### **Household Dysfunction**

Substance Abuse 27%

Parental Sep/Divorce 23%

Mental Illness 17%

**Battered Mothers** 13%

Criminal Behavior

#### Neglect

**Emotional** 15%

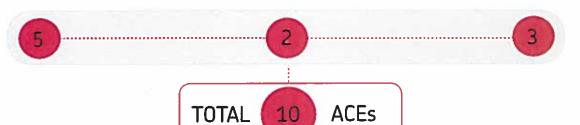
Physical 10%

#### **Abuse**

**Emotional** 11%

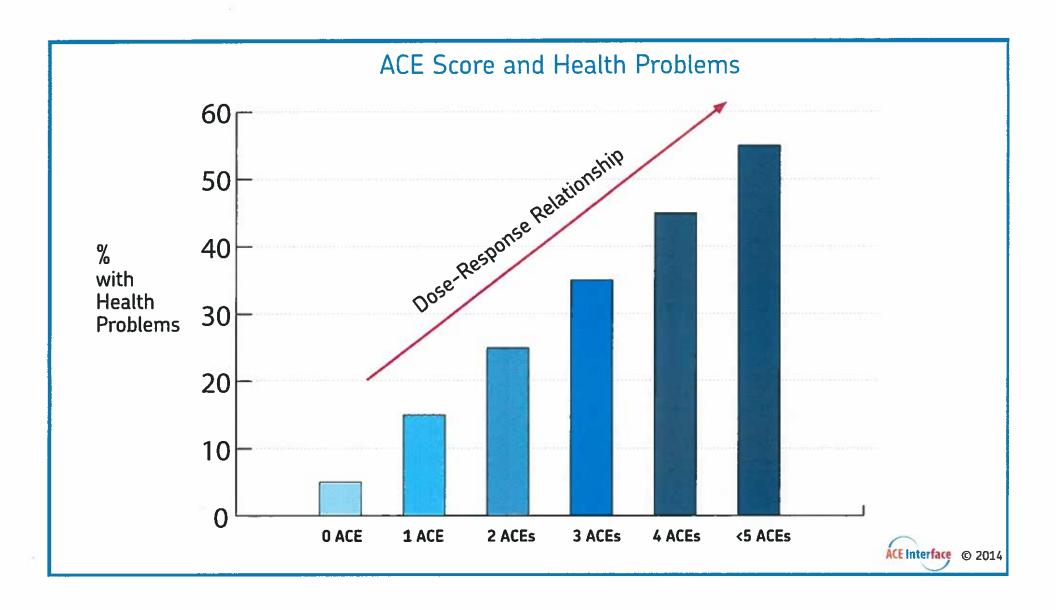
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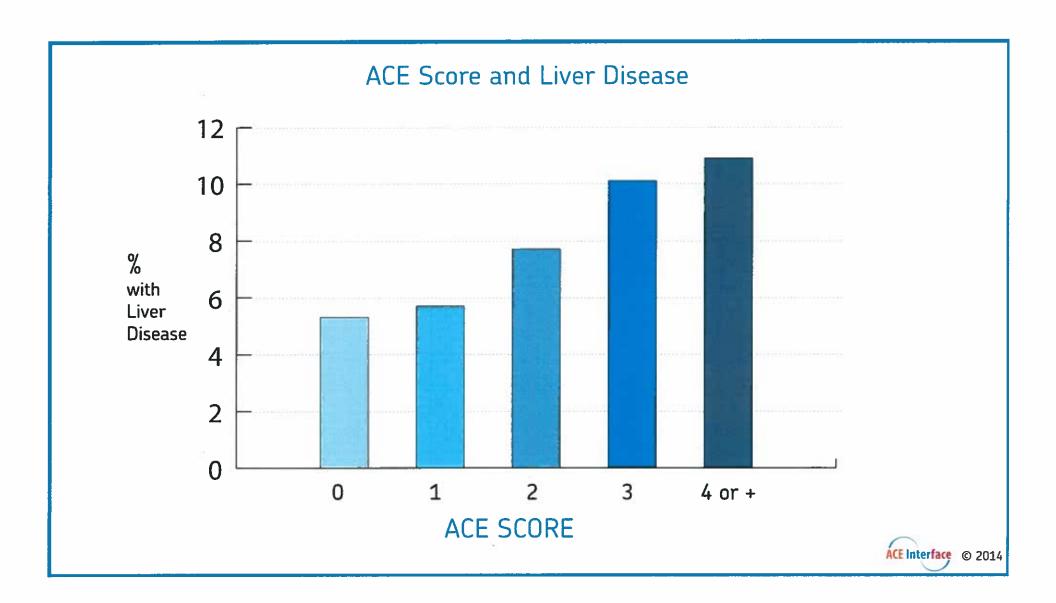
Sexual 21%

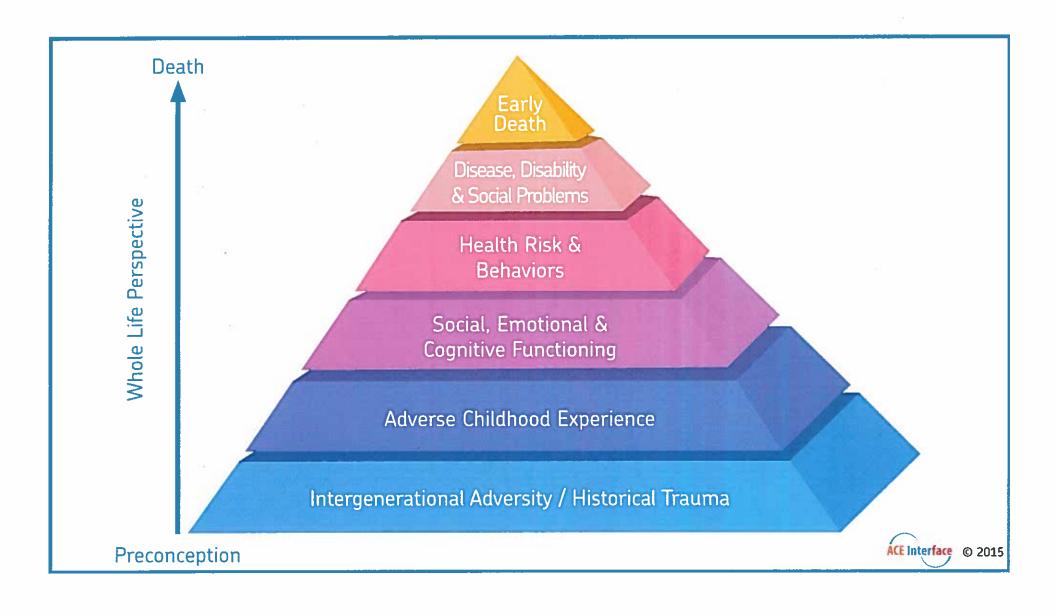


**ACEs** 









## ACEs are Common, Interrelated, Powerful



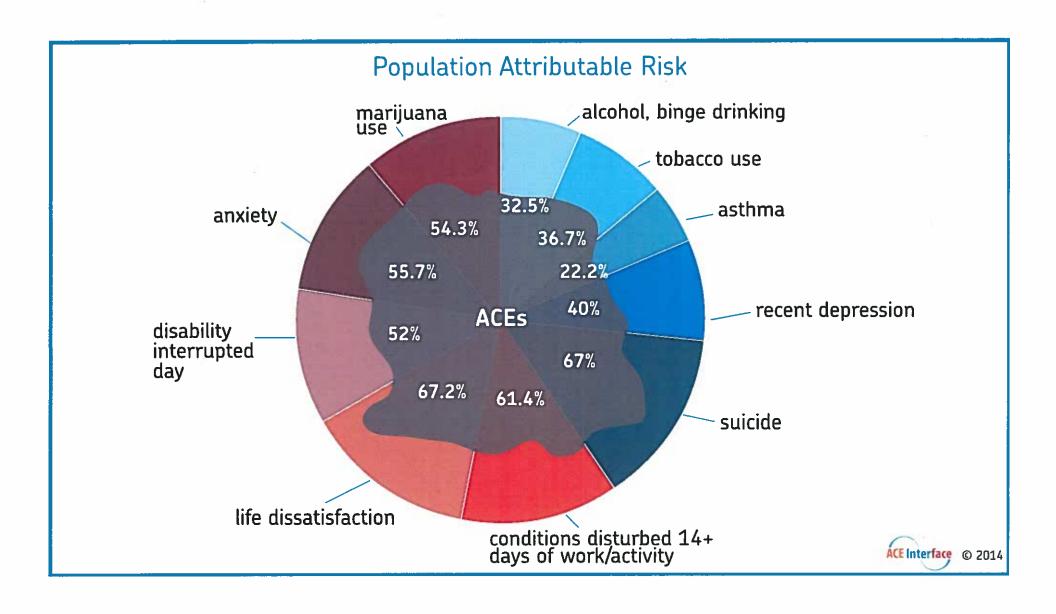
High ACE Scores in Population



Increased Risk of Multiple Health and Social Problems



Intergenerational Transmission of ACEs



## **Core Protective Systems**

Capabilities

Attachment & Belonging

Community Culture Spirituality "Nurturing the healthy development of these protective systems affords the most important preparation or 'inoculation' for overcoming potential threats and adversities in human development. Similarly, damage or destruction of these systems has dire consequences for the positive adaptive capacity of individuals."

Ann Masten, 2009

# CHANGE is up to US







It is shaped by our thoughts, our conversations, the way we relate with one another in relationships, in families, and in communities.



# Thank 10U!

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