

Prevent Child Abuse America

## Prevention Happens in Partnership

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*Public health is what we, as a society, do collectively to assure the conditions in which (all) people can be healthy.*

Institute of Medicine  
*The Future of Public Health, 1988 & 1997*



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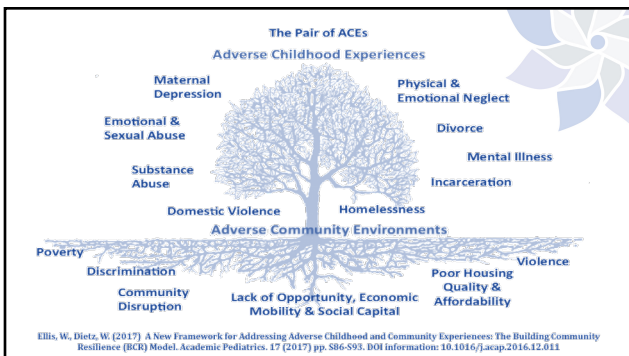
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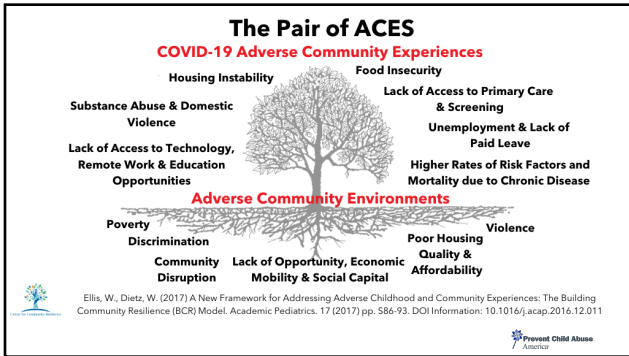
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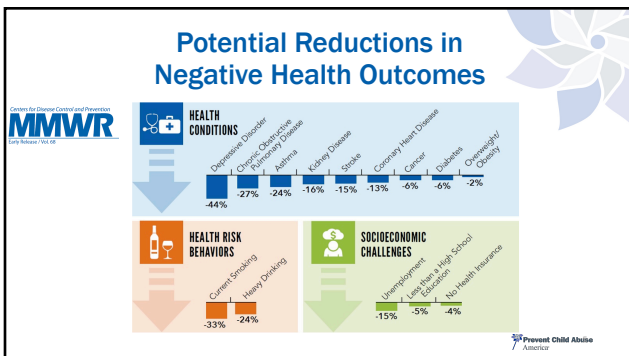
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### Vital Signs report key takeaways :

- ACEs are common.
- The effects of ACEs add up over time and impact our health and life outcomes.
- Preventing ACEs could help prevent poor health and life outcomes.

UP TO  
**21 MILLION**  
CASES OF  
DEPRESSION

UP TO  
**1.9 MILLION**  
CASES OF  
HEART DISEASE

UP TO  
**2.5 MILLION**  
CASES OF  
OVERWEIGHT/OBESITY

- **ACEs are preventable.**

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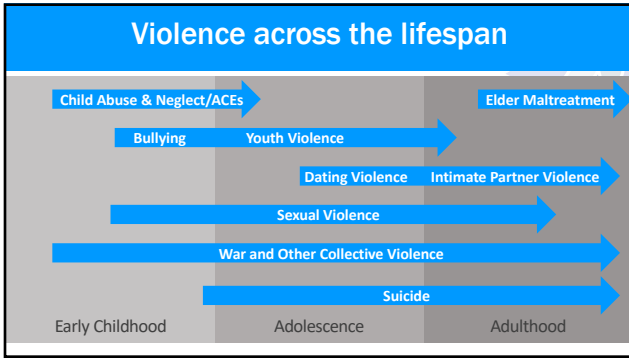
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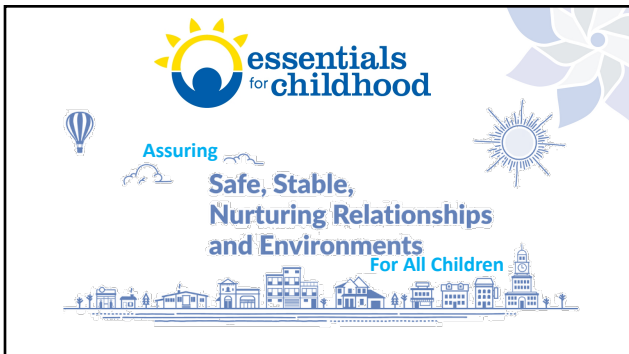
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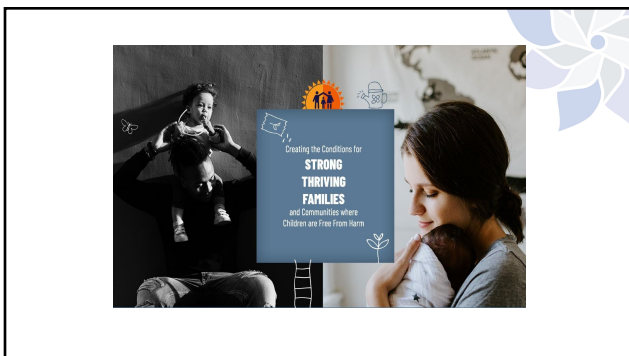
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### 6 Strategies to Prevent ACEs

**Strengthen economic supports for families**

- Strengthening household financial security
- Family-friendly work policies

**Promote social norms that protect against violence and adversity**

- Public education campaigns
- Legislative approaches to reduce corporal punishment
- Bystander approaches
- Men and boys as allies in prevention

**Ensure a strong start for children**

- Early childhood home visitation
- High-quality child care
- Preschool enrichment with family engagement

**Teach skills**

- Socioemotional learning
- Safe dating and healthy relationship skill programs
- Parenting skills and family relationship approaches

**Connect youth to caring adults and activities**

- Mentoring programs
- Afterschool programs

**Lessen harms and prevent future risk**

- Enhanced primary care
- Victim-centered services
- Treatment to lessen the harms of ACEs
- Treatment to prevent problem behavior and future involvement in violence
- Family-centered treatment for substance use disorders

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### STRONG ROOTS GROW A RESILIENT COMMUNITY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RESILIENCE, PLEASE VISIT PEACETARTARPO.ORG

Marc HealthFederation.org      www.HealthFederation.org

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