



WHAT ARE ACEs?

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) is the term used to describe all types of abuse, neglect as well as household dysfunctions or traumatic circumstances that occur to people under the age of 18. The landmark Kaiser ACE Study examined the relationships between these experiences during childhood and reduced health and well-being later in life.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ACEs



1. CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

- According to the CDC, non-fatal child maltreatment has an average lifetime cost of \$830,928 per victim including health care costs and costs incurred in the child welfare, criminal justice and special education systems.



2. IMPACT ON EDUCATION

- Higher cumulative ACE scores increase the risk for poor educational and employment outcomes.



3. IMPACT ON HEALTH

- There is a direct and significant relationship between the number of ACEs and increases in social, emotional and cognitive impairments, disease, injury, disability and health-risk behaviors.



4. IMPACT ON JUVENILE JUSTICE & CORRECTIONS

- Research on ACEs has revealed higher prevalence rates of adversity and trauma for justice-involved youth compared to youth in the general population.



5. IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY

- Children who are successful in their early years will be better able to achieve higher educational achievement and enter the job market as tax-paying citizens. ***For every \$1 invested in early childhood development programs, there is a \$7 return.***

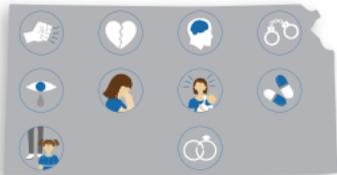




Making the Business Case for Prevention

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES
impact on business || employers || community

In Kansas...



More than 50%
Adults have *at least 1 ACE*

HIGH ACE SCORES
more prevalent among adults **(3+)**
under age 65

Low unemployment rate < 3.4% with
≈50,000 open jobs

↑ *increases # of low income workers with*
HIGH ACE SCORES entering the workforce

Higher ACE Scores...



impact our **CURRENT WORKFORCE** especially working Kansans *with lower levels of education & earning lower annual incomes*



increase the likelihood of *academic failure* by **3x**



result in increased work-related injury, absenteeism & decline in individual worker productivity that *costs employers* **\$147,000** over each lifetime

One of the best ways to prevent ACEs is to create safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for children at home, work and in the community. When parents have healthy relationships and environments that they work and live in, they are prepared to provide similar supports to their children.

STRONG FAMILIES *build* STRONG BUSINESSES

LEARN MORE ABOUT ACEs IN KANSAS:

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