

Dually Adjudicated Juveniles

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Goals of This Session

Participants will learn about programs developed by OK tribes that focus on victims within the juvenile justice system and support keeping youth within the community.

Participants will discuss approaches for serving at -risk youth that are collaborative, address jurisdictional issues and promote tribal sovereignty by highlighting the resiliency of spirituality & healing in tribal communities.

Participants will discuss ways to enhance sustainability and measurability within tribal programs developed for at risk youth.

Trauma Exposed Children

Oklahoma has between 9,000 and 10,000 children in out of home placements

Approximately 30% of those children are Native American

Outcomes

52% will be reunited with birth family

30% will be adopted

Others will age out of foster care, run away, or move into other systems

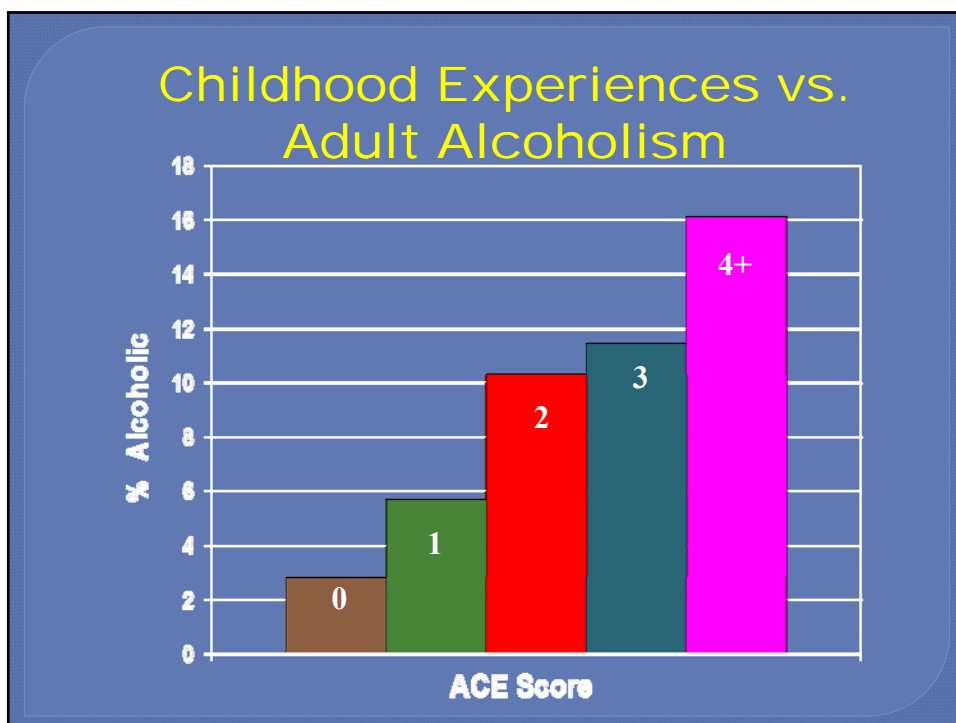
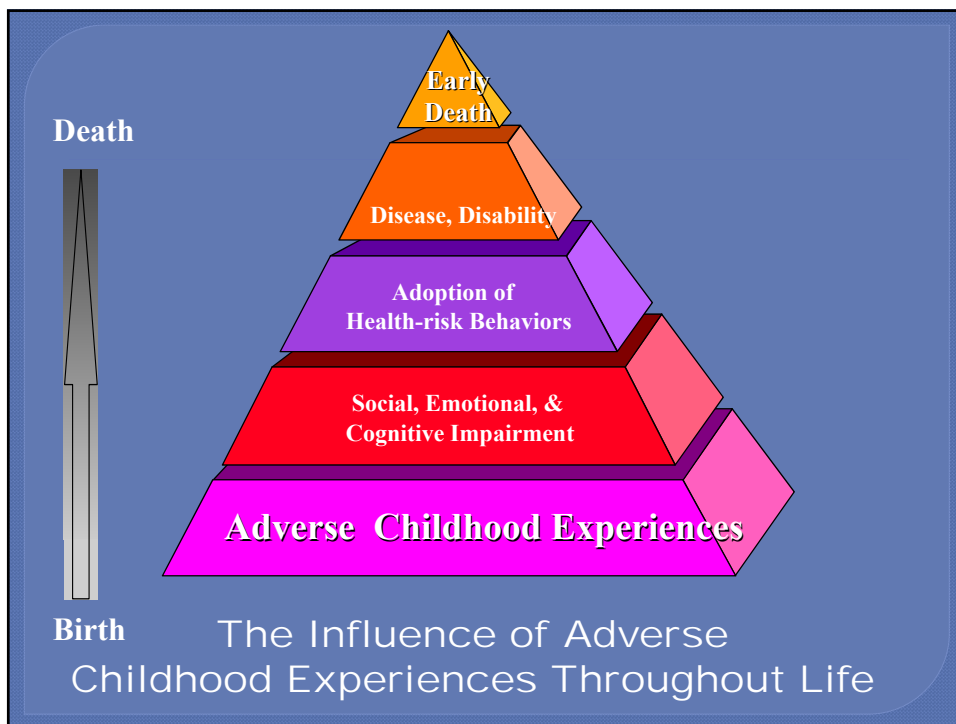
Outcomes...

“as a group, foster children are sicker than homeless children and children living in the poorest sections of inner cities...”

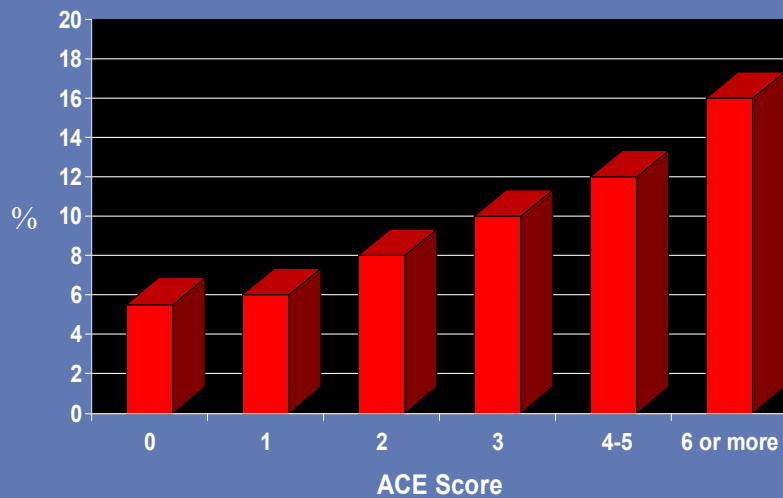
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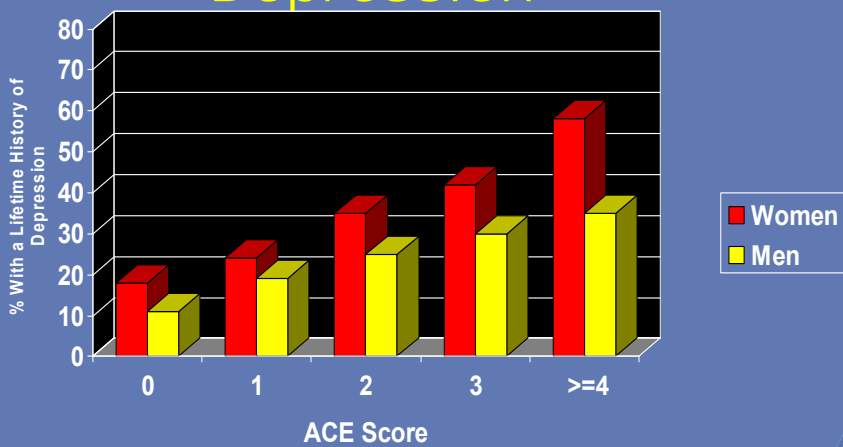
- Parental substance abuse
- Divorce
- Parental mental illness
- Domestic violence against mother
- Criminal behavior/imprisonment
- Repeated physical abuse
- Psychological abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional neglect
- Physical neglect

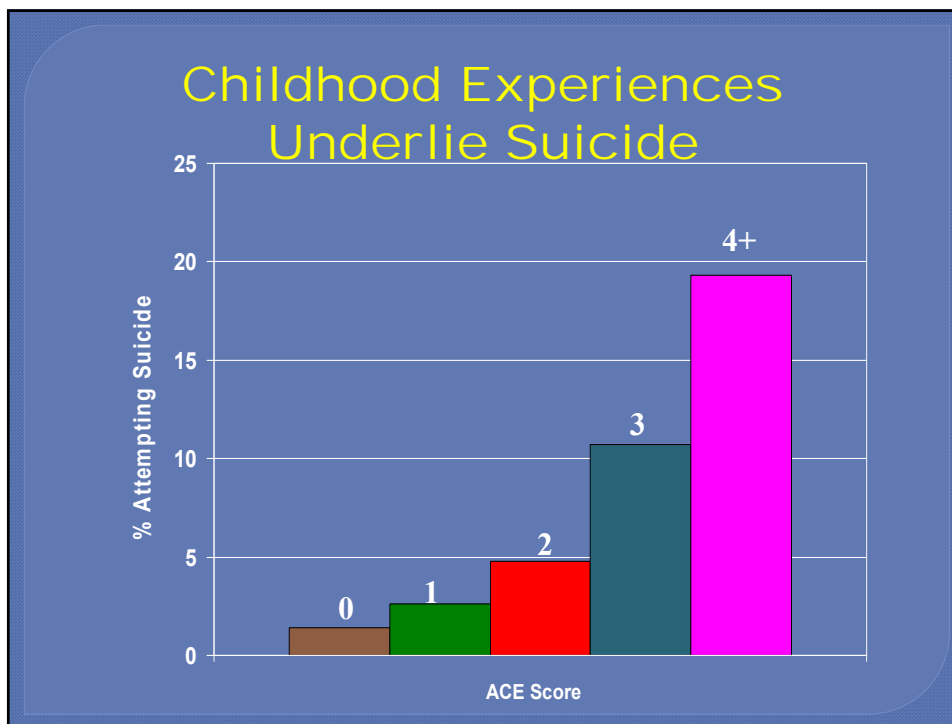


Adverse Childhood Experiences vs. Current Smoking



Childhood Experiences Underlie Chronic Depression





Social Outcomes

Loss of productivity

- Job dysfunction (absences, poor performance, financial problems)
- Loss of years of life expectancy

Educational issues

Higher health care costs

Involvement in criminal justice or child welfare systems

Protective factors are individual or environmental characteristics, conditions, or behaviors that reduce the effects of stressful life events. These factors also increase an individual's ability to avoid risks or hazards, and promote social and emotional competence to thrive in all aspects of life, now and in the future.

CDC

RESILIENCE

(noun) the power to RETURN to the original form after being bent, compressed or stretched

“the manifestation of positive adaptation *despite* significant life adversity”

Luthar 2003

System Changes

OK Native American Juvenile Justice Task Force
2014

Formed from concern raised by Norman Public Schools Indian Education Program regarding access to Native American students in state run or contracted juvenile facilities

System Changes

House Bill 1834
Effective November 1, 2015

Requires the State of Oklahoma to identify and notify the appropriate federally recognized American Indian tribe or nation whenever a member or citizen commits a delinquent offense that brings him or her into contact with the State's juvenile justice system

Tribal Resources

Cherokee Nation Juvenile Services Program
Chickasaw Nation Juvenile Probation
Choctaw Nation Reintegration Program
Muscogee (Creek) Nation Juvenile Probation
Program & Reintegration Youth Program
Ponca Tribe "Project Eagle"
Sac & Fox Juvenile Detention Center

"It is easier to build strong children
than to repair broken men"

Frederick Douglass

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Questions/Discussion....?