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# TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS

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#### What is Trauma?

Witnessing or experiencing an event that poses a real or perceived threat

**Acute Trauma** 



Single Event

**Chronic Trauma** 

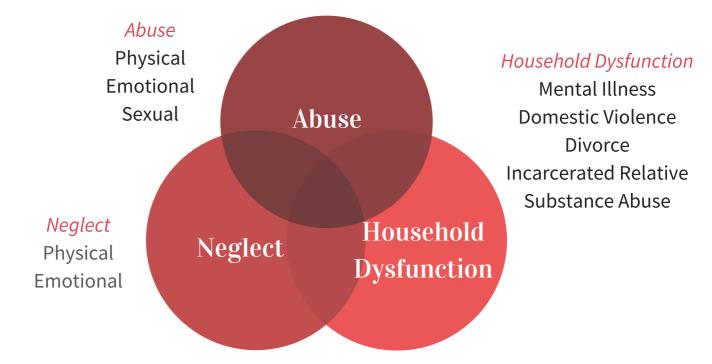


**Multiple Traumatic Events** 



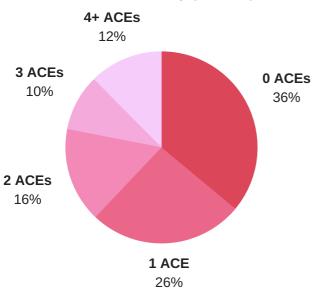
### **ACEs: What Are They?**

Adverse Childhood Experiences
The 3 types of ACEs include



#### **ACEs: How Prevalent Are They?**

Of 17,000 ACE study participants:



- ACEs don't occur alone: if you have one, there's an 87% chance that you have two or more
- The more ACEs you have, the greater risk for chronic disease, mental illness, violence and being a victim of violence
- Individuals with 6+ ACEs are at risk of their lifespan being shortened by 20 years
- Children who have experienced trauma display behaviors that are nearly identical to those with developmental delays, ADHD and other mental health conditions

## What Impact Do ACEs Have?

As the number of ACEs increase, so does the risk for negative health outcomes















Lack of physical activity

**Smoking** 

Alcoholism

Drug use

Missed work

#### Physical and Mental Health



Heart disease





Depression





Severe obesity



Suicide



Stroke