ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES OR ACES, DISRUPTS A CHILD’S EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT RESULTING IN NEGATIVE LIFE OUTCOMES IN EDUCATION & ECONOMIC MOBILITY, HEALTH, CONTINUED VICTIMIZATION, INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND EVEN EARLY DEATH.

THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF HARM MEASURE A CHILD’S EXPOSURE TO ACES:

- **Physical Abuse**
- **Sexual Abuse**
- **Emotional Abuse**
- **Physical Neglect (new)**
- **Emotional Neglect (new)**
- **Family violence (specifically domestic violence)**
- **Household substance abuse issues**
- **Household Mental Illness**
- **Parents are separated or divorced (new)**
- **Household Member Incarceration**

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**01 EDUCATION & ECONOMIC MOBILITY**

- **Kids with 2 or more ACES are 2.5 TIMES more likely to repeat a grade.**
- **Kids with 4 or more ACEs are 2.3 TIMES more likely to not graduate high school and to be unemployed.**

**02 PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH**

- **Kids with 2 or more ACES are 2 TIMES more likely to have a chronic health condition and have special needs.**
- **Kids with 2 or more ACES are 4 TO 12 TIMES more likely to suffer from alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, and suicide attempts.**
- **Kids with 4 or more ACES are 2 TO 4 TIMES more likely to smoke, have poor health, have more than 50 sexual partners and sexually transmitted diseases.**
- **Kids with 2 or more ACES are 1.5 TIMES more likely to be physically inactive and suffer from obesity.**

**03 SEXUAL VIOLENCE AS AN ADULT**

- **Kids with 5 or more ACES are 8.3 TIMES more likely to experience sexual violence as an adult.**
- **Kids who experience Childhood Sexual Abuse are 3 TIMES more likely to experience sexual victimization in adulthood.**

**04 JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT**

- **Approximately 90% of Kids involved in the juvenile justice system have had at least 2 ACES.**
- **Approximately 27% of boys in the juvenile justice system have had 5 or more ACES.**
- **Approximately 45% of girls in the juvenile justice system have had 5 or more ACES.**

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