

# TRUTH ABOUT ACEs

## WHAT ARE THEY?

ACEs are  
ADVERSE  
CHILDHOOD  
EXPERIENCES

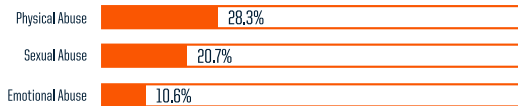
The three types of ACEs include

ABUSE	NEGLECT	HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION	
Physical	Physical	Mental Illness	Incarcerated Relative
Emotional	Emotional	Mother treated violently	Substance Abuse
Sexual		Divorce	

## HOW PREVALENT ARE ACEs?

The ACE study\* revealed the following estimates:

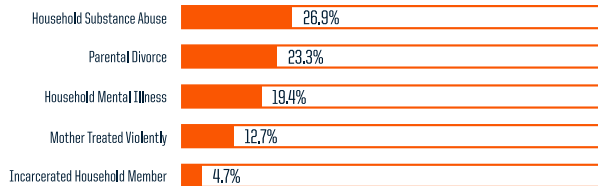
### ABUSE



### NEGLECT



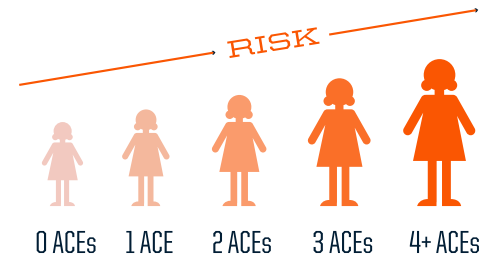
### HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



percentage of study participants that experienced a specific ACE

## WHAT IMPACT DO ACEs HAVE?

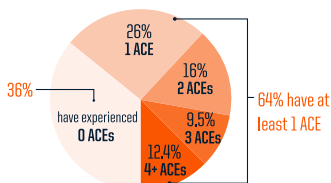
As the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk for negative health outcomes



Possible Risk Outcomes:

BEHAVIOR				
Lack of physical activity	Smoking	Alcoholism	Drug use	Missed work
PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH				
Severe obesity	Diabetes	Depression	Suicide attempts	STDs
Heart disease	Cancer	Stroke	COPD	Broken bones

Of 17,000 ACE study participants:



Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Center for Disease Control