Basics of ACEs

Objective: Define Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Adverse Childhood Experiences ACES

San Diego Kaiser and CDC 1990s

10 Questions

- Participants included: 17,000
 - Middle class, Males
 - 70% attended college,
 - 80% White/Hispanic(?)
- Measured
 - Abuse
 - Neglect
 - Household Dysfunction

Obtained information on their experiences before 18 years of age

Philadelphia Urban ACEs Survey 2013

EXPANDED THE ASSESSMENT

22 Questions

- Participants included: 1784
 - More SES & gender diversity
 - More education diversity
 - More racial diversity
- Measured
 - Abuse, Neglect, Household dysfunction
 - Neighborhood Safety and Trust
 - Discrimination/Racism
 - Bullying
 - Living in foster care
 - Witness Violence

Adverse Childhood Experiences

witnesstoviolence

mentalhealth divorce historicalracism domesticviolence

abuse deathfostercaretransitions separation socialexclusion

W 2 Streetviolence accidents naturaldiasters bullying dietaryrestrictions

ACES Briefing and Philadelphia Urban ACEs Study

- ACE scores above 4, more risk without intervention:
 - Suicide attempts
 - Prescribed anti-depressants (half century later)
 - Intimate relationships that were violent
 - Insecure attachments
 - Diagnosis with a mental health conditions
 - Poor health outcomes: cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, asthma