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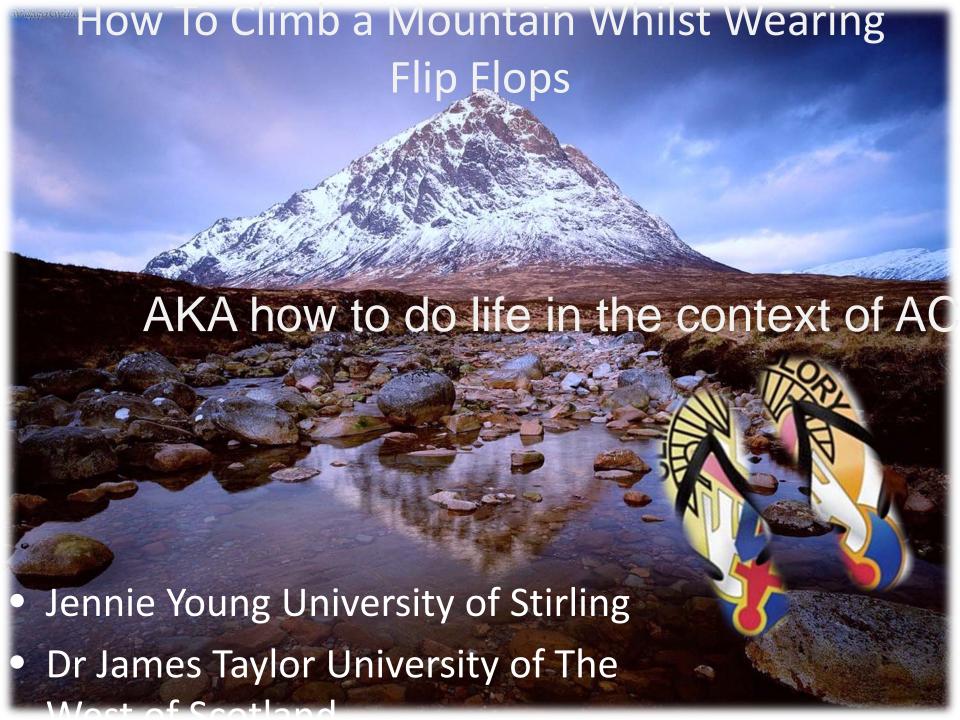


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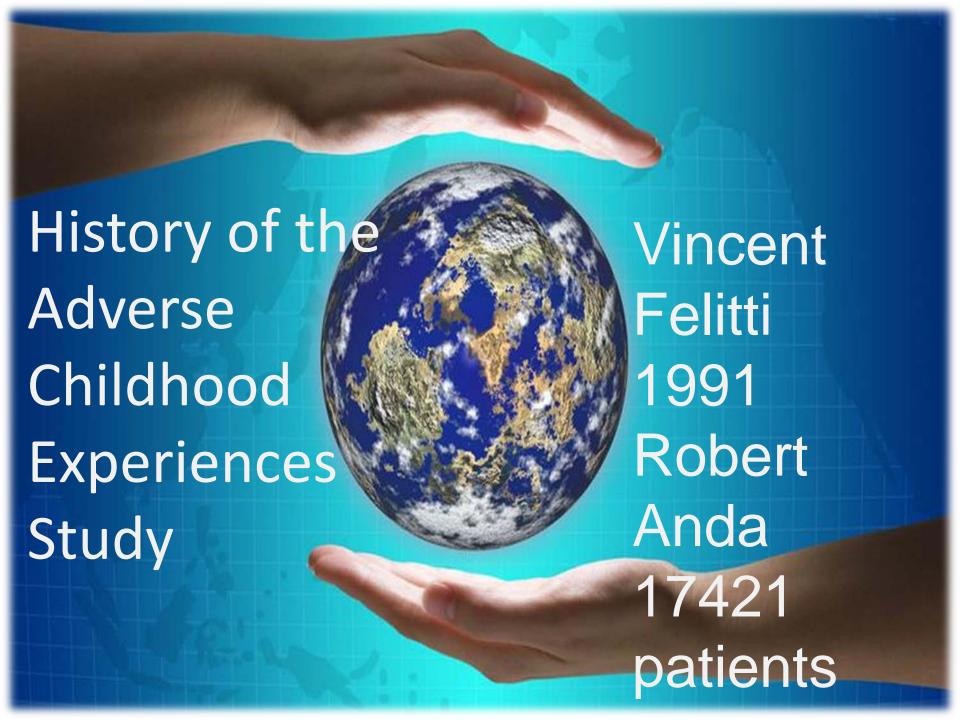
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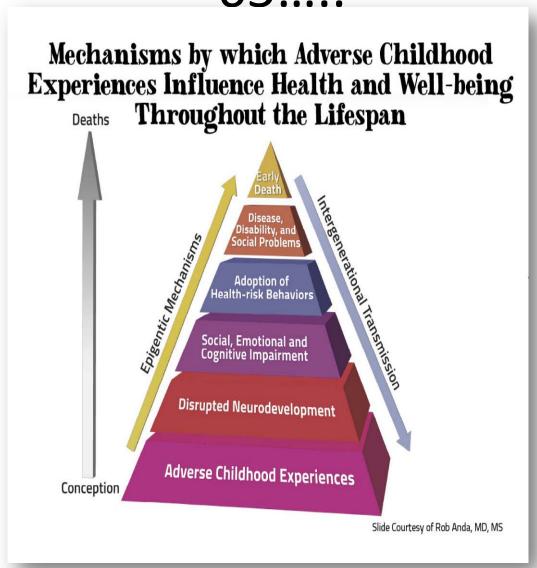
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ACE's Too High – No ACE Over 65.....



The Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences to Adult Health Status

A collaborative effort of **Kaiser Permanente and** The Centers for Disease Control Vincent J. Felitti. M.D. Robert F. Anda, M.D.

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Overview of Findings

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- ACEs are uncommonly recognized
- Concealed by time, shame secrecy, social taboos
- ACEs are the strongest predictor of adult disease

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Categories of Adverse Childhood Experiences

Abuse:

<u>Women</u>

Men Total

Sexual (by anyone)20.7%

24.7%16.0%

Physical (by parent)

27.0%29.9%

28.0%

Emotional (by parent) 13.1%

7.6% 10.6%

Neglect:

Emotional14.8%

16.7%

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Physical

9 2%

10 7%

Categories of Adverse Childhood Experiences (2)

Household Dysfunction: Women

Total

Substance abuse

29.5%

Mental illness

23.3%

 Mother treated violently 12.7%

Parental loss (death/div) 23.3%

Imprisonment

24.5%

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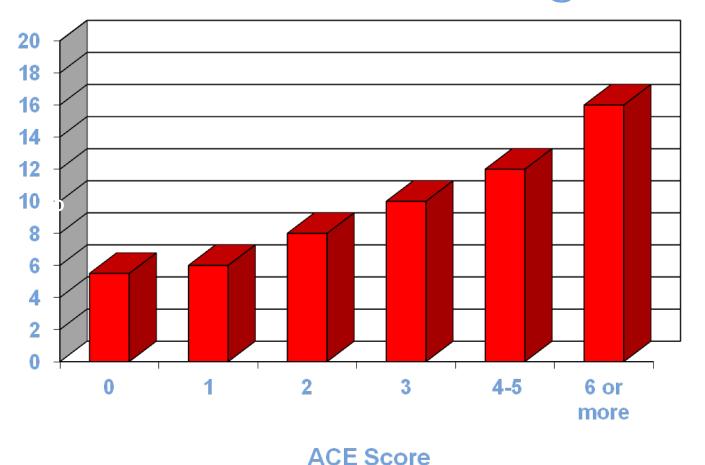
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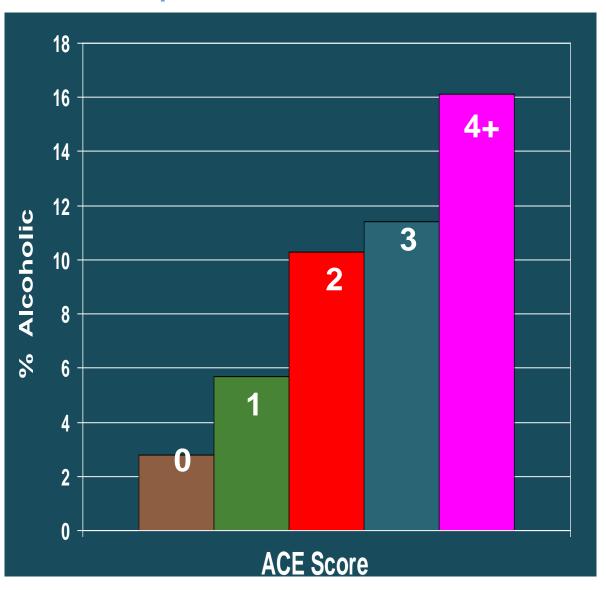
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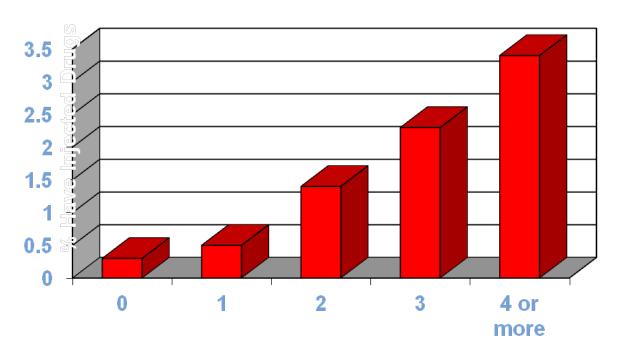
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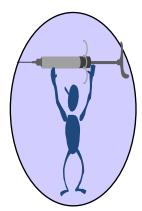


Childhood Experiences vs.



ACE Score vs. Intravenous Drug Use

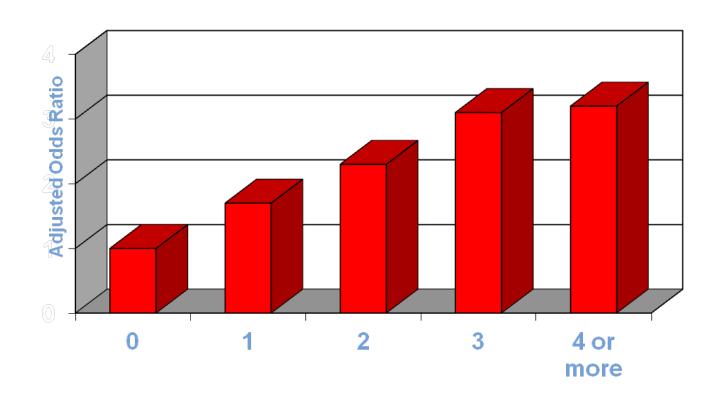




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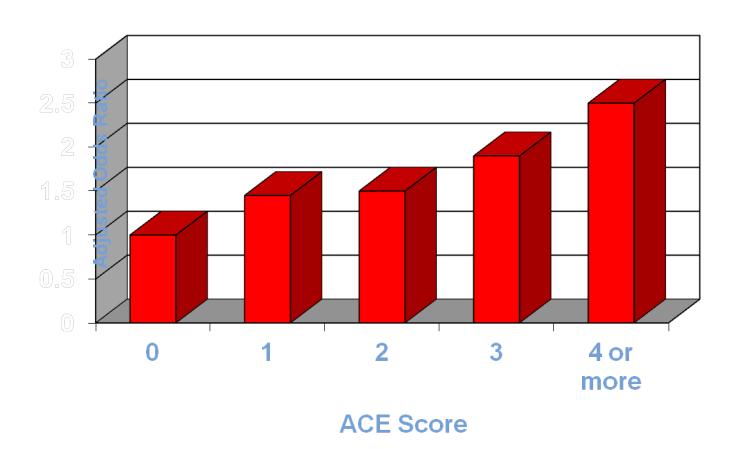
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Adverse Childhood Experiences vs. Likelihood of > 50 Sexual Partners

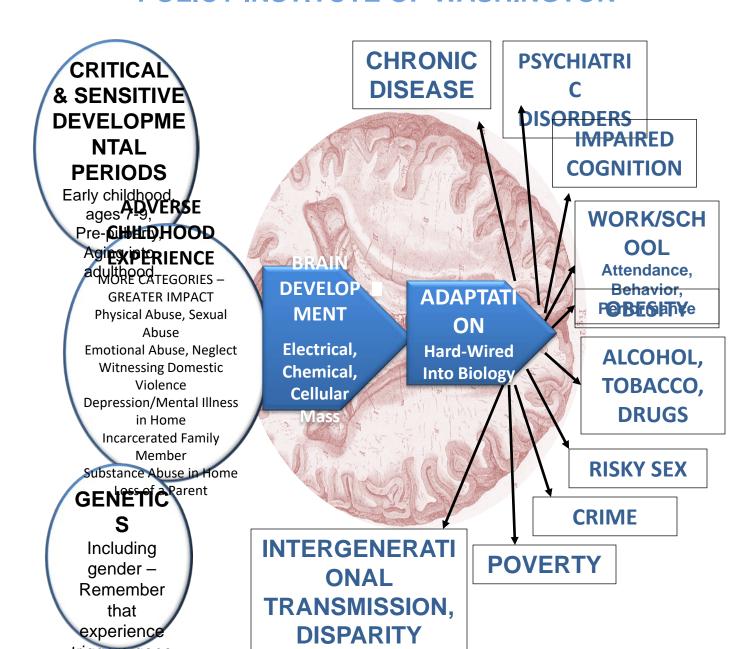


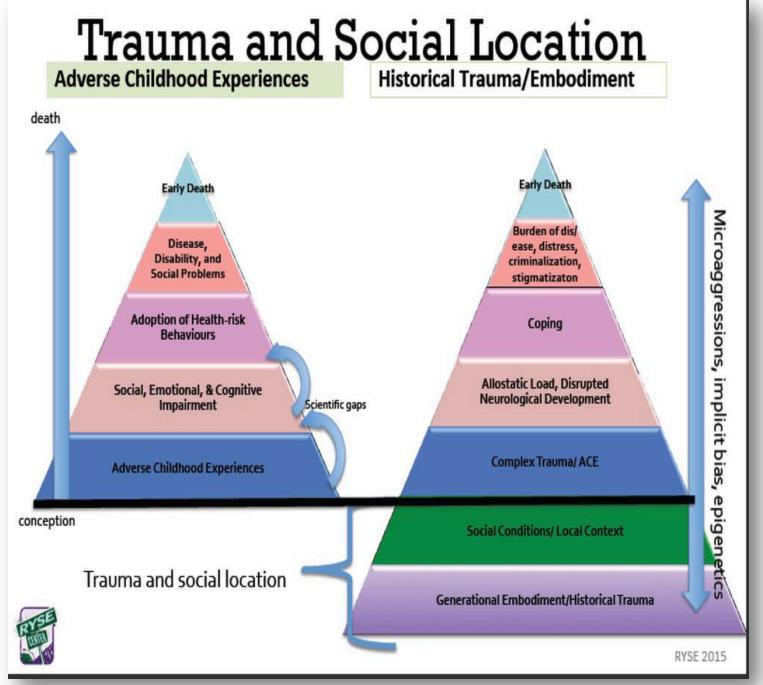
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Adverse Childhood Experiences vs. History of STD



ACES HAVE MANY IMPACTS THROUGHOUT THE LIFESPAN - FAMILY POLICY INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON





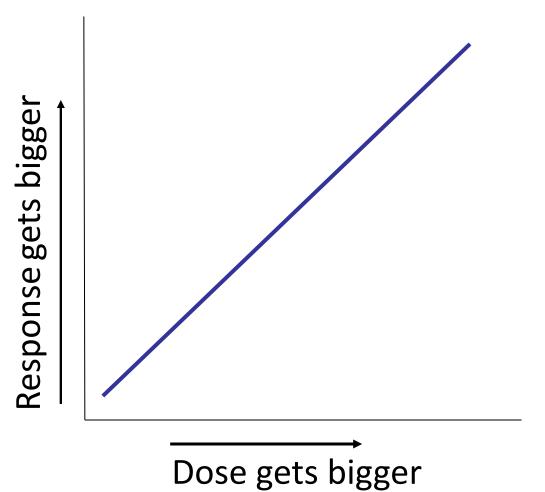


problems, and early death (Feliniet al, 1998; Herman, 1992)

"Male child with an ACE score of 6 has a 4600% increase in likelihood of later becoming an IV drug user when compared to a male child with an ACE score of 0.

Might drugs be

A CLASSIC CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP MORE ACEs = MORE HEALTH PROBLEMS

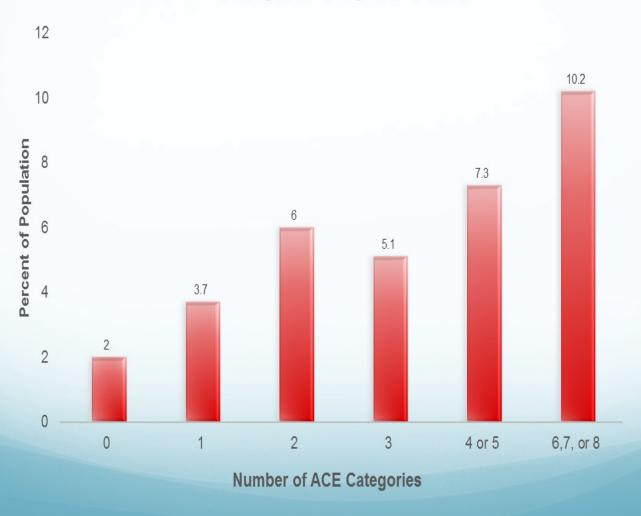


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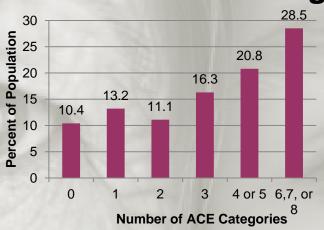
The "response"—in this case the occurrence of the health condition—is caused directly by the size of the "dose"—in this case, the number of ACE categories.

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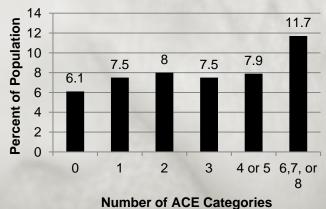
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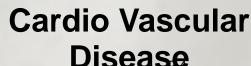


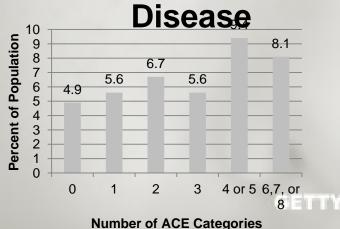
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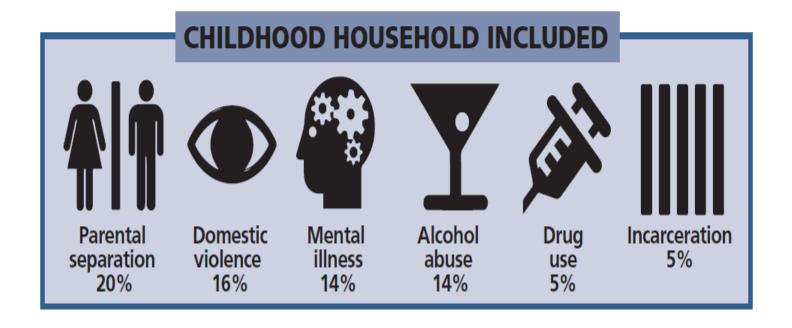






How many adults in Wales have been exposed to each ACE?

Verbal abuse 23% CHILD MALTREATMENT Physical abuse 17% Sexual abuse 10%



Compared with people with no ACEs, those with 4+ ACEs are:

- 4 times more likely to be a high-risk drinker
- 6 times more likely to have had or caused unintended teenage pregnancy
- 6 times more likely to smoke e-cigarettes or tobacco
- 6 times more likely to have had sex under the age of 16 years
- 11 times more likely to have smoked cannabis
- 14 times more likely to have been a victim of violence over the last 12 months
- 15 times more likely to have committed violence against another person in the last 12 months
- 16 times more likely to have used crack cocaine or heroin
- 20 times more likely to have been incarcerated at any point in their lifetime

Preventing ACEs in future generations could reduce levels of:



Heroin/crack cocaine use (lifetime) by 66%



Incarceration (lifetime) by 65%



Violence perpetration (past year) by 60%



Violence victimisation (past year) by 57%



Cannabis use (lifetime) by 42%



Unintended teen pregnancy by 41%



High-risk drinking (current) by 35%



Early sex (before age 16) by 31%



Smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes (current) by 24%



Poor diet (current; <2 fruit & veg portions daily) by 16%

Why Be ACE Aware?

ACES can have lasting effects on....



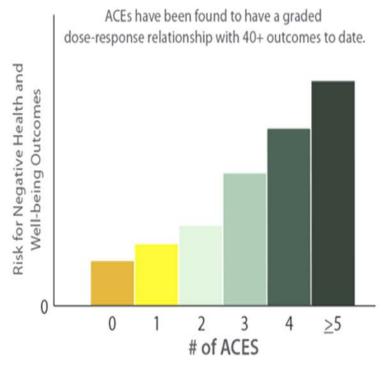
Health (obesity, diabetes, depression, suicide attempts, STDs, heart disease, cancer, stroke, COPD, broken bones)



Behaviors (smoking, alcoholism, drug use)



Life Potential (graduation rates, academic achievement, lost time from work)



^{*}This pattern holds for the 40+ outcomes, but the exact risk values vary depending on the outcome.

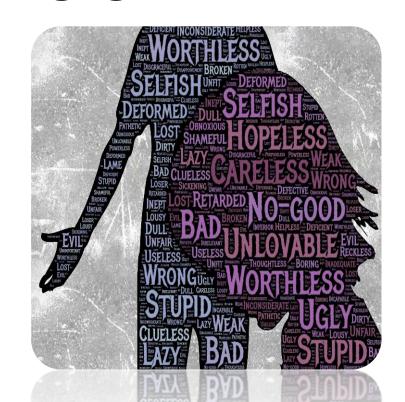
"What happened to you?" instead of "What's wrong with you?"

Understanding the effects of trauma becomes the **Great Integrator**

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration) www.samhsa.gov

Trauma Informed Engagement

- Trauma CONTEXT not Diagnosis
- Trauma informed assessment gives us
 - a compassionate understanding of how someone survived the surviving
 - background to drug
 misuse, sexual
 vulnerability and health
 risk behaviours



 we create experiences of therapeutic failure, dependency and limited positive outcomes

Specific Focus on Trauma?

- Outcomes may be improved by adapting practices to incorporate more focus on trauma
 - Use ACE questions as a screen for who needs more intensive services
 - Educate parents about ACE so they understand the impact on their life course and parenting
 - Use understanding of ACE to develop community resources and supports for families
- "The ACE questionnaire is a tool to help clients understand their own lives and to inspire them to make decisions to protect their children from having a high ACE score."



What can we do - (ALL of us!!)

- Accept that Trauma is ALL of our business and the role Adverse Childhood Experience plays in future health and wellbeing is not exclusively the business of Mental Health Services
- Could YOU incorporate a Trauma informed approach to your initial contact with patient? Routinely seek a history of adverse childhood experiences from all patients? "What happened to you?" accept THEIR reality —"How has this affected you?"—PARADIGM shift
- Change your practise, including the environment to become "Safer"
- Apply "Harm Reduction" in a new domain
- Lose the judgements That's HARD!!

DO NO HARM>>>>

>>>>DO "KNOW" HARM !!!!



"Walk a mile in my shoes and tell me your feet don't have blisters!" (Mags 2015)

ACE Study slides are from:

- Robert F. Anda MD at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- September 2003 Presentation by Vincent Felitti MD "Snowbird Conference" of the Child Trauma Treatment Network of the Intermountain West
- "The Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences to Adult Medical Disease, Psychiatric Disorders, and Sexual Behavior: Implications for Healthcare" Book Chapter for "The Hidden Epidemic: The Impact of Early Life Trauma on Health and Disease" Lanius & Vermetten, Ed)

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What do young people ask and what do they **REALLY** mean?

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Digital interventions













Drugs & alcohol



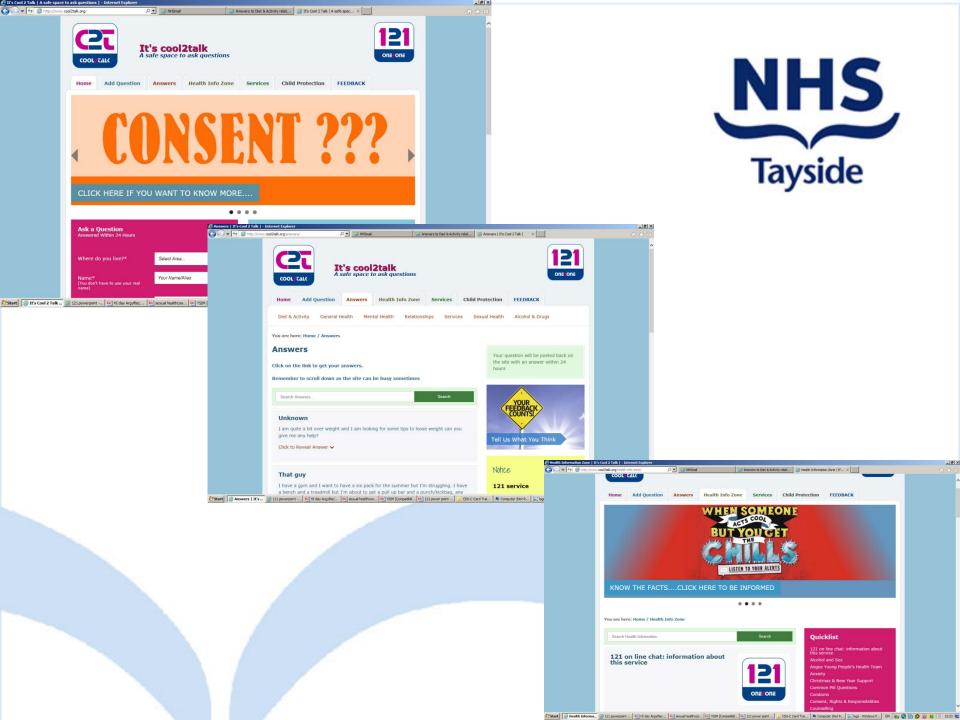
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A safe space to ask questions







Expanding the service



121 online chat with a counsellor





YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES

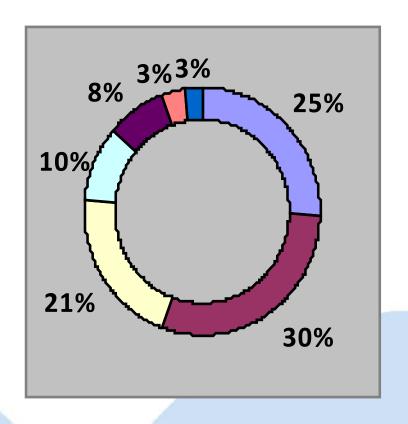
Last 16 months



- >3657 questions posted
- > 75 feedback comments.
- **≥29,988 sessions on the site, 52% of which were returning visitors**
- ➤ The split between boys and girls remains 3:1
- ➤ The site is reaching young people from all areas across Tayside and the Western Isles (equity of access)
- > Highest usage in 14-16 year age bracket







- **■** Emotional health
- sexual health
- **□** Relationships
- □ general health
- services
- Diet & activity
- Alcohol & drugs



Themes & Feelings

Isolation & Loneliness

Anger, sadness, depression

Confusion

"Different"

Worthless or insignificant



"I needed someone to talk to coz I can't talk to anyone else. I was staying at a friends house and her boyfriend was there too...we all fell asleep....there was a pillow separating me and her boyfriend. I woke up & something didn't feel right....her boyfriend was jerking off so I'm there freaking out. And the next thing I know he's on his feet leaning right over me. I absolutely freeze, I couldn't move and then I have the idea to role over so I do and he leaps away. I'm still really freaked out"



"I feel so.. idk... helpless? Its just that i smoke a little and i wanna stop. But i cant. I wanna have a great life but i cant achieve that while i smoke...am scared shitless of getting found out but at the same time everytime i get told to not do something, for example, smoke or drink energy drinks, i do it. Mainly to show my parents they dont own me. I feel like when u smoke with other smokers i belong **somewhere.** But i wanna belong to someone without having to smoke. Idk... i will admit i am "trying to be cool" Then i feel more worthless and self harm.



"I am so fed up! I just want to die! The last year, I ruined my life. I met some stupid boy and let him change me! My grades dropped, I did drugs, I drank alcohol, I lost my virginity, I lost all my friends, I started smoking, my parents hate me and I hate who he made me become. I just want to die because I'm worthless"



Hi. I was just wondering if you would answer a few questions I have about sex etc. I'm still a Virgin but I was just wondering, 1) when you have sex does your vagina need to be shaved? 2) How do you know If ur hole isn't big enough for sex 3) how do you have sex, 4) will it hurt? 5) what's the best way to go about? 6) should I have a one night stand in case it's embarrassing 7) how do you do a blow job and a teabag? Please answer these thanks in advance

Risk & Protective Factors

Risk factors

- Parental influence
- > Family-School-Community > Family-School-Community
- > Aspirations
- Peers

Low income, poor housing availability of substances, appearing older, family history of problem behaviour, drug use & normalisation

Protective Factors

- Parental influence
- - Aspirations
 - Peers

Fairness, closeness, belonging, feeling wanted, positive conflict resolution, peer influence, parental involvement in school & social life

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Response: The person not the topic



- Listening to feelings, counselling response
- > Building of confidence
- Reassurance on what is normal & what isn't
- Stepping stone to other services (partnership work)
- > Child Protection
- > Resource













The reply I got from this site has made me feel so much better. Just knowing that someone is out there that would listen to my problem and try to help, helped me in itself. This site is wonderful. Thank you so much.



Thanks for your help, cool 2 talk. I recently asked about how to cope with my anxiety, depression and self harm. Your help was fantastic and it felt great to have people to rely on when times got too tough. I am very thankful to have this service.





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Questions and Discussion

REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:15 - 11:35

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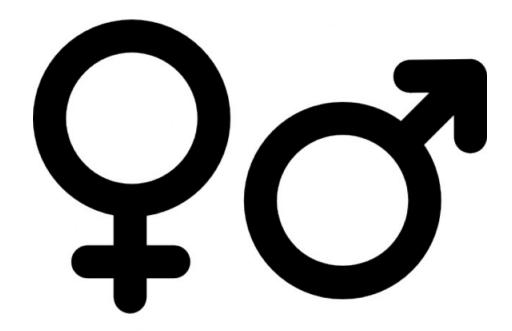


Working with Young Men:

Young males' experiences of loss, trauma and bereavement

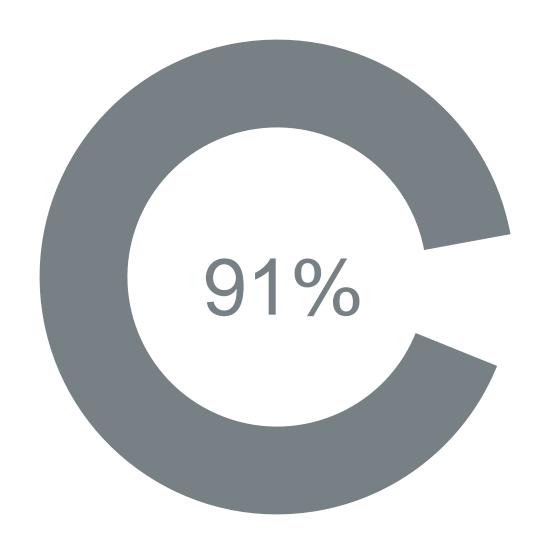
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Gender-informed practice



Bereavement among young people involved in offending









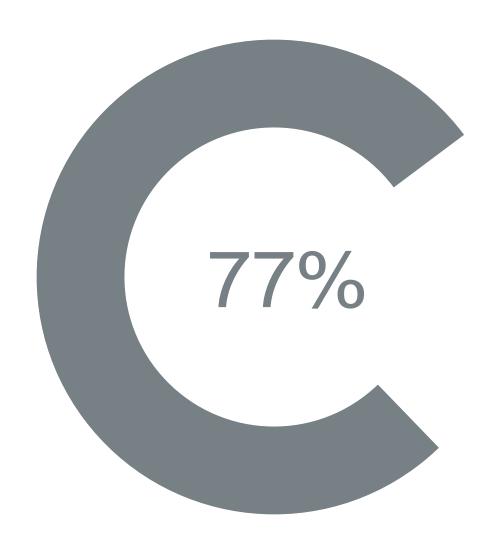












Young men's words

I was thinking about like 'how many more people do I have to see die? Am I gonnae grow up and see everybody die off?' know what I mean? That was the way I kinda felt, I'm only 19 and that's five people died already and I keep thinking to myself 'are the rest of them gonna die?' know what I mean then I'll grow up alone

A catalogue of losses

- A range of losses:
 - Loss of relationships
 - Loss of status
 - Loss of stability
 - Loss of future
- Ambiguous losses
- Disenfranchised Grief

Young men's words

...my daughter dying and my brother dying...my sister getting raped...being in care my whole life, just lots of stuff, my mental health...

Obviously my father's been in prison for nearly five years and I've got nobody to follow by, no role model so I had nobody...I've got a Mum but I don't class her as a mum because I don't feel like I've had a mum.

The impact of loss and bereavement on behaviour

- Sadness, shock, anger, numbness
- Common reactions
- Resilience
- Problematic scenarios
 - Substance misuse
 - Risky sexual behaviour
 - Self-harm / suicide
 - Increased risk-taking

Young men's words

I just didnae bother with anything, even the police they didn't scare me, they didn't bother me anymore

> I'd no been in prison before but after my Gran died everything got worse just from there, I just started drinking a lot more and I

> > drink every day now basically

Young men's words

the more I drank the more I wouldnae think of him basically ...Not to forget about him, but forget about that [the bereavement]. The good things you obviously remember and then the bad things kinda take over

when ma Grandad passed away any time I was feeling low about it I used to smoke a lot of cannabis so and then I found [my stepdad dead], after that I just started using different drugs, like cocaine and ecstasy and stuff like that so that was basically my way of dealing with it all.

What can cause a problematic scenario?

- High rates of traumatic and multiple death
- Ambiguous loss and disenfranchised grief
- Poor coping strategies and a lack of support / help

The gender gap in help-seeking

- Emotional distress
- Substance use
- Health symptoms
- Common low level issues

Young men's words

I tried putting a brave face on for my mum and that and at the time it felt good but after the visit I went up to the cell...when you're on remand you're stuck in all day...and just worrying

I mean I've never seen my dad cry...when ma Granda died I didn't see him greet, when ma Gran died I didn't see him greet...I spose I've just always held myself back as well, rather than talk about things

Young men's words

...I couldn't talk to anyone, I couldn't open up...if I was angry I would just explode, start smashing things up, start fighting with people...

I felt a lot of things, a lot of things I hadnae felt before. And I didnae know how to deal with them so I just didnae deal with them. I forgot about them

I didn't even know what grieving was...

Why are males vulnerable to reduced help-seeking?

- Gender Role Theory
- Social Psychology
- Emotional literacy
- Lack of social support
- Poor coping strategies
 - Avoidance
 - Acting out
 - Self-medication
 - Misinterpretation of behaviour

Normativeness

going to that group I realised I wasn't the only one that had bad things happen to them in their life, and that's being honest with you, cos I thought generally only the bad things were happening to me ken what I mean, and that's why I was the way I was eh. But just listening to other people telling me what happened to their family an' that, aye, was like, it was really like opening, eye-opening, you'd never think that.

What can we conclude?

- High levels of traumatic and multiple bereavements
- Childhood characterised by other losses
- Young men have reduced help-seeking and a lack of social support
- Young men with poor coping strategies
 - Unresolved grief
 - Pain and distress for the young men
 - Acting out and challenging behaviour
- System responds to this behaviour by creating additional losses and disrupting coping strategies and support

The outcome

- Hazardous alcohol use
- Self-injury and self-harm doubled
- Mental illness more common
- Violence as perpetrators and victims
- Suicide

What can we do?

- Universal grief and death education
- Awareness-raising and understanding
- Ensure availability of bereavement support in the community
- Help-seeking: role modelling and education
- Ensure services are responsive to males
- Try not to let the system make things worse
- Where necessary minimise the impact of institutions on loss, trauma and grief

Young men's words

I had a cuff on which is the big long chain plus I had 2 handcuffs on so I was like triple cuffed. And I was saying 'can you not take one off so I can give people a hug' because people were hugging me and I just had to lean in to them. It was so horrible man

I was sad, that was the only time I ever cried over her at the funeral...I think that's when I came to reality that she wouldn't be coming back...and everyone else was greeting

It's not all doom and gloom

T've never been able to open up and express myself at all, and express my feelings an' that. I've never been able to do it for all my life. And just daein' that was like weight was falling off my shoulders, ken what I mean? It felt like I had a bar, a weight bar with about four tonne on it, trying to lift it every day. But see every time I was letting it oot it felt like that bar, the weights were just falling off it.

I've started to act totally differently since I've got it all off my chest. I think I was maybe a bit angrier and that before I'd actually spoke about it all and I think that was probably what had led me to being in here as well

Reports

- Persistent Offender profile: Focus on bereavement
 http://www.cycj.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Bereavement-Paper-CJSW-Briefing.pdf
- What works with vulnerable young males: a review of the literature

https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=1613&p=0

- Encouraging help-seeking behaviour among young men http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/chttphandler.ashx?id=5252
- The ripples of death: the bereavement experiences and mental health of young men in custody

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/hojo.12064/abstract

A catalogue of losses

https://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/sites/crimeandjustice.org.uk/files/PSJ%20220%20July%202015.pdf

Trauma, bereavement and loss in Polmont (forthcoming)

More info







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...and what about women?

- Why do we lock up young women? Is it to protect other people or to protect the young women themselves?
- What does this say about society's values and attitudes to young vulnerable young women?
- How might we work with young women in a more positive way?
- What forces stop us doing this and what do we as workers need to do to change this?

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