

## Helping Caregivers Move Beyond the Impact of Their Own ACEs

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## Objectives

- Explore data and trends from caregiver and child ACE screenings
- Discuss the impact of caregiver ACEs on the child's treatment outcomes through case studies
- Identify opportunities to screen/educate caregivers on the impact of ACES to facilitate improved engagement and outcomes











Emotional Abuse

Emotional Neglect Sexual Abuse

Physical Abuse

1 in 3 KidSTART children report 4 or more ACEs, compared to 1 in 10 children in the U.S.

Mental Health Challenges Parent Separation

Exposure to Domestic Violence

Crimel Incarceration Alcohol/ Substance Abuse



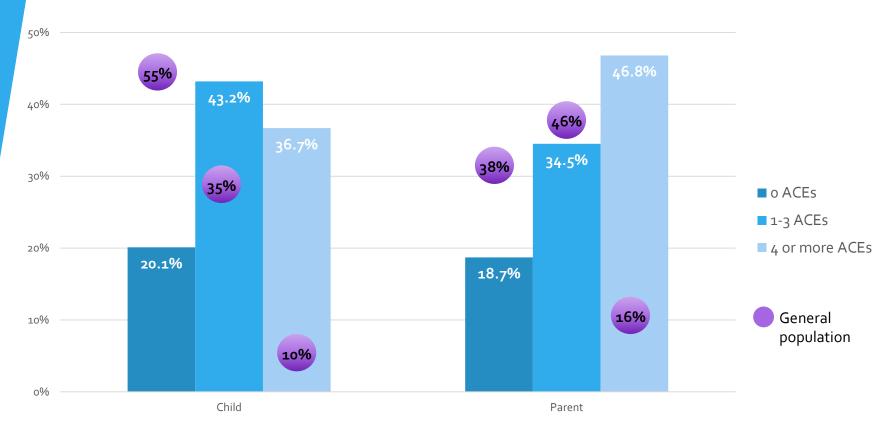








## KidSTART and the General Population



Data Source: Sacks, V., Murphy, D., Moore, K. (2014). Adverse Child Experiences: National & State-Level Prevalence. Child Trends. Publication #2014-28.

Data Source: Merrick, M.T., Ford, D.C., Ports, K. A., Guinn, A. S. (2018). Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences From the 2011-2014 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System in 23 States. JAMA Pediatrics, 172(11), 1038-1044











## What's Different About KidSTART?

Complex Needs

Transdisciplinary
Approach

Trauma Informed Care

Caregiver Mental Health Coordination with the Child's Circle of Care











## Trauma Informed Care

- Clinical Supervision with Psychologist & LCSW
- Care Coordinators hold the trauma history of the family (Caregiver & Child) in coordinating care
- Entire KidSTART team working through a trauma lens
- Collaboration & coordination with KidSTART MH Team
- Ongoing training on trauma-informed care both internally and externally









## Administration Factors Considered

- Staff training and experience to discuss sensitive information
- Creation of a safe and supportive environment for caregivers and children



- Value of understanding both child and caregiver experiences
- Resources to support families after trauma history is identified
- Opportunity to educate caregivers on the impact of adverse experiences on mental health in young children









## KidSTART First Stop.

Home Based Assessment

- Caregiver Mental Health
- Child's Development & Behavior
- Family Environment
- Circle of Care
- Review of Barriers





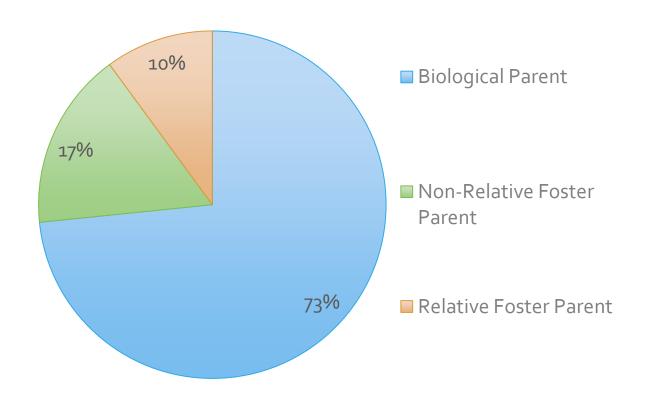








# Who is Completing the ACE Screening for KidSTART Children?











## How Do Caregiver ACES Impact Child Treatment Outcomes?

- What's "normal" to this caregiver?
- Mental Health Education
- Ongoing screening for depression & anxiety
- Caregivers want a better life for their children



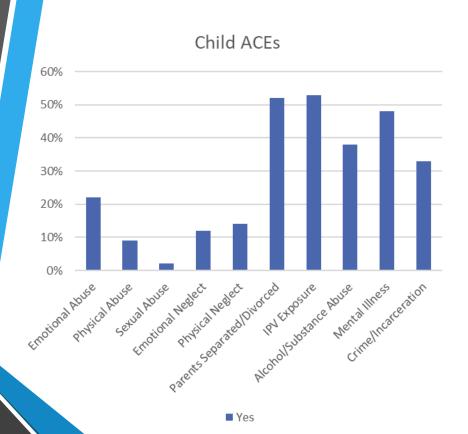


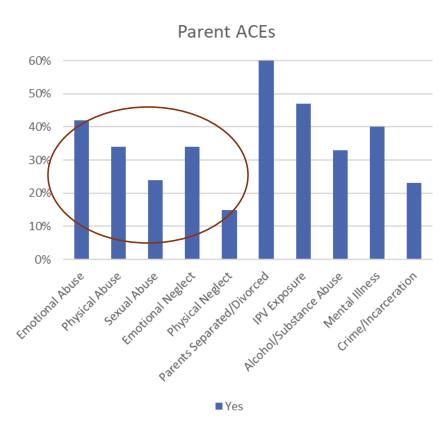






# Types of ACEs: Children & Caregivers







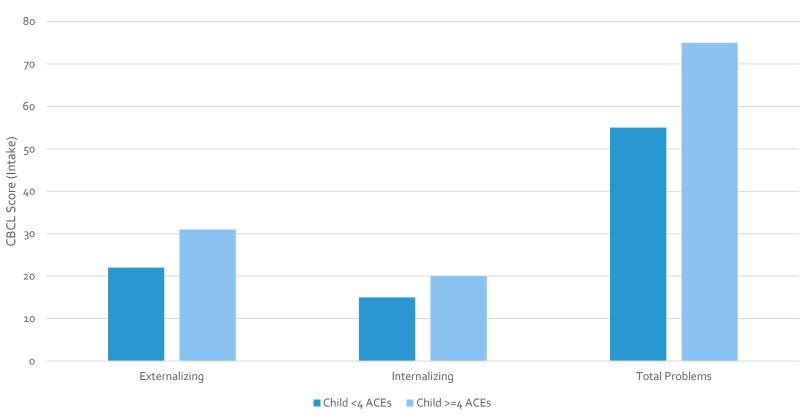






## ACEs and Score on CBCL

#### Child Behavior Checklist: Intake













### Treatment Considerations

- Trusting Relationship
- Role of Regulation
- Executive Functioning Skills
- Importance of modeling skills
- Skill Building

I feel like I'm not being judged at KidSTART!

These strategies would probably help me too!

Oh, I struggled with this as a child too!











### **Discussion Questions**

• How are you holding the caregiver's experience in your program?

 Are there things you would do differently moving forward?













Thank you! Questions?









