

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE
FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**
Rescue. Define. Share. Support.

**Moving From Risk to Resiliency:
Hope and A Future**
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our Goal:
Healthy, Happy & Safe Children
100%

Children at Risk

**A REPORT OF CHILD MALTREATMENT
IS MADE EVERY 10 SECONDS**

In 2011 3.4 million calls came into child welfare regarding 6.2 million children

- 366,000 children received services
- 681,000 children were identified as unique victims
- 2.4 million children were identified as non-victims
- 3.2 million children were screened out

SOURCE: Children's Bureau: Child Maltreatment 2011 (National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System)

Children at Risk

AND how many of these children can we help get services?

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AN ILLEGAL DRUG ARREST IS MADE EVERY 21 SECONDS

In 2011 there were an estimated 12.4 million arrests nationwide

? The BIG question... how many children were associated with these arrestees?

1.5 million were arrested for illegal drug violation

4.1 million reported drug use at time of arrest

SOURCE: FBI 2011 Crime in the US Arrests
ONDCP 2011 Strategy Executive Summary



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April 4, 2002: Meet Brandon

THORNTON LAB RAID

APRIL 4, 2002

North Metro Task Force Raid Video
Adams County, CO April 2002



Defining Drug Endangered Children



The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children defines drug endangered children as children who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution.

They may also be children whose caretaker's substance misuse interferes with the caretaker's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment.

Understanding Risk



Risk (n.): The chance of something going wrong; the danger that injury, damage or loss will occur.

-Encarta Dictionary of North America

Understanding Risk



Children + Drugs = Risk

Understanding Risk

Substance use disorders can significantly interfere with a parent's ability to parent effectively while they are actively using; impacting their judgment, inhibitions, protective capacity and overall mental functioning, as well as their ability to nurture and foster the healthy development of their children.

Understanding Risk

- Risks to children can range from:
 - Severe, inconsistent and inappropriate discipline
 - Neglect of basic needs: food, shelter, clothing, medical care, education, supervision
 - Disruption of parent/child relationship, child's sense of trust, belonging

Understanding Risk

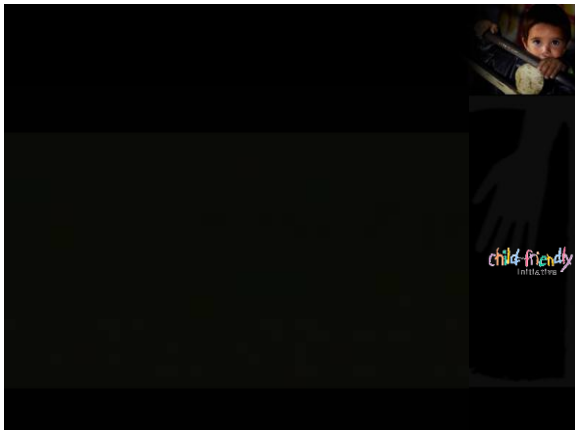
Children of parents with substance use disorders have a higher likelihood of developing substance use problems themselves.

SOURCE: (CSAT 2005, Price & Simmel, 2002, Young, Gardner & Dennis, CSAT, 2004)

Understanding Risk


- In addition, children whose parents abuse alcohol or drugs are:
 - 3 times more likely to be verbally, physically or sexually abused
 - 4 times more likely than other children to be neglected

SOURCE: A Guide for Caring Adults Working with Young People Experiencing Addiction in the Family, CSAT, SAMHSA




“It is easier to **build strong children** than to repair broken men”

Frederick Douglass



Toxic stress in childhood has lifelong health and social consequences.



Defining Stress

- Individual variation
 - Perception to stress (subjective)
 - Response to stress (objective)
- Positive Stress
 - Brief, infrequent, fairly normal childhood experiences
 - Promote healthy growth and development



Defining Stress

- Tolerable stress
 - Extraordinary
 - More severe than positive but may be mediated

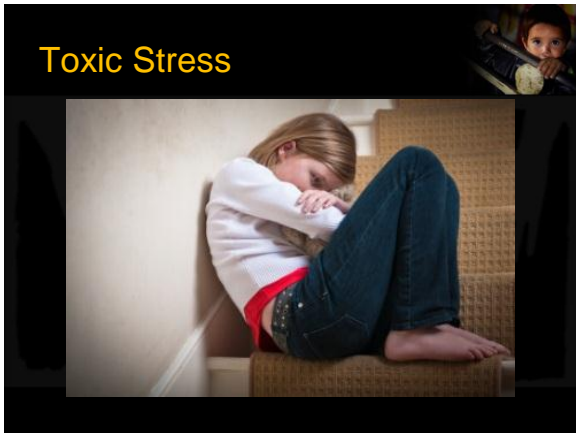


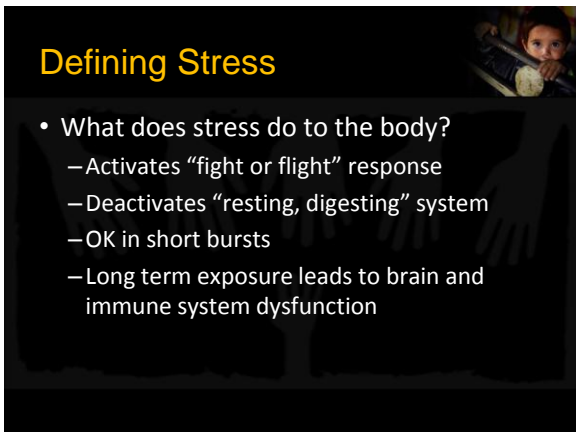
Toxic Stress

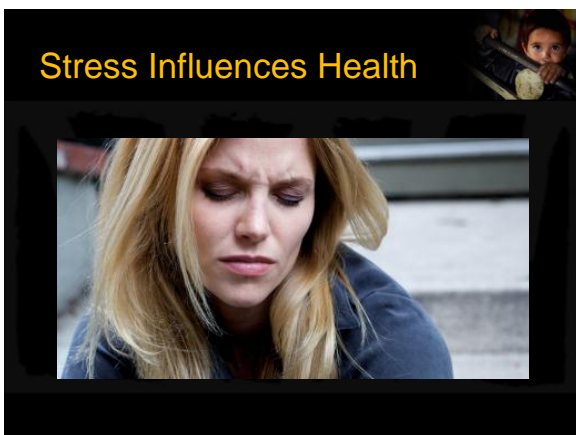


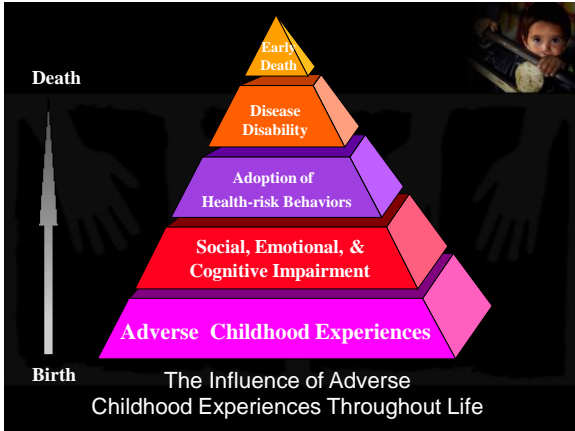
Toxic Stress












- ### ACE's
- Parental substance abuse
 - Divorce
 - Parental mental illness
 - Domestic violence against mother
 - Criminal behavior/imprisonment
 - Repeated physical abuse
 - Psychological abuse
 - Sexual abuse
 - Emotional neglect
 - Physical neglect

- ### ACE's
- Household Dysfunction
 - Substance abuse – 27%
 - Divorce – 23%
 - Mental illness – 17%
 - Domestic violence – 13%
 - Criminal behavior – 6%

ACE's


- Abuse
 - Physical – 28%
 - Psychological – 11%
 - Sexual – 21%
- Neglect
 - Emotional – 15%
 - Physical – 10%



Understanding Risk

Adams County Lab

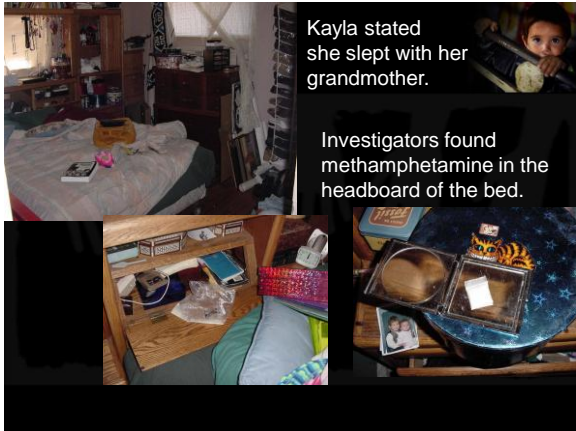
Photo: North Metro Task Force



October 11, 2002: Meet Kayla, 4 year old girl who greets SWAT officers at the door of her home as it is raided.



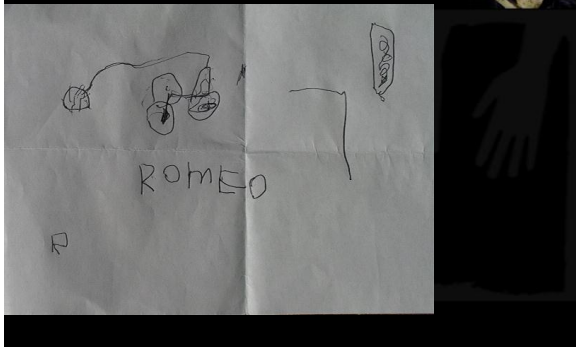
- The girl is completely calm as the SWAT team secures the house.

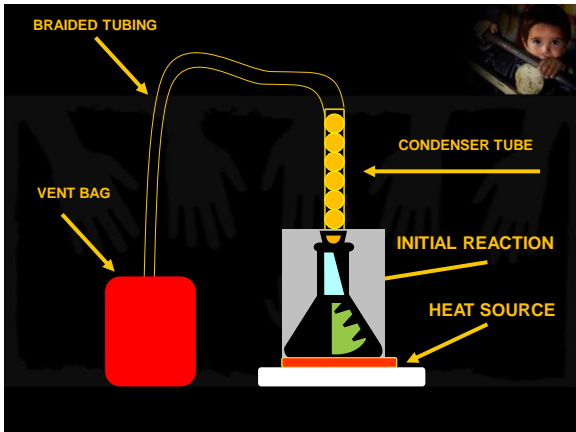




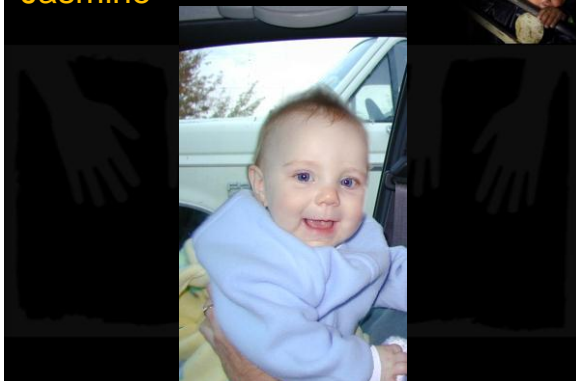


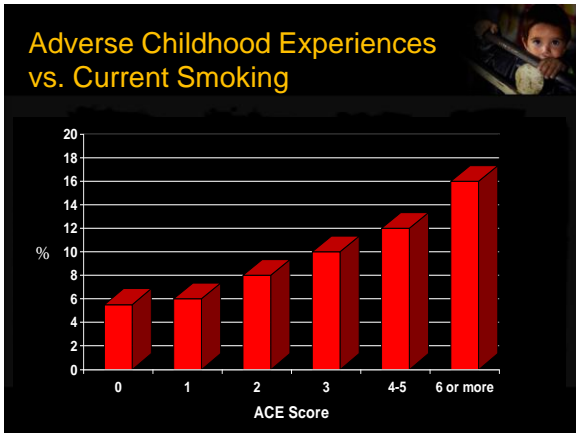
The Meth Lab Picture

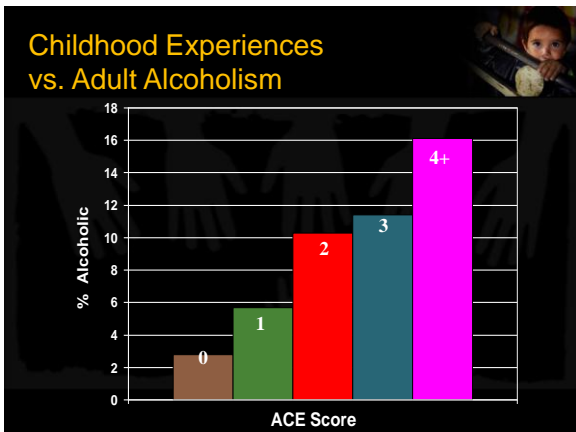


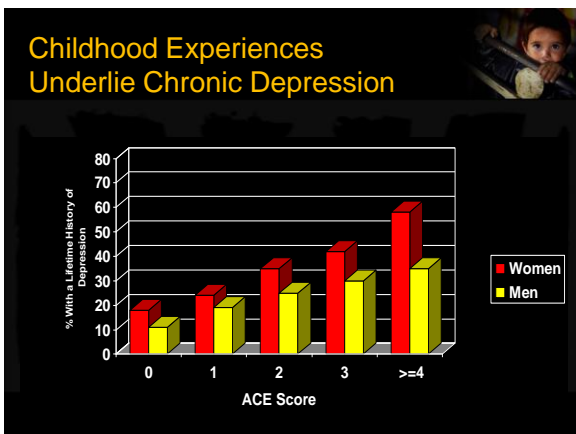


Jasmine

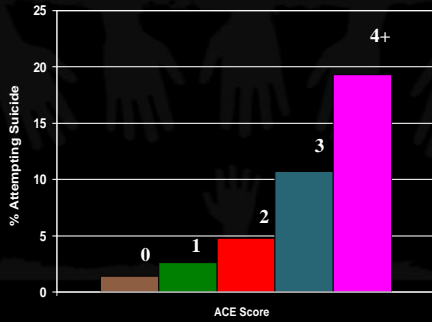








Childhood Experiences Underlie Suicide



Social Outcomes



Social Outcomes

- Loss of productivity
 - Job dysfunction (absences, poor performance, financial problems)
 - Loss of years of life expectancy
- Educational issues
- Higher health care costs
- Involvement in criminal justice or child welfare systems

Epigenetics



A white mouse with a long tail is shown in a white box against a black background. The mouse is facing left. The background of the slide is black with a faint image of a child's face in the top right corner.

Moving children from
RISK to RESILIENCY

- When do we take action to protect children?
- Do we consider illicit drug activity, prescription drug abuse or the misuse of alcohol alone justification to intervene?
- Do we wait until additional maltreatment circumstances arise?
- What if we wait too long?

What Buffers Us?



- Relationship
 - Coaching, processing, support
- Treatment
 - Drug
 - DV
 - Mental Health tx


What Buffers Us?



- Community
- Nutrition
- Stimulating Environment


What Can We Do?...

- **Recognize brokenness**
 - Learn about toxic stress/ACE's and impact
 - Identify families that are struggling
- **Limit trauma WE inflict**
 - Think about impact to child
 - Do what is necessary, but take a moment to connect if possible




What Can We Do?

- **Targeted Interventions**
 - Abuse prevention
 - Family strengthening
 - Treatment of family dysfunction
 - Child mental health treatment
- **Be willing to get dirty**
 - Role model/mentor/tutor/foster
 - Provide a different “script”
 - Give your life for this



What Can We Do?

Break the cycle of abuse & neglect for the next generation



What Can We Do?

By collaborating, we increase the likelihood of success for the good of children and families

What Can We Do?

In 2011 the Oklahoma Alliance for Drug Endangered Children proposed House Bill 2251 to the Oklahoma legislature.

This bill defined a Drug Endangered Child

What Can We Do?


"Drug-endangered child" means a child who is at risk of suffering physical, psychological or sexual harm as a result of the use, possession, distribution, manufacture or cultivation of controlled substances, or the attempt of any of these acts, by a person responsible for the health, safety or welfare of the child, as defined in paragraph 51 of this section.

What Can We Do?

This term includes circumstances wherein the substance abuse of the person responsible for the health, safety or welfare of the child interferes with that person's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment for the child. The term also includes newborns who test positive for a controlled dangerous substance, with the exception of those substances administered under the care of a physician;

What Can We Do?

The HB 2251 was signed into law by the Governor on April 16, 2012. Members of the Oklahoma Alliance for Drug Endangered Children hosted a recognition event with the legislators who supported the DEC legislation.





What Can We Do?

Interview: Brandon Campbell
CBS 4 News

Follow up in 2013
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