

THERE ARE MORE THAN 10 ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

The original Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study included 10 experiences grouped into 2 theoretical constructs: 1) child maltreatment and 2) household challenges. Results from our confirmatory factor analysis using a community sample show that while 2 constructs remain, the list of ACEs should be expanded.

TWO ACE CONSTRUCTS

- Original ACEs
- Expanded ACEs

1 CHILD MALTREATMENT+ PEER VICTIMIZATION

2 HOUSEHOLD CHALLENGES



All ACEs are associated with
POOR PHYSICAL AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH

EXPANDED ACE LIST

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Emotional neglect
- Physical neglect
- Exposure to intimate partner violence
- Household substance use problems
- Household mental health problems
- Parental separation or divorce
- Parental problems with police
- Spanking
- Peer victimization
- Poverty
- Foster care placement
- Unsafe neighbourhood
- Household gambling problems



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