

Promoting Health and Wellbeing Across the Lifespan

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Child Welfare, Foster Care, and Child Wellbeing

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What We Do

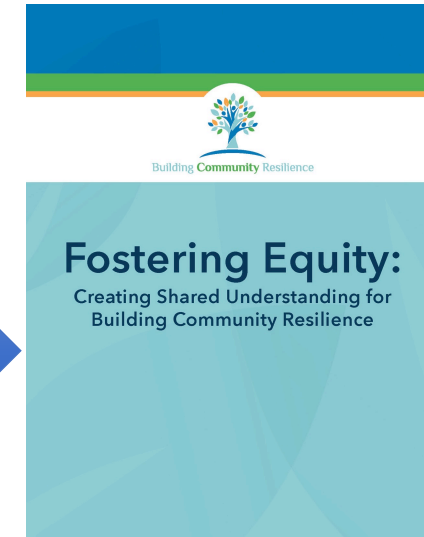
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6 Regional Networks



11 Local Health Departments

Washington State



Oregon



Deschutes, OR

Alameda County, CA



Mesa County, CO



Lee County, IA



Kansas City & St. Louis, MO



Shelby County, TN



Dallas County, TX



Cincinnati, OH & Louisville, KY



Cleveland, OH



Jersey City, NJ



DC & Baltimore, MD



Appalachian District, NC



Leon County, FL



Child
Health



Maternal
Health



Education



Childcare

WORKPLACE
POLICY

Foster
Care

Health
Care



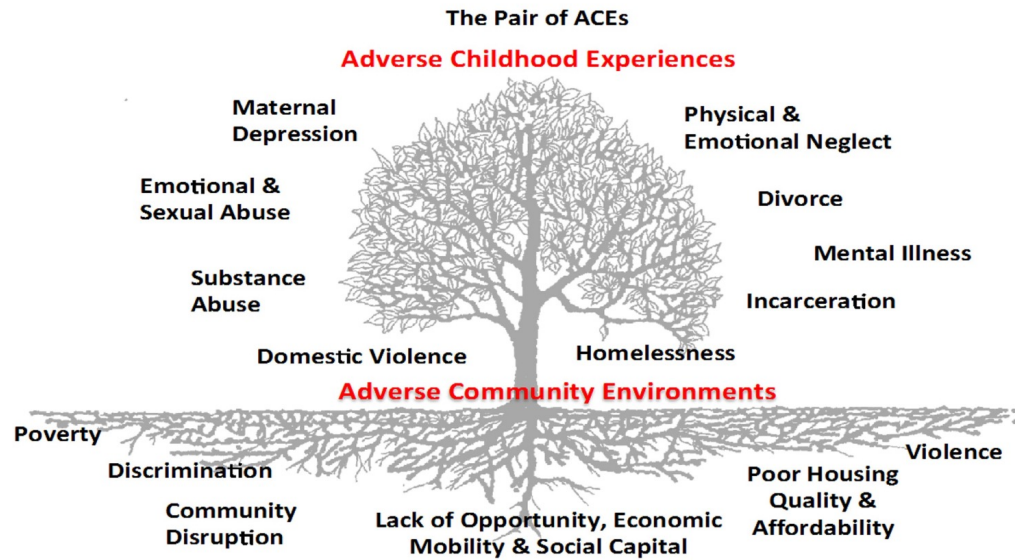
Child
Nutrition

Reproductive
Justice

Building Blocks of Community Resilience

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The Pair of ACEs & Child Welfare



Ellis, W., Dietz, W.H., Chen, K.D. (2022). Community Resilience: A Dynamic Model for Public Health 3.0. Journal of Public Health Management and Practice, (28)1, S18-S26. doi: 10.1097/PHH.0000000000001413

Systemic Outcome:

Black, Hispanic and Indigenous families are **2X more likely to be investigated for child neglect** compared to White families.

Source: Human Rights Watch 2022

What's in the soil?

Systemic Racism (Bias in Reporting)

Poverty as 'Neglect'

Poor Housing

Food Insecurity

California, New York, Oklahoma & West Virginia 4-State Study by Human Rights Watch

- Child welfare systems respond to circumstances of poverty with child removal
- Black and Indigenous families disproportionately face neglect and removal charges

**The Result:
Family Regulation & Policing
Not
Child Welfare**



Family Separation Crisis

Introduction of Speakers



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Building Community Resilience Approach

<https://ccr.publichealth.gwu.edu/tools-resources/the-BCR-approach>



Coalition Building & Communications Guide

<https://ccr.publichealth.gwu.edu/sites/g/files/zaxdzs4361/files/2022-12/ccr-communications-coalition-building-guide-2.0-dec.-2022.pdf>



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