

*2015 Violence Against  
Women and Children  
Certificate Program  
Colloquium*

# Adverse Childhood Experiences Study

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- Research conducted by Kaiser Permanente Health Clinic and the CDC between 1995-1997
  - 17,000 Participants
  - Majority White, college graduates
- Participants completed a survey regarding their past childhood experiences and current health issues and behaviors

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/about.html>;

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/demographics.html>

# ACES Categories

1. Emotional Abuse
2. Physical Abuse
3. Sexual Abuse
4. Emotional Neglect
5. Divorce
6. Physical Neglect
7. Domestic Violence
8. Household Substance Abuse
9. Household mental illness/suicide
10. Household member in prison

<http://acestoohigh.com/got-your-ace-score/>

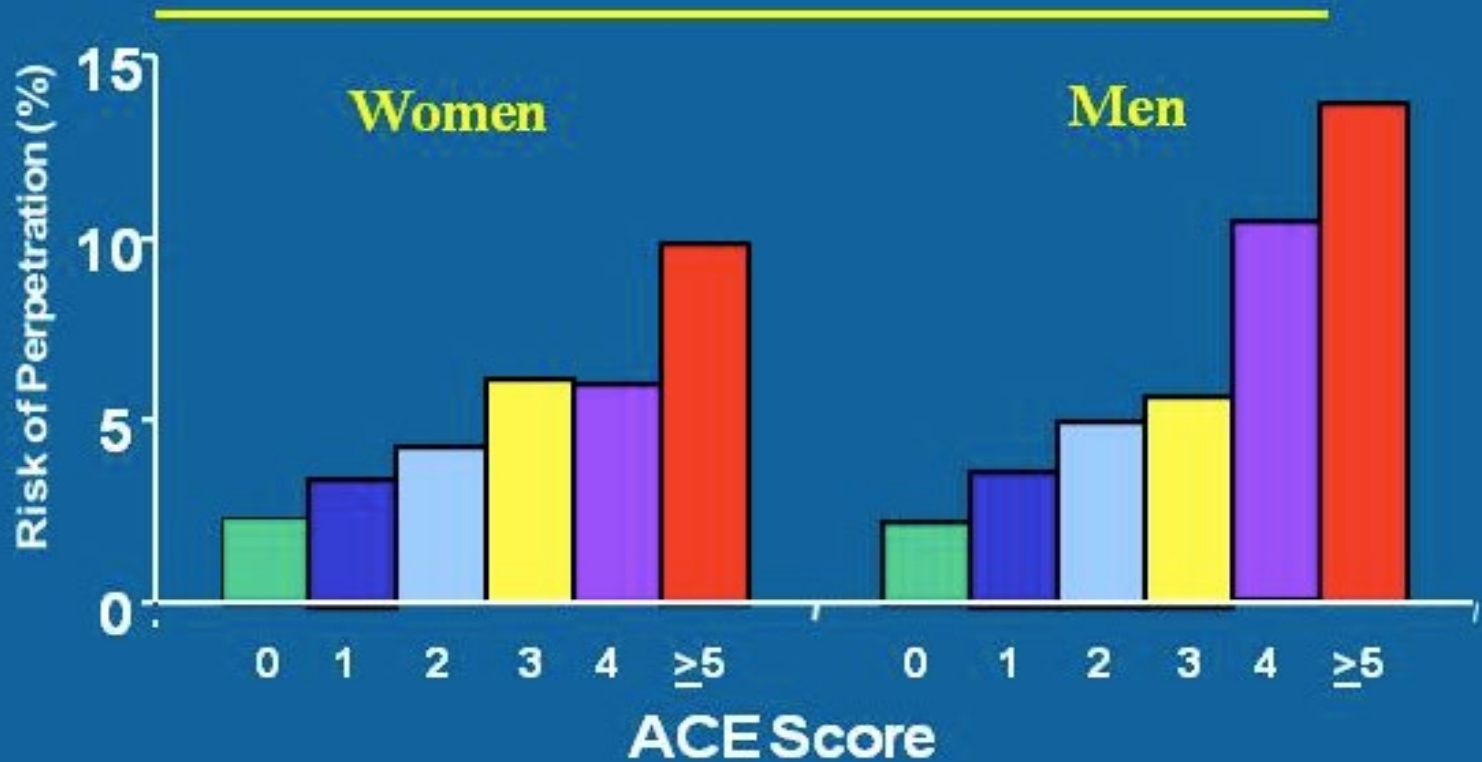
# Prevalence

- ACE Category\*

	• Women	Men	Total
• Emotional Abuse	13.1	7.6	10.6
• Physical Abuse	27.0	29.9	28.3
• Sexual Abuse	24.7	16.0	20.7

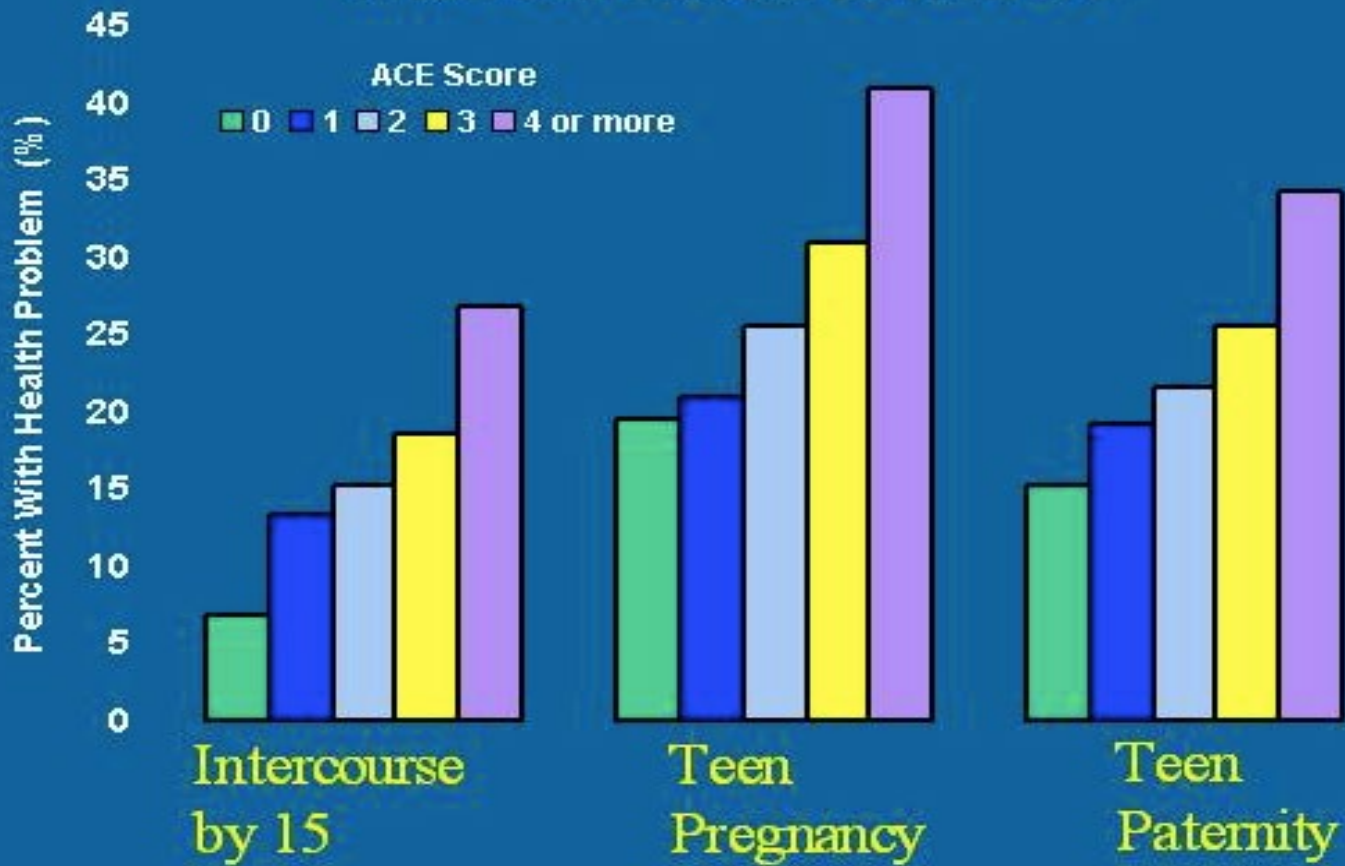
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## ACE Score and the Risk of *Perpetrating* Domestic Violence



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## ACE Score and Teen Sexual Behaviors



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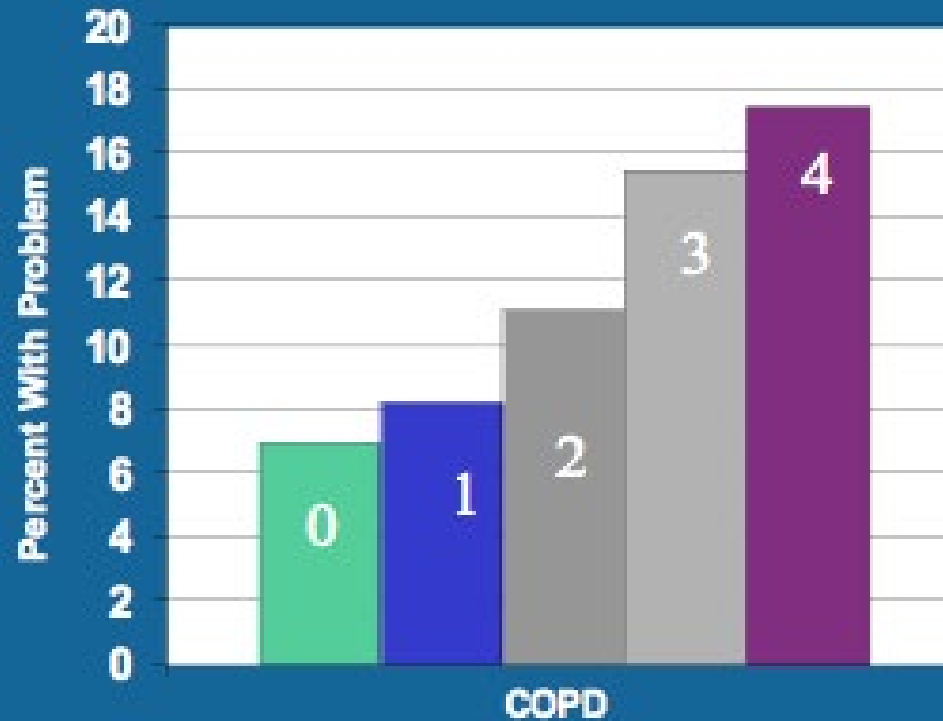
## Childhood Experiences vs. Adult Alcoholism



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## ACE Score vs. COPD



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# Implications for Social Work

- Importance of primary prevention
- Trauma as a public health issue
- Assessing for ACES in all areas of social work
- Building resiliency!

# References

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