

# The NYS Omnibus Survey



- NYS Council on Children & Families
- ACE questions, protective factors, service utilization
- representative sample of New Yorkers
- more than 2/3 of New Yorkers had ACE Scores of 1 or higher.
  - the original ACE Study, conducted with a middle class population, found more than half with an ACE Score of 1 or higher
  - more New Yorkers with ACEs

# Omnibus Survey ACE Questions



- IN YOUR FIRST 18 YEARS OF LIFE, while you were growing up, did a parent or other adult in the household OFTEN OR VERY OFTEN

Swear at you, insult you, put you down or humiliate you  
OR

Act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

- Did a parent or other adult in the household OFTEN OR VERY OFTEN push, grab, slap, or throw something at you OR EVER hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No



- Did an adult or person at least 5 years older than you EVER touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way OR Attempt or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse with you?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

- Did you OFTEN OR VERY OFTEN feel that no one in your family loved you or thought you were important or special OR Your family didn't look out for each other, feel close to each other, or support each other?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No



- Did you **OFTEN OR VERY OFTEN** feel that you didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you **OR** Your parents were too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

- Were your parents **EVER** separated or divorced?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No



- Was your mother or stepmother **OFTEN OR VERY OFTEN** pushed, grabbed, slapped, or had something thrown at her **OR SOMETIMES, OFTEN, OR VERY OFTEN** kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something hard **OR EVER** repeatedly hit at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife?

Yes  No

- Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic or who used street drugs?

Yes  No



- Was a household member depressed or mentally ill, or did a household member attempt suicide?

\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No

Did anyone in your household go to prison?

\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No



- Prior to your 18th birthday, did you feel you were able to go to a parent or another adult in your life for support and advice?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Every so often
4. Sometimes
5. Very often

- Prior to your 18th birthday, did you participate regularly in sports, clubs or organizations where you could be a part of a group?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Every so often
4. Sometimes
5. Very often



• Prior to your 18th birthday, would you find time to read for pleasure?

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Every so often
4. Sometimes
5. Very often

• Prior to your 18th birthday, would you participate in religious or spiritual activities?

1. Never
2. Rarely
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- Prior to your 18th birthday, would you participate in religious or spiritual activities?
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  2. Rarely
  3. Every so often
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- Have you ever used mental health or substance abuse OUTPATIENT or INPATIENT services?
  1. Never
  2. Rarely
  3. Every so often
  4. Sometimes
  5. Very often



- Have you ever participated in mental health or substance abuse SELF-HELP groups?
  1. Never
  2. Rarely
  3. Every so often
  4. Sometimes
  5. Very often

# Research Questions



- What is the average ACE score among New York residents?
- Does involvement in positive activities or organization prior to age 18 influence service utilization as an adult for those who have an ACE score?
- How does the Omnibus ACE data compare to other ACE studies?