Community-wide response to adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

Thinking Upstream: Mapping a Pathway to End Child Maltreatment

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Presentation Overview

- Adverse childhood experiences (ACE) implications
  - Prevention: consequences of accumulated adversity & trauma

- Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities
  - Culture of Health
  - The HEARTS Initiative, Capital Region of NY

- Austin ACE/trauma Response opportunities
What are Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE)?

Experiences while growing up that deeply impact a young person and profoundly affect emotional and physical health later in life.
ACE Score

ACE Score Prevalence
(overall prevalence from two waves of data collection)

- 0 = 33%
- 1 = 25%
- 2 = 15%
- 3 = 10%
- 4 = 6%
- 5 or more = 11%

Approximately two-thirds have at least one ACE
More than a third have experienced 2 – 4 ACEs
ACE Categories are interrelated
As ACE Score increases...

- ACEs are implicated in the ten leading causes of death in the United States!

- ACEs & Homelessness
  - 87% at least one ACE
  - Over half ACE Scores of 4 or more
  - ACEs predicted prior services
    - Prevention perspective
Implications
Preventing ACE consequences

- ACE research as a policy advocacy tool
  - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)
- National Prevention Strategy
- Connection to self-care: ACE backgrounds of providers
  - Promoting resilience
Implications (continued): Preventing ACE consequences

- Fragmented service silos vs. comprehensive, integrated services
- ACE-informed programs
  - Identify ACEs
  - Integrate resilience & recovery knowledge
  - Transform systems
  - Empower people
  - Whole person approach
Translating ACE Research: New York

- The HEARTS Initiative
  - A cross-sector coalition of Capital Region service providers
- Social networks
- Community capacity
  - Workforce development
  - Policy advocacy
  - Educational presentations
- Website
  
  www.aceresponse.org
Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities (MARC) Project

- Research & Development Background
- ACE Think Tank & Action Team meetings
- Restorative Integral Support (RIS) model
  - Multi-modal, integrative, whole person
  - HEARTS Initiative
  - www.aceresponse.org
Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities (MARC) Project

- Health Federation of Philadelphia
  - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, California Endowment
  - One of 14 communities nationally
- Community engagement
  - ACEs and resilience
  - Collective impact
Healthy Environments and Relationships That Support

UAlbany  PCANY
St. Anne's  St. Catherine's  Northern Rivers  LaSalle
Trinity  CFDS  Senior Hope  CDPHP
NYS CCF  Troy Housing Authority  HATAS
IPH  Community Hospice  WRI
WAIT House  Orenda  United Way

Building Resilience
- New Programs
- Prevention Practices
- New Policies

Impacts on:
- Media
- Schools
- Policy Makers
- Law Enforcement

Reaching Populations Statewide
ACE Research
- Disadvantaged population groups
- NY sample
- Social workers

ACE-informed Programs
- New policies
- New grants
- New courses
- New agency trainings

RIS model
- Research & Development
- Multi-modal
- Evidence-based & emerging practices
- SAMHSA

HEARTS Initiative
- New agency collaborations
- Service Outcomes Action Research
- MARC Project
- Collective impact
MARC Project Questions

- Translating ACE research?
- Key elements of ACE-informed care?
- Training & curriculum implications?
  - Cross-sector, inter-professional
- Collective impact of ACE Response collaboratives?
- ACE-informed care outcomes?
Austin Opportunities

- Pediatric Trauma-informed Research & Care Collaborative
  - Pediatric healthcare ACE needs assessment

- Join national ACE-resilience movement
  - Culture of Health, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- Team science, NIH grants
Questions?

For More Information & Resources

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Thank You!