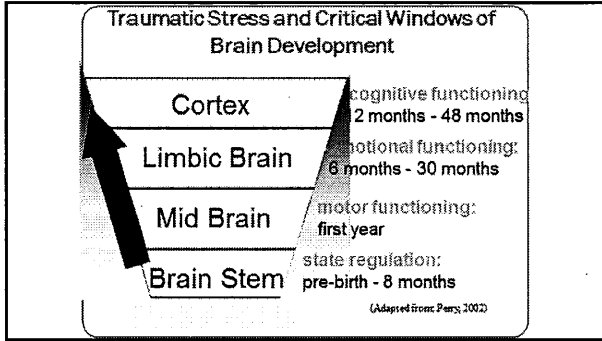


Trauma and Education

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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

Study was a collaboration between Kaiser Permanente of San Diego and The Center for Disease Control and Prevention
The original study was done in 1995 to 1997
There was more than 17,000 original participants



Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

What did they look for (in a survey format)

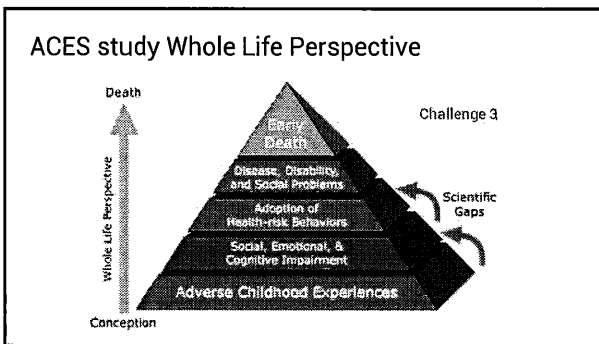
- Physical Health
- Childhood Experience of Abuse, Neglect, and Family Dysfunction

A relationship between ACES and later health issues and early death

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

four or more categories of childhood exposure, compared to those who had experienced none, had 4- to 12-fold increased health risks for alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, and suicide attempt; a 2- to 4-fold increase in smoking, poor self-rated health, ≥50 sexual intercourse partners, and sexually transmitted disease; and a 1.4- to 1.6-fold increase in physical inactivity and severe obesity.

(World Health Organization, Preventing Child Maltreatment, 2006)



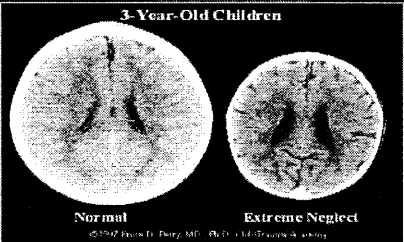
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and Education

Impact on Brain Development

- Heightened Stress Response - In Survival Mode
- Inability to process stress through language
- Identify as a victim, Aggressor or Combination
- Social Isolate or member of deviant peer groups
- Physical Symptoms that are related to stress
- Misdiagnosis- often given ADD or Conduct Disorder

BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

3-Year-Old Children



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Teaching Tips

Teacher Tips

Here's how you can provide the safety and predictability that children need:

- Keep the first few weeks of school simple.**
- Be predictable in your interactions with children.**
- Be attuned to each child's overload point.**

Teaching Tips

Find time during the day for quiet.
Keep the first challenges light and the praise heavy.
Emphasize the importance of good nutrition and proper bed rest.
Remember that you make all the difference.

Legal Case involving Trauma and Education

Class action Lawsuit vs. Compton School District
Students that have a history of violence, abuse, addict parents and homelessness
One student reports witnessing 20 shootings and has been shot once.
The lawsuit alleges the schools ignored the iss

The Ruling

A ruling from U.S. District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald - that exposure to trauma does not guarantee that a child (1) will suffer "from cognizable trauma-induced disabilities for purposes of the proposed class definition, and (2) have been denied meaningful access to their education."
It's an important distinction Fitzgerald is making here. He's not questioning whether exposure to traumatic events *can* disable a student. He's saying that exposure to traumatic events does not *guarantee* disability.

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