Adverse childhood experiences are common but preventable.

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South Carolina adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) data

62% of South Carolina adults have reported one ACE as a child

Data Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) 2014-2015.

22%

of South Carolina adults have reported two or more ACEs 16% of South Carolina adults have reported four or more ACEs

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South Carolina ACE Data Collection

ACE data are collected via the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) managed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). The BRFSS is a crosssectional, telephone-based survey of health-related risk behaviors, history of chronic health conditions, and preventative behaviors. Non-institutionalized adults 18 years or older are randomly selected to take part in the survey. The survey is conducted year-round using random digit dialing (RDD) techniques on both landlines and cell phones. Children's Trust collected the data in 2014-2015 through the BRFSS with funds provided through the community-based child abuse prevention funds. The BlueCross BlueShield Foundation of South Carolina is supporting current efforts.

ACE Variables

The ACEs data can be examined in a number of different ways including the experience of one or more ACEs (prevalence), the experience of particular ACEs (individual) and the experience of multiple ACEs (cumulative).

Prevelance of ACE types DIVORCE/SEPARATION MENTAL ILLNESS







14%

INCARCERATION

Preventing ACEs improves health and well-being

RISK BEHAVIORS 76% of current smokers report ACEs

MENTAL HEALTH 79% of adults that have depressive disorder report ACEs

CHRONIC DISEASE 68% of adults with asthma or COPD report ACEs



HEALTHCARE ACCESS 81% of adults who cannot afford health care report







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30%

30%

28%

20%

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

SUBSTANCE USE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE