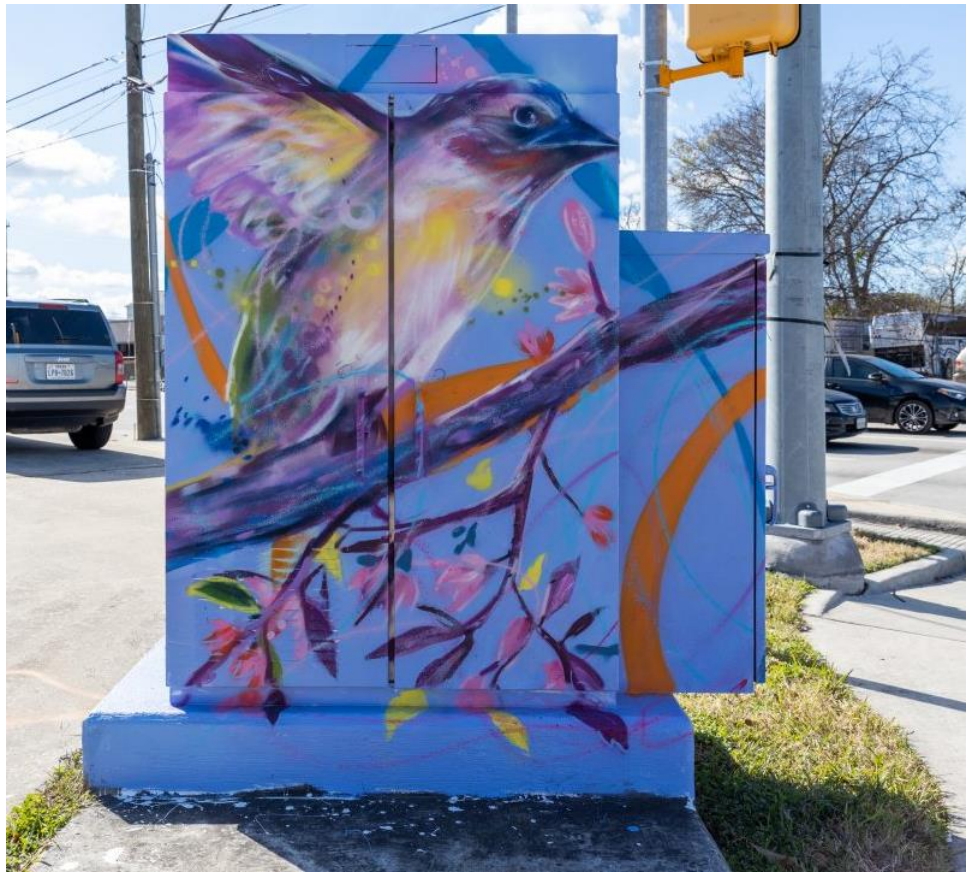


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40 Developmental Assets

4. Caring Neighborhood

- Young person experiences caring neighbors.

5. Caring School Climate

- School provides a caring, encouraging environment.

7. Community Values Youth

- Young person perceive that adults value youth.

10. Safety

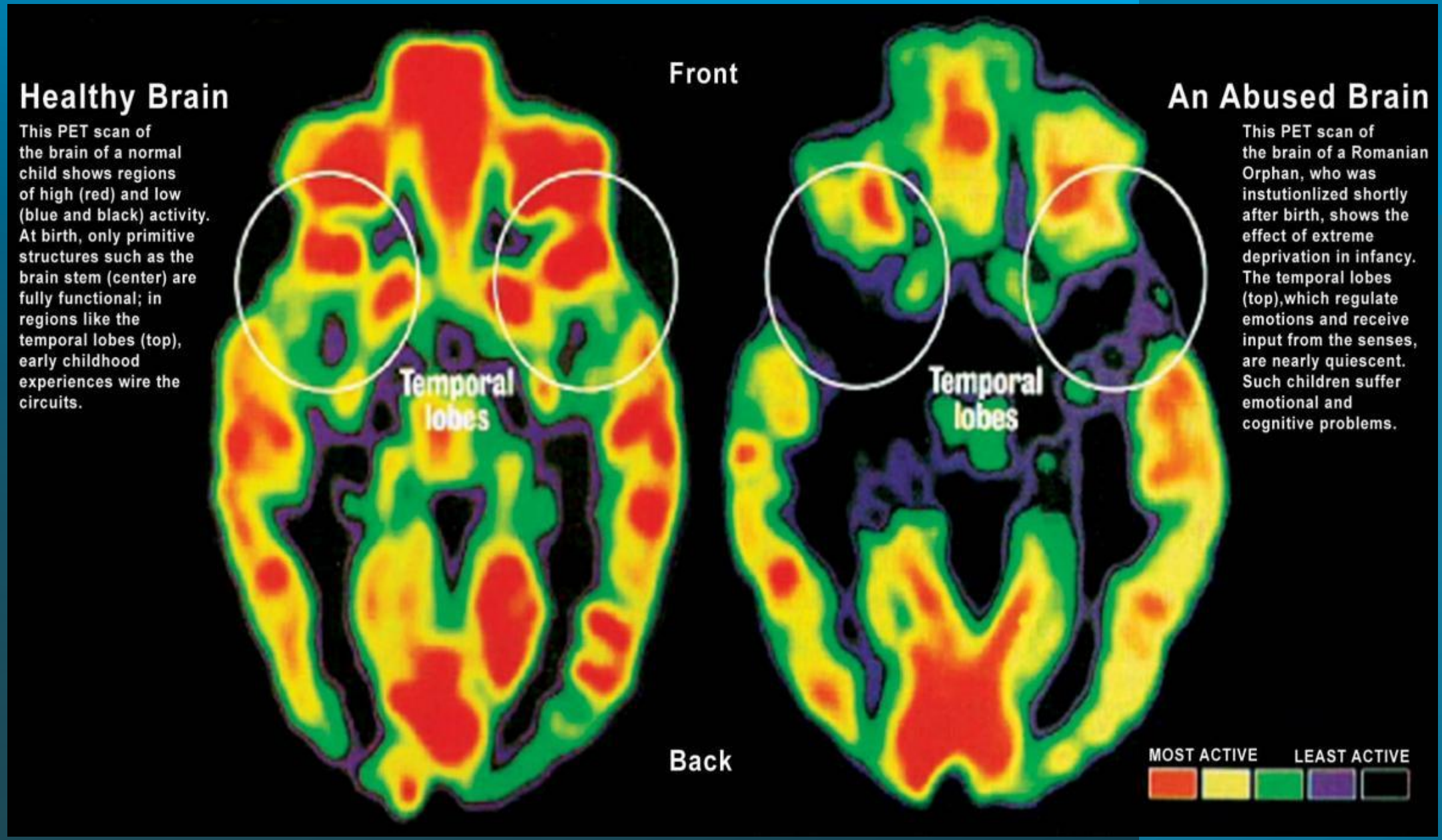
- Young person feels safe at home, school, and neighborhood.

35. Resistance Skills

- Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.

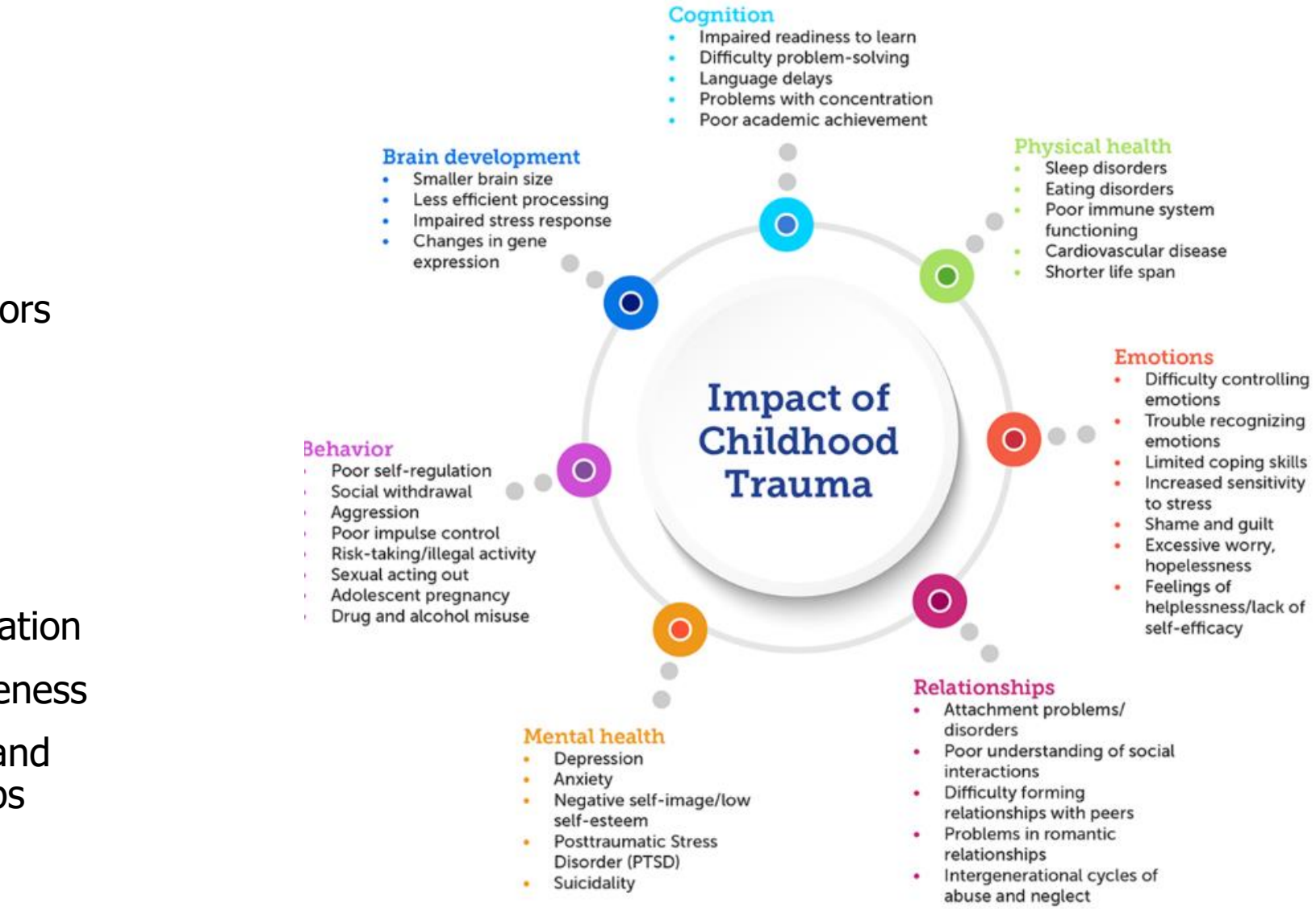
37. Personal Power

- Young person feels he or she has control over “things that happen to me.”

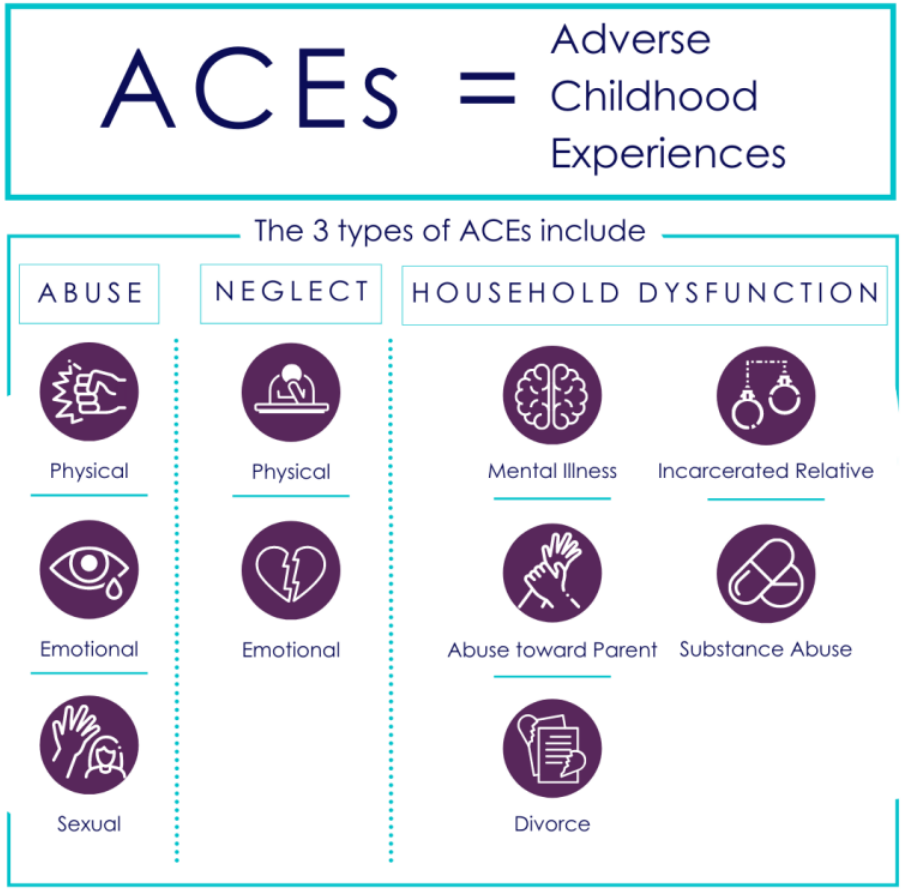

Healthy Brain
This PET scan of the brain of a normal child shows regions of high (red) and low (blue and black) activity. At birth, only primitive structures such as the brain stem (center) are fully functional; in regions like the temporal lobes (top), early childhood experiences wire the circuits.
Front
Temporal lobes
Temporal lobes
Back
An Abused Brain
This PET scan of the brain of a Romanian Orphan, who was instutionlized shortly after birth, shows the effect of extreme deprivation in infancy. The temporal lobes (top),which regulate emotions and receive input from the senses, are nearly quiescent. Such children suffer emotional and cognitive problems.
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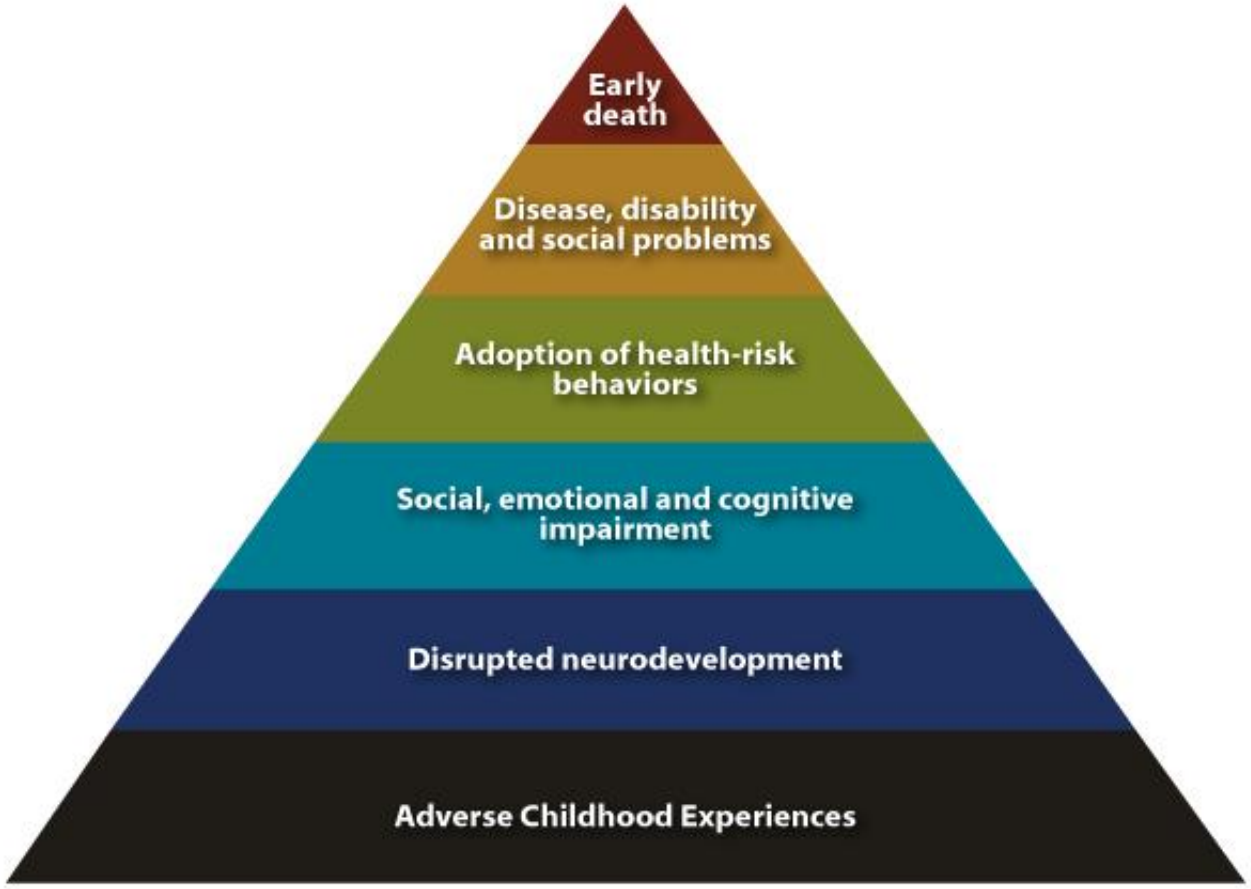
The Impact

- Disruptive/High Risk Behaviors
- Hyper-sexualization
- Impulsivity/Aggression
- Hypervigilance
- Dissociation
- Difficulty Processing Information
- Lack of Attention and Awareness
- Difficulty Developing Trust and Forming Health Relationships



Long Lasting Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences





According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, "the ACE Study began to progressively uncover how adverse childhood experiences (ACE) are strongly related to development and prevalence of risk factors for disease and health and social well-being throughout the lifespan."

Image courtesy of the CDC

Who are the Most Vulnerable?

African American and Latino Youth	Child Welfare Involvement
• African American and Latino Youth are disproportionately involved in the majority of cases identified by the FBI. • Represent 91% of female minors in LA	• Between 50-90% of child victims have at some point been apart of the child welfare system.
Refugee and Migrant Children	**LGBTQ Youth**
• Families fleeing violence are reluctant to seek legal assistance if their host countries have immigration hostility. • 76% of refugees fleeing along Mediterranean reported victimization.	• LGBTQ youth are disproportionately homeless making up 40% although only 7% of population. • NYC study estimates 1 in 4 homeless LGBTQ youth are victims
Homeless Youth	**Runaway Youth**
• 1 in 5 surveyed by Covenant House NY were victims with homelessness increasing vulnerability.	• 1 out of 7 runaways reported in 2018 to NCMEC were likely minor victims.

** Data taken from https://www.thorn.org/child-trafficking-statistics/*

Intersection of Systems Needed to Bolster Prevention

