

Strong Communities Raise Strong Kids



Adverse Childhood Experiences: Why Prevention & Intervention Matter



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- ACEs
- Why ACEs matter
- ACEs and Results in Mendocino Cty
- What can we do

What are ACEs? Adverse Childhood Experiences

hurtful
unpleasant, unhappy
experiences

toxic stress

childhood trauma





**Traumatic Childhood Experiences
AFFECT brain development &
HARM long-term health**

How do we know these effects?

CDC & Kaiser Study

17,000 people

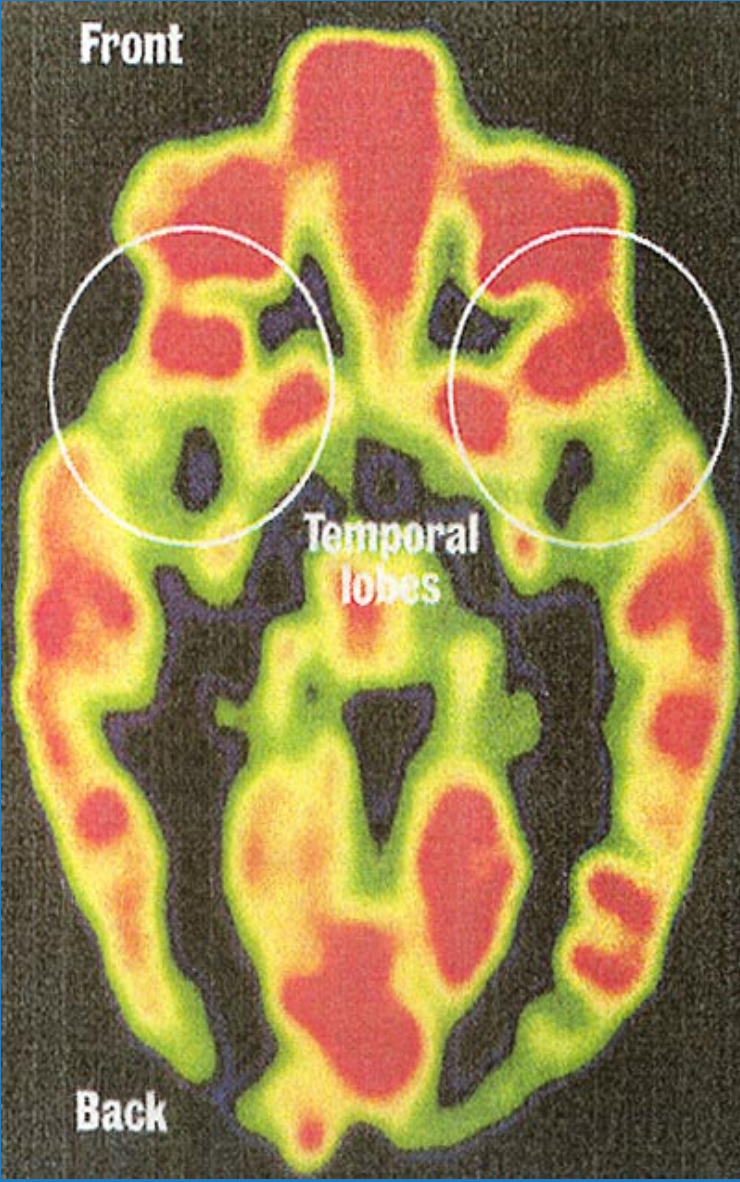
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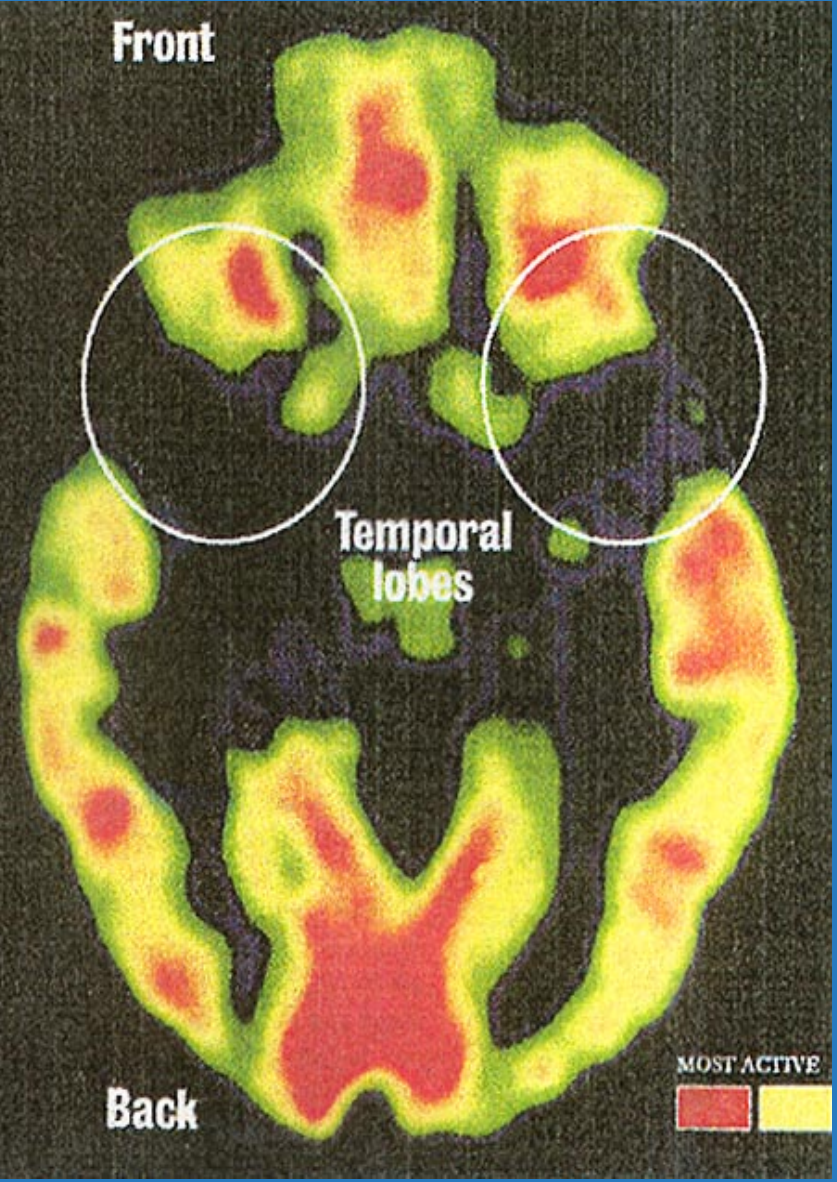




Effect of Extreme Deprivation



Healthy Child



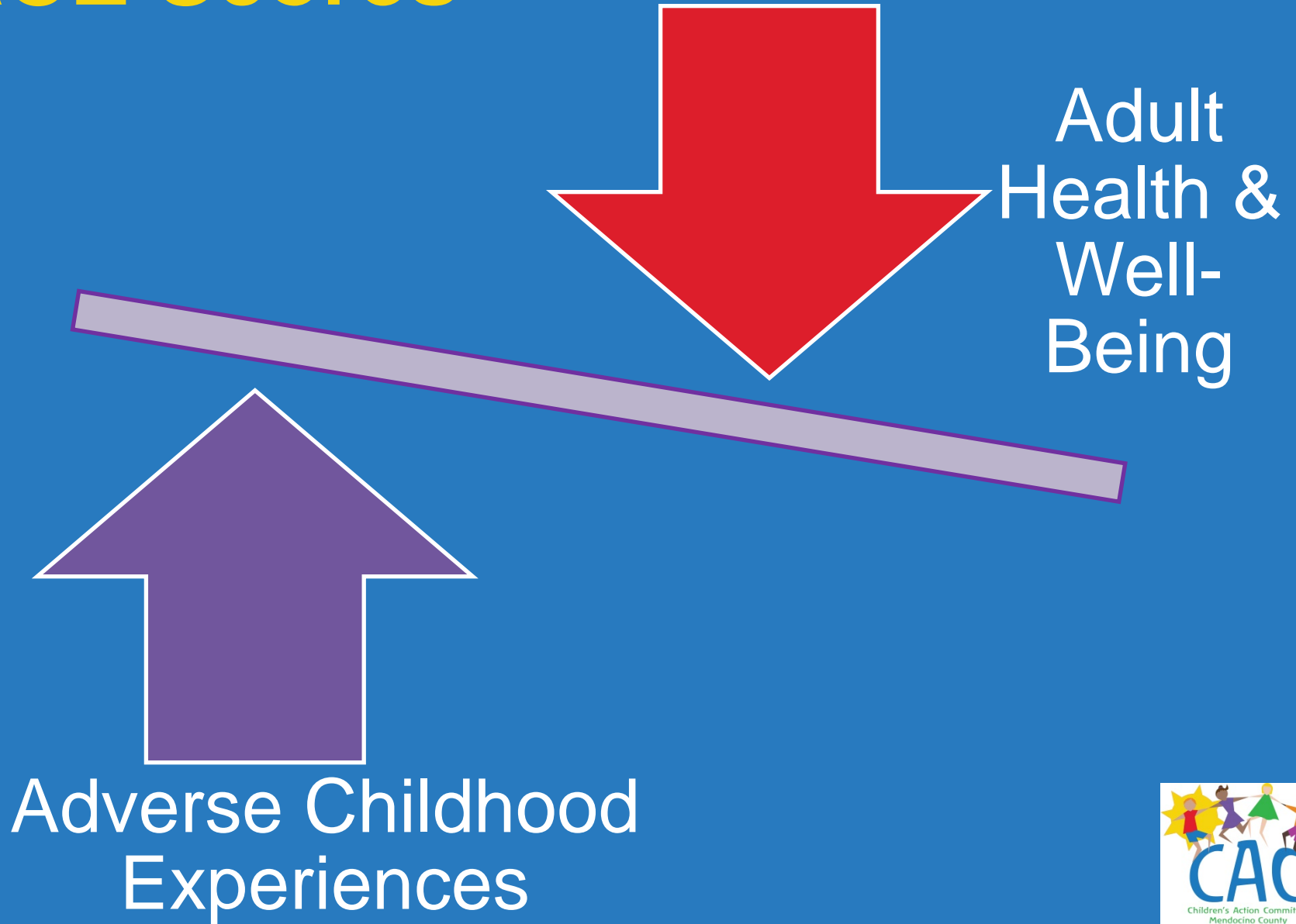
Neglected Child

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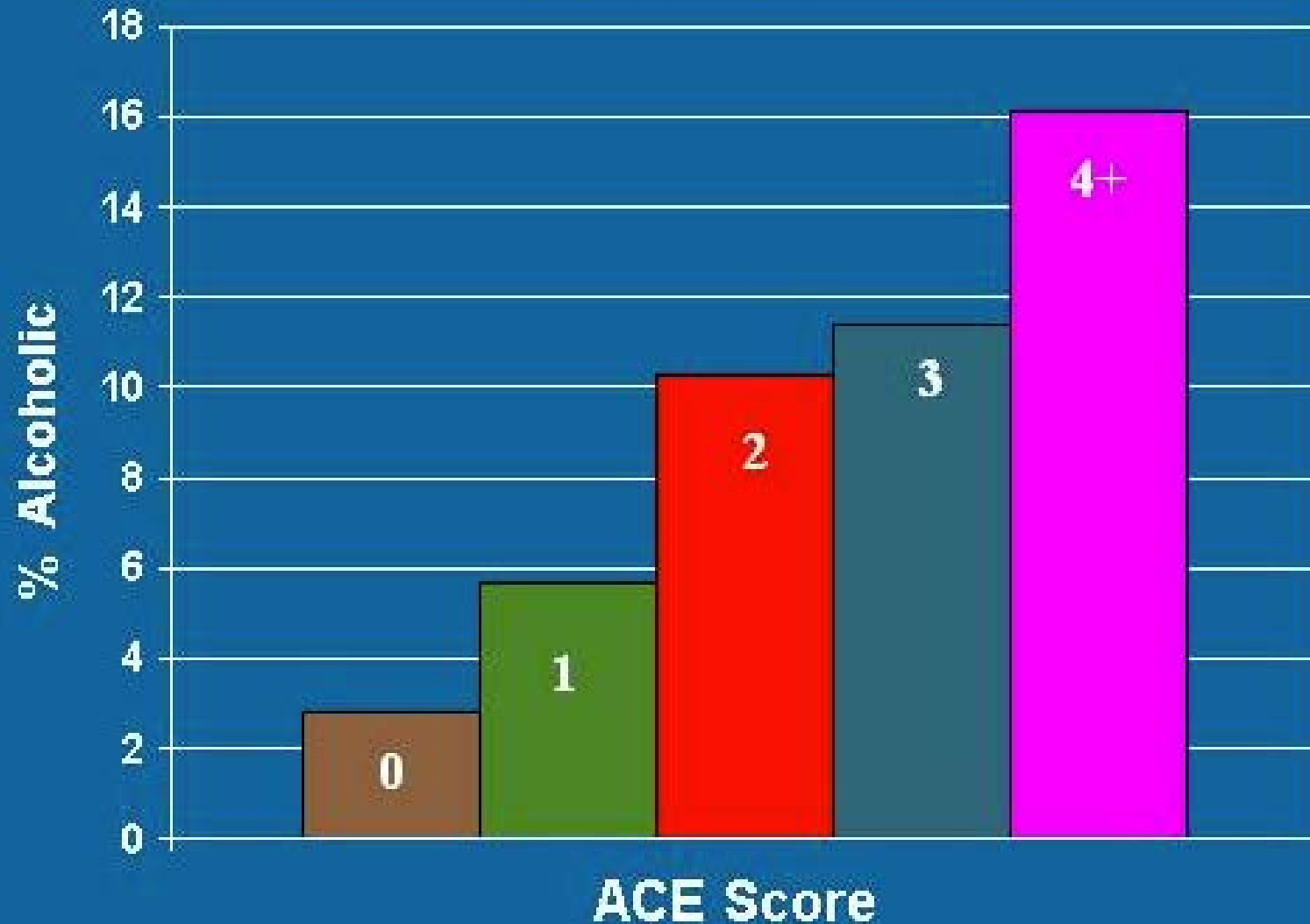
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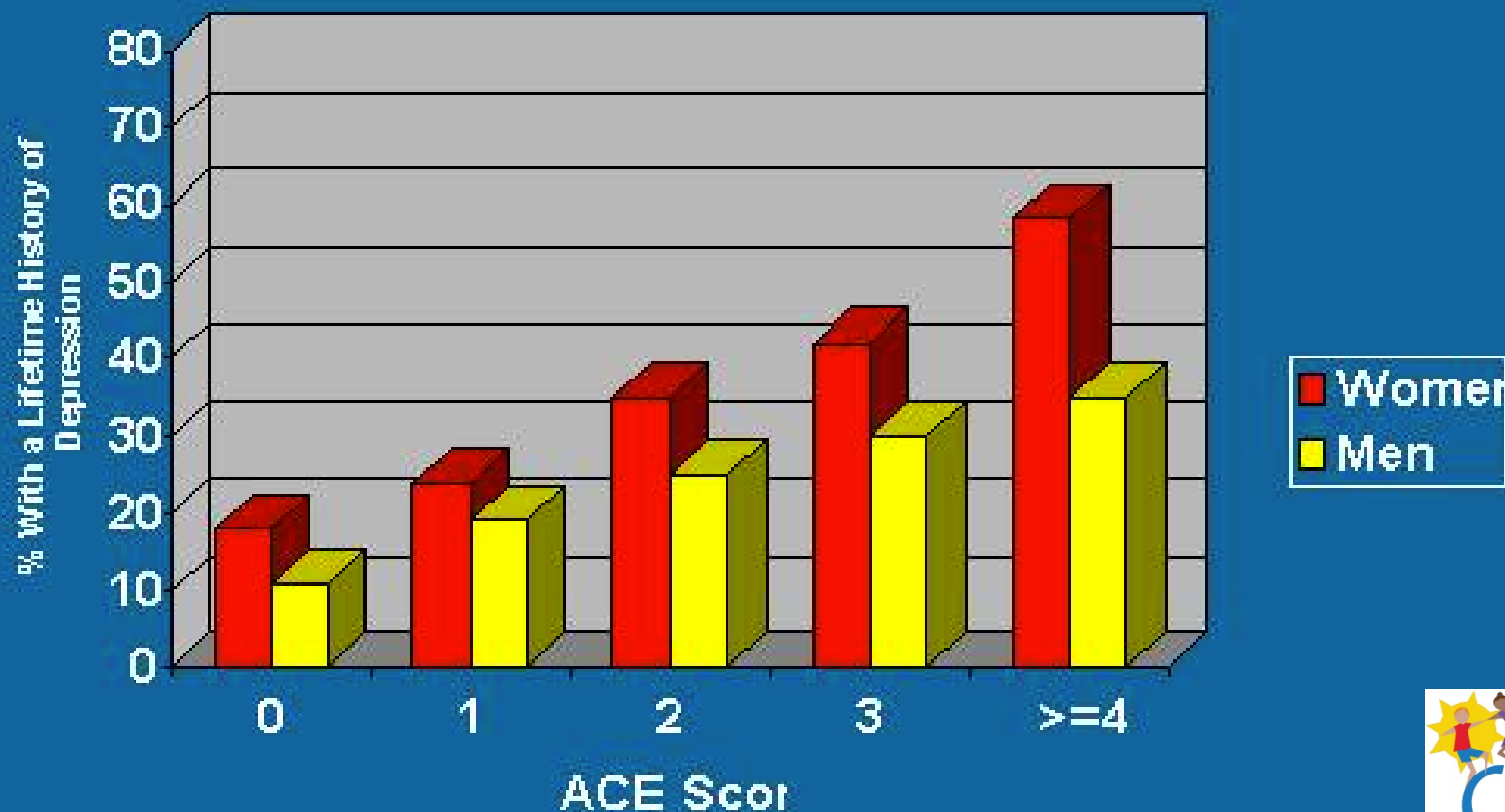
ACE Scores



Childhood Experiences vs. Adult Alcoholism



Childhood Experiences Underlie Chronic Depression

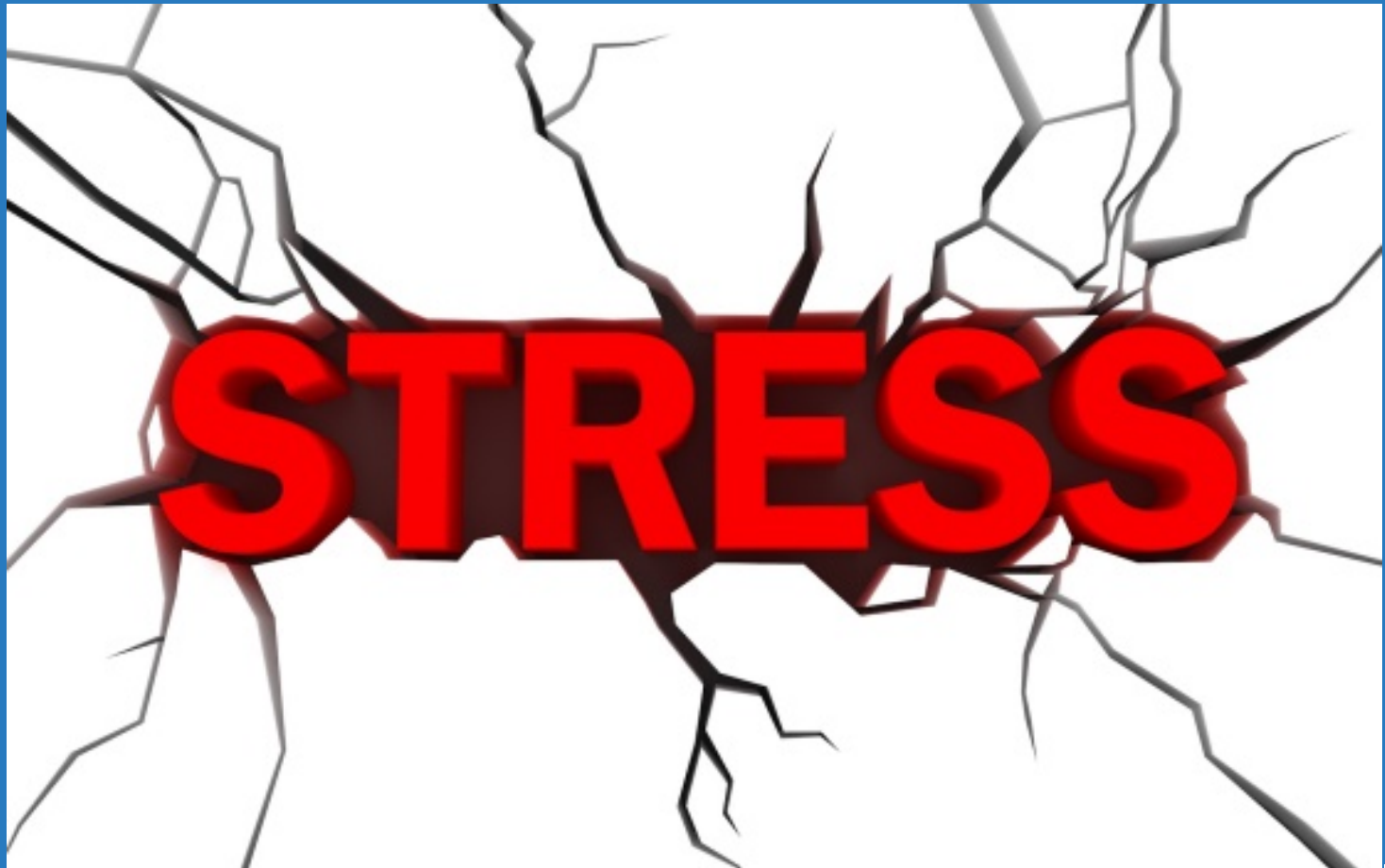


Mendocino County ACE Scores

- Average ACE score of 3
- 28.4 percent of Mendocino County children living below poverty
- Rate of confirmed cases of child abuse (17.9 per 1,000) is 8th highest in State
- More than double the statewide average (8.7 per 1,000)



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More MC Adults in the criminal justice system

More MC Adults with more obesity

More MC Adults who smoke

More MC Alcohol-related motor vehicle collisions

More MC Adults committing suicide

More MC child abuse and neglect



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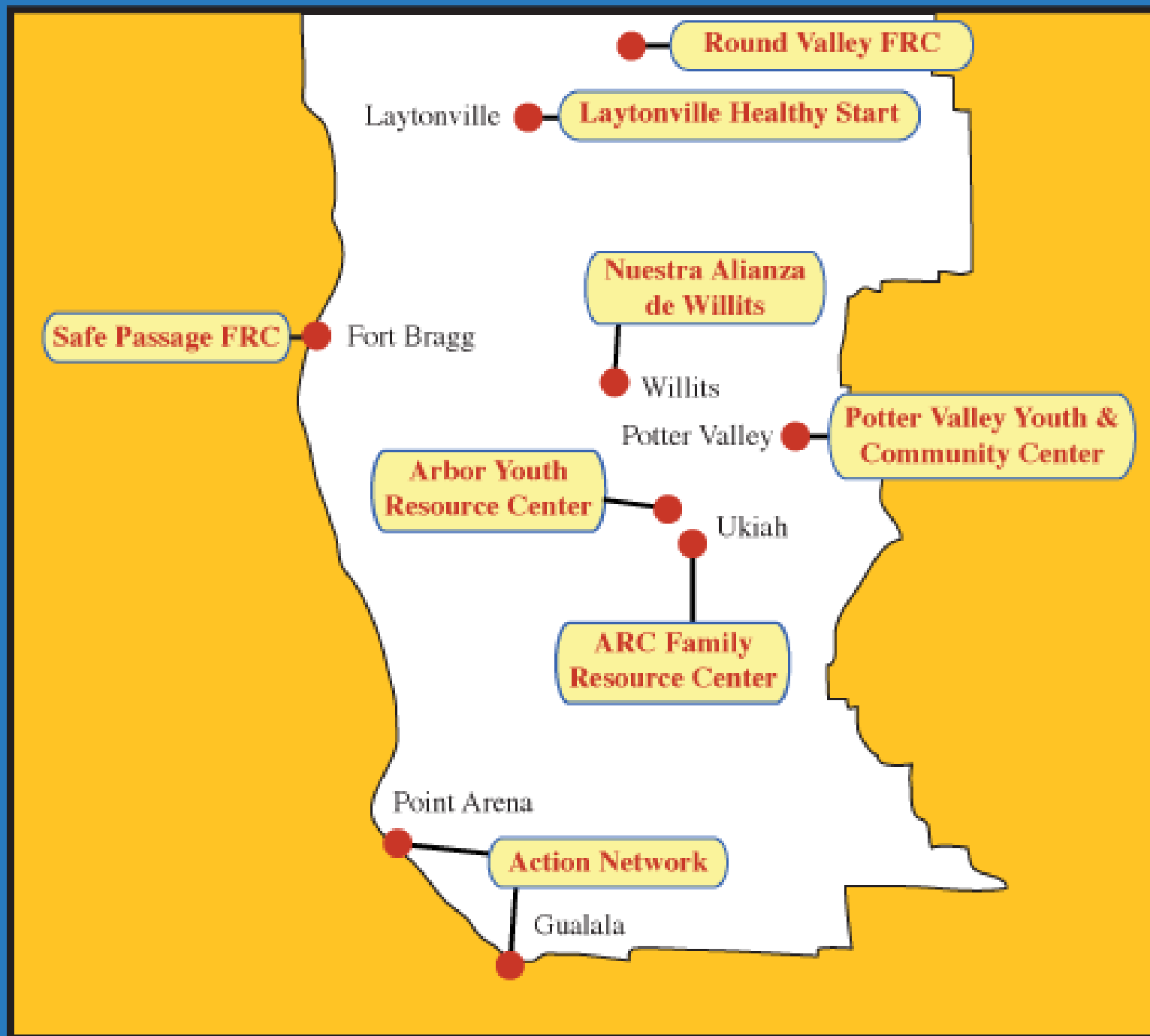
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Caring Communities Can Help Reduce ACEs

- Safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children
- Willing to take action to realize that vision.
- Our Family Resource Centers (FRCs) are geographically prepared to help reduce ACEs!



Last year, we asked the BOS to commit sustainable funding of \$50K for each Family Resource Center (FRC).
And we're asking again...



Funding Sources

- **OCAP**
- **VOCA**
- **ACA-Home & Community**
- **Public Health MAA & TCM**

JUST TO NAME A FEW...



FRCs provide VOCA Allowable Costs for Direct Services

- Immediate Health and Safety services
- Hotline counseling;
- Emergency food, clothing, transportation, and shelter Mental Health Assistance
- Costs Necessary and Essential to Providing Direct Services
- Volunteers





- VOCA Funding in the amount of \$223,504 is now available with a submission date of May 24th.
- CAC requests the submission of this RFP with a commitment of this funding to our County's FRCs.



If Mendocino County is to *prosper* in the future,
children must be free of ACES
developing intellectually, socially, emotionally
so as adults they are healthy & employed.