

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING IN SARASOTA

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ABUSE



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Mental Illness



Incarcerated Relative



Mother treated violently



Substance Abuse



Divorce

The Pair of ACEs

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Maternal Depression

Emotional & Sexual Abuse

Substance Abuse

Domestic Violence

Poverty

Discrimination

Community Disruption



Physical & Emotional Neglect

Divorce

Mental Illness

Incarceration

Homelessness

Adverse Community Environments



Violence

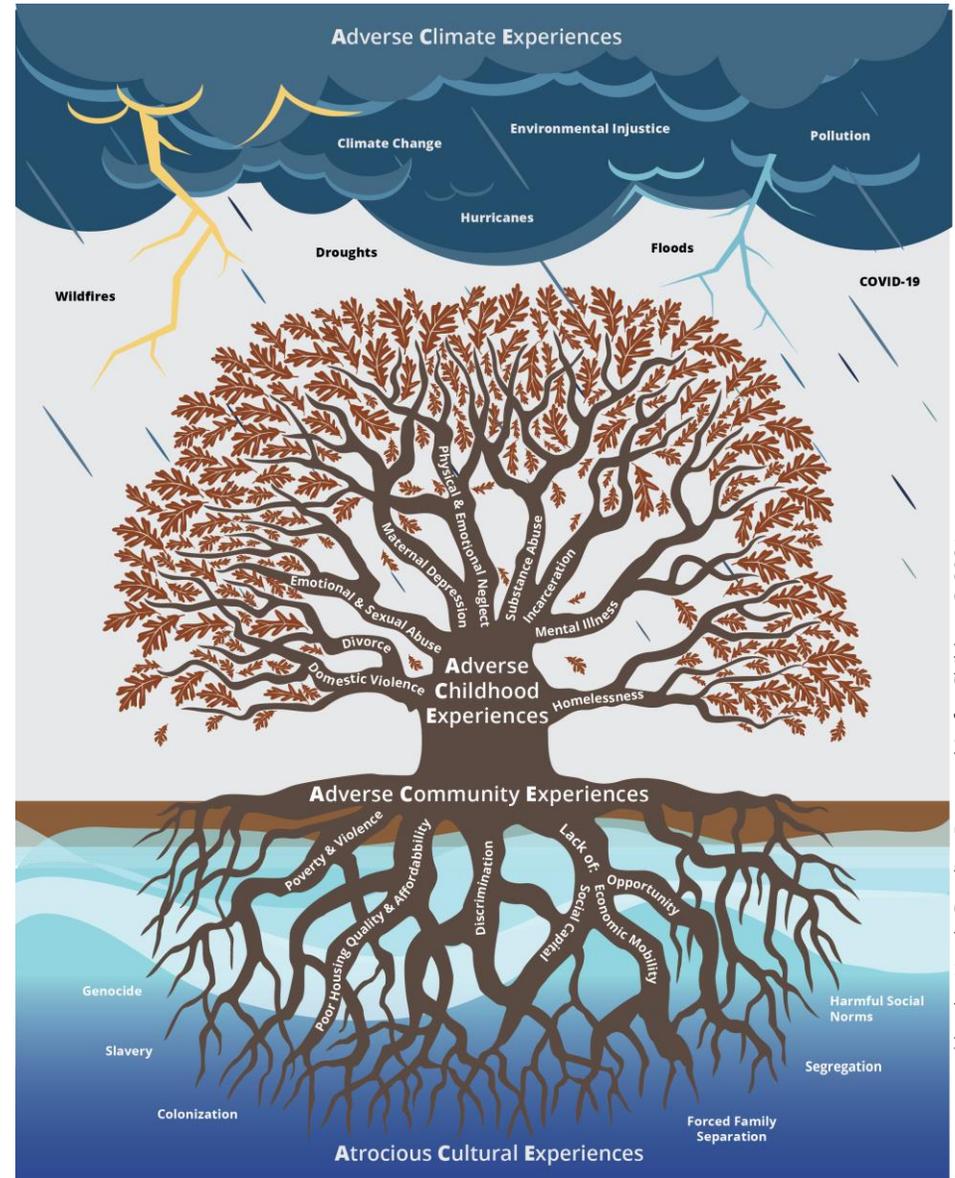
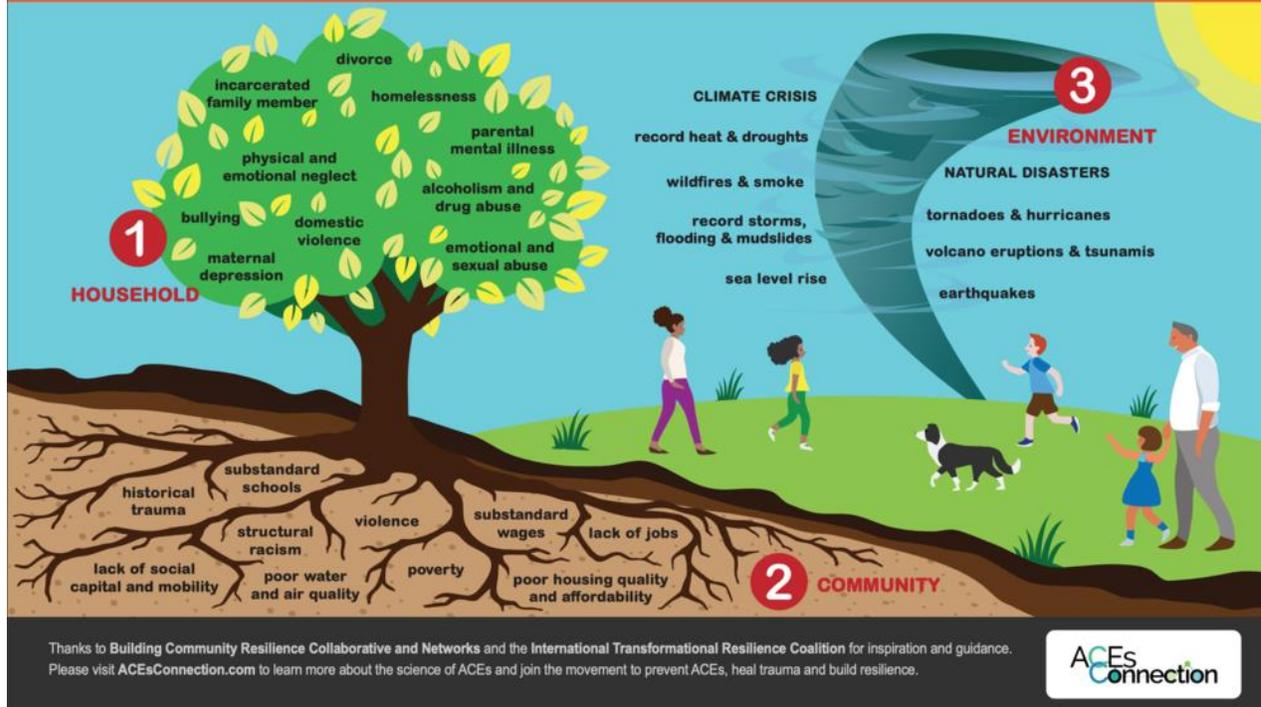
Poor Housing Quality & Affordability

Lack of Opportunity, Economic Mobility & Social Capital

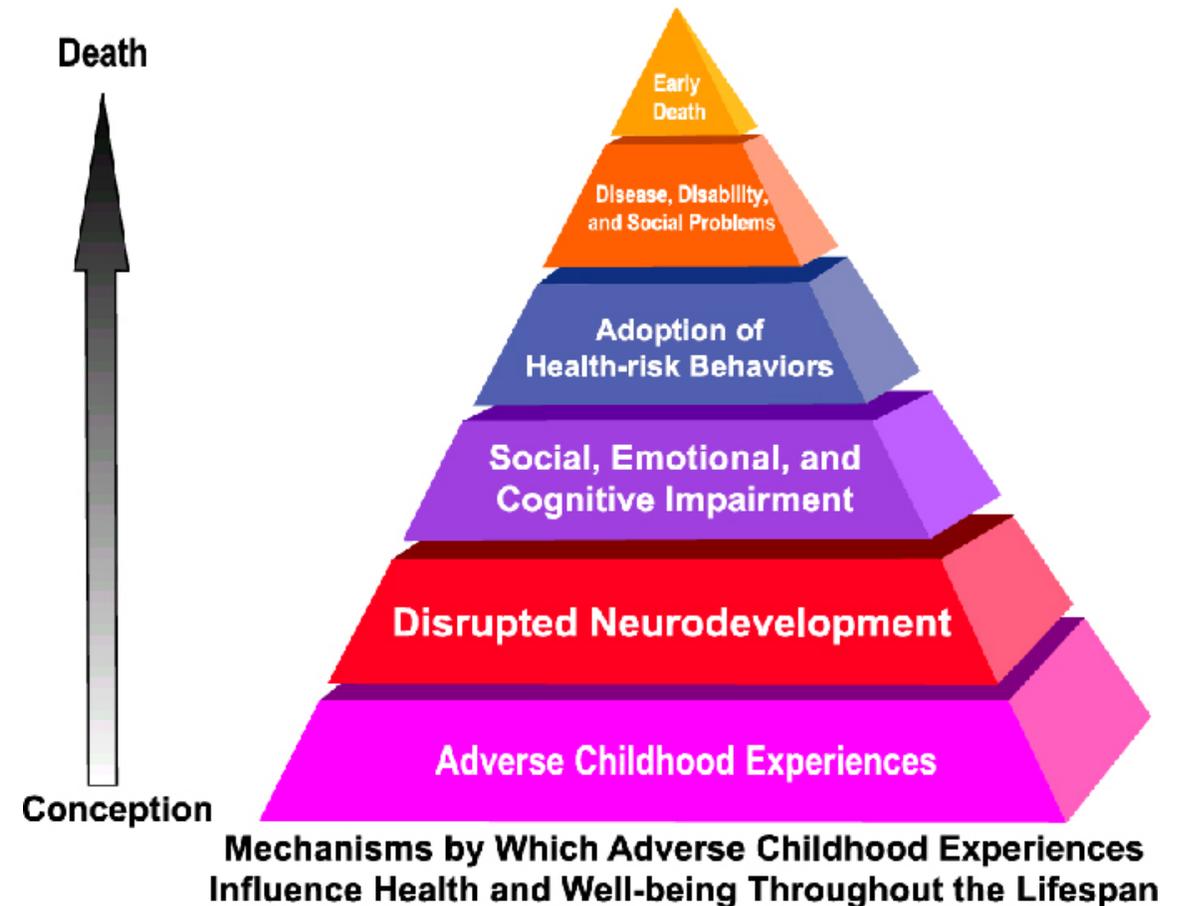
Ellis and Dietz (2017)

3 Realms of ACEs

ACEs Connection accelerates the global movement to prevent and heal adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), and supports communities to work collaboratively to solve our most intractable problems. Left unaddressed, toxic stress from ACEs harms children and families, organizations, systems and communities, and reduces the ability of individuals and entities to respond to stressful events with resiliency. The ACEs in these three realms intertwine throughout people's lives, and affect the viability of organizations, systems and communities.



- Children with three or more ACEs are 5x more likely to have attendance issues, 6x times more likely to have behavior problems, and 3x times more likely to experience academic failure. <https://thrivingschools.kaiserpermanente.org/mental-health/aces/>
- In the classroom, this may look like a child exhibiting clingy or isolating behavior, passive/quiet behavior, frequent somatic symptoms like tummy aches, headaches, or fevers, regressive behaviors like bedwetting or baby talk, aggressive and/or mean behaviors, or “fight or flight” after a teacher gives a direction. <https://www.graduateprogram.org/blog/adverse-childhood-experiences-how-they-impact-learning/>







(1) MANDATORY REPORTING.—

(a)1. **A person is required** to report immediately to the central abuse hotline established in s. 39.101, in writing, through a call to the toll-free telephone number, or through electronic reporting, **if he or she knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect**, that any of the following has occurred:

a. **Child abuse, abandonment, or neglect by a parent or caregiver**, which includes, but is not limited to, when a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare or **when a child is in need of supervision and care and has no parent, legal custodian, or responsible adult relative immediately known and available to provide such supervision and care.**

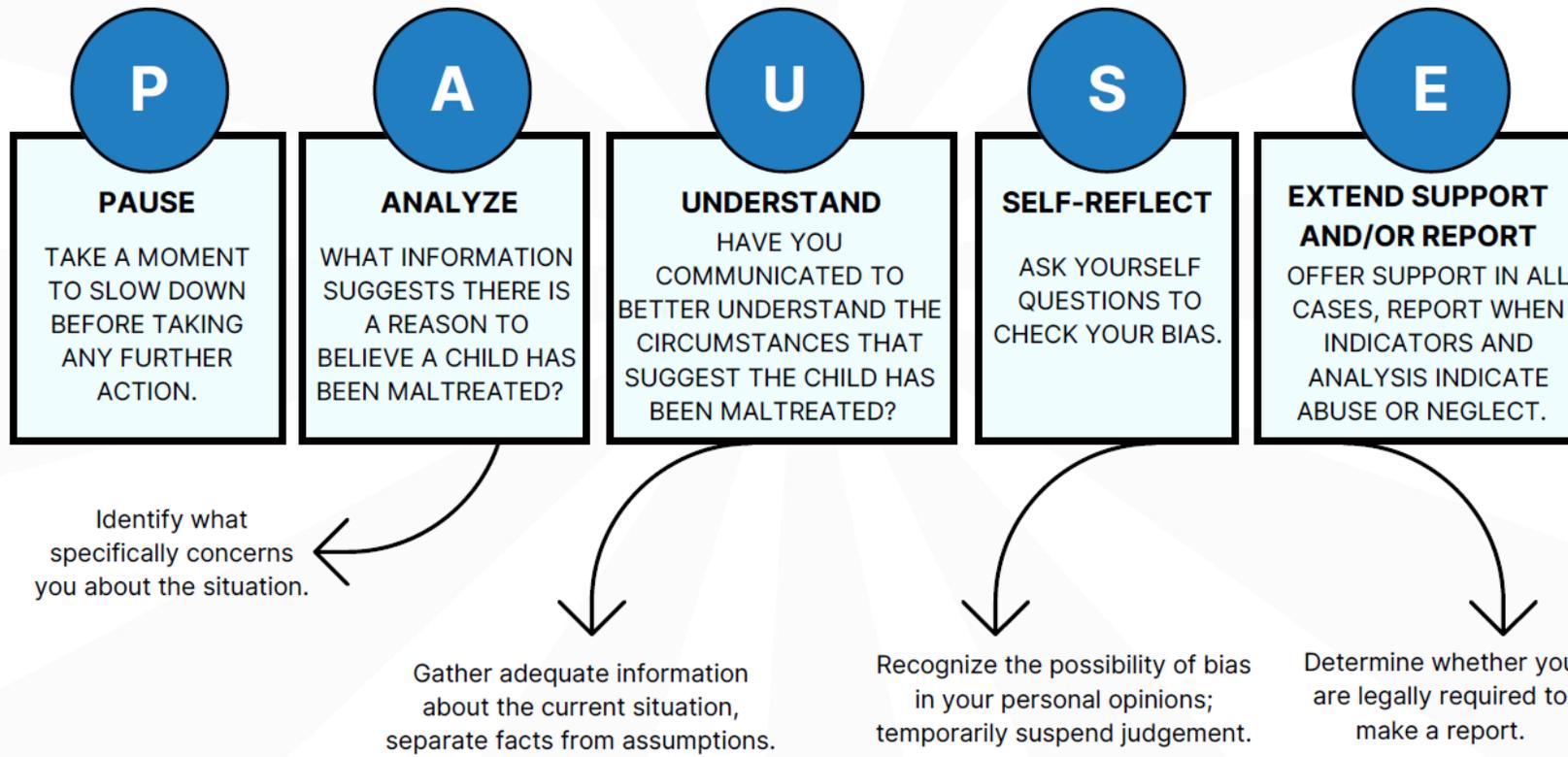
b. **Child abuse by an adult other than a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child’s welfare.** The central abuse hotline must immediately electronically transfer such reports to the appropriate county sheriff’s office.

2. Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that **a child is the victim of sexual abuse or juvenile sexual abuse** shall report such knowledge or suspicion to the central abuse hotline, including if the alleged incident involves a child who is in the custody of or under the protective supervision of the department.

SARASOTA		
	Prior Fiscal Year	Current Fiscal Year
Total Hotline Calls	5,618	5,590
# Calls Accepted	3,203	3,326
% Calls Accepted	57.01%	59.50%

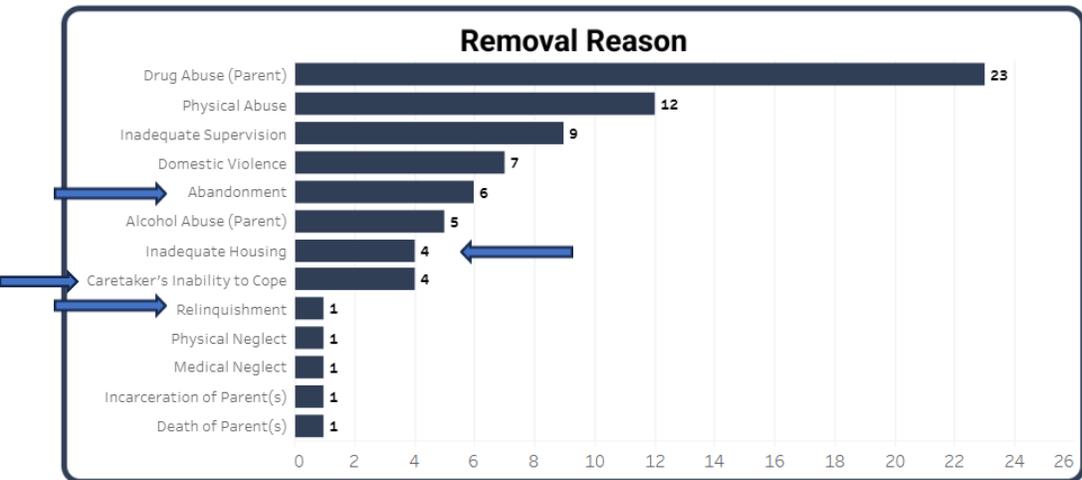
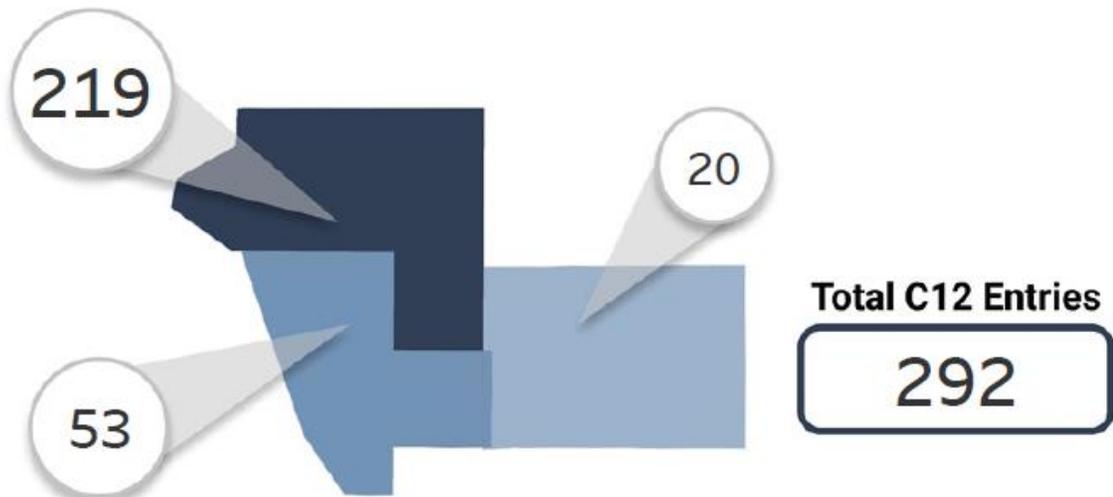
Thinking Critically with the **P.A.U.S.E** Framework

The P.A.U.S.E approach is designed to help individuals think critically when there is a suspicion of child abuse or neglect.

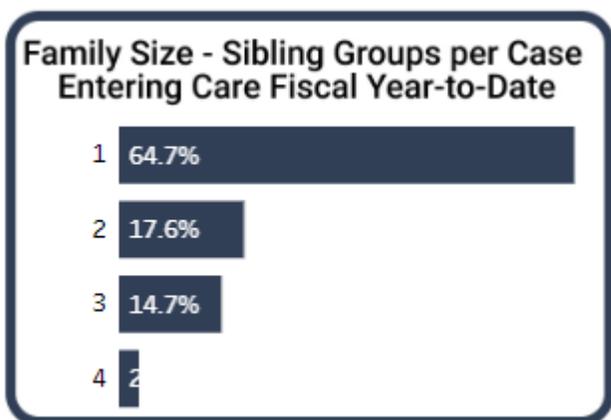
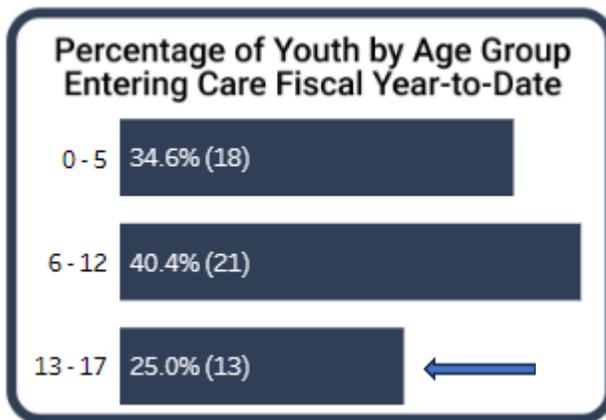


- School Employees are the #1 Reporter Nationwide
- Utilize the PAUSE Framework
- Know the options available for support – partner with community individuals & organizations
- If you do call in a report, ask for the operator's ID#. If your report is not accepted and that concerns you, ask to speak to a supervisor.





Currently we have 484 youth in out of home care. This number has dramatically decreased over time with the balance between overall number of youth entering versus overall youth exiting care. You can see how this relates later in the report on page 20.



Discharge Reason / Length of Stay

Prior Fiscal Year

Number of Youth Exits	Discharge Reason	Length of Stay (Months)
31	Reunification	10.52
44	Adoption	33.82
19	Guardianship	14.33
4	Age of Majority	11.50
2	Other	5.00

Current Fiscal Year

Number of Youth Exits	Discharge Reason	Length of Stay (Months)
33	Reunification	12.84
52	Adoption	31.45
11	Guardianship	19.60
4	Age of Majority	48.50
2	Other	3.00

Average Length of Stay Fiscal Year-to-Date

26.20
(Months)

Total Entries

Prior Fiscal Year	Current Fiscal Year-to-Date
101	53

Total Exits

Prior Fiscal Year	Current Fiscal Year-to-Date
100	102

Net Entries

Prior Fiscal Year	Current Fiscal Year-to-Date
1	-49

Well-Being

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94.02%

Children in Out-of-Home Care Who Received Medical Services within the Last 12 Months

99.51%

Children Under Supervision who are seen Every Thirty (30) Days

88.47%

Children Over the Age of 3 in Out-of-Home Care who Received Dental Services in the Last 7 Months

90.90%

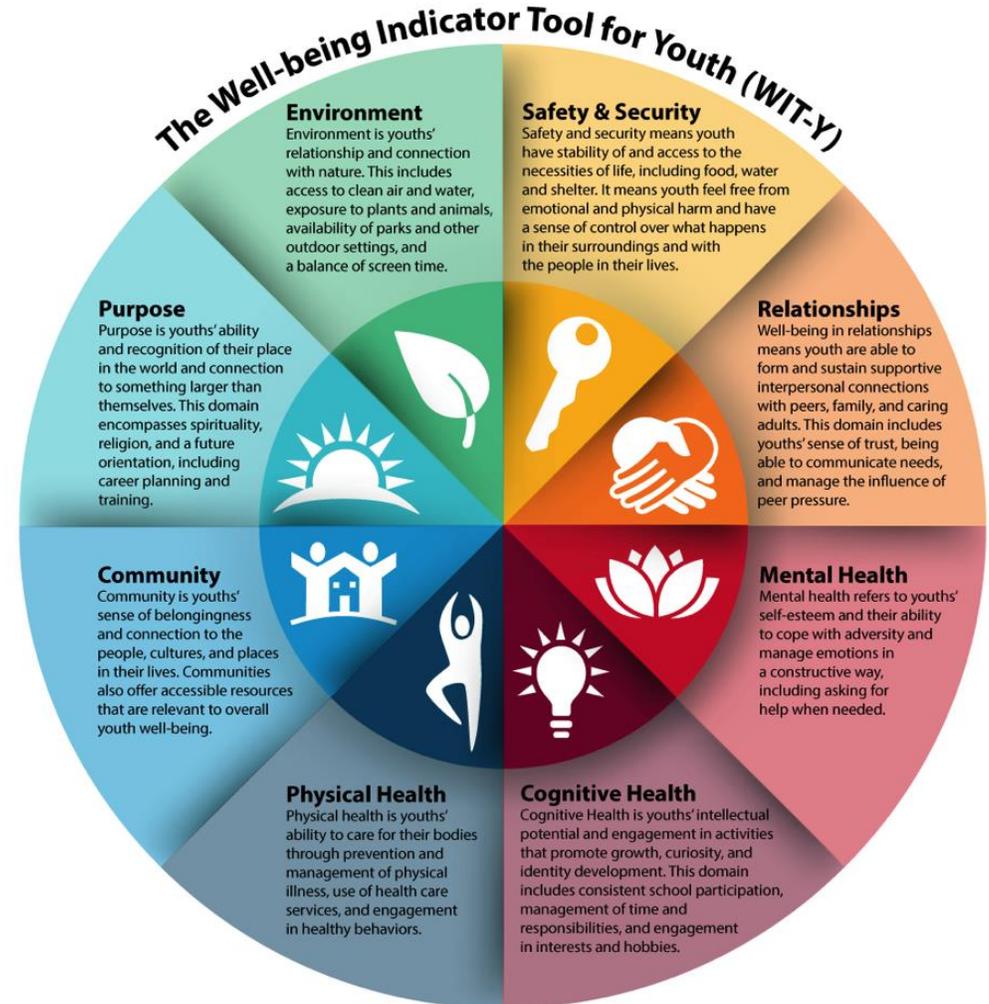
Youth who Didn't Perpetrate Verified Maltreatment of Abuse by 25th Birthday

81.71%

Young Adults Aging Out and Educational Achievements

\$616,280

Estimated Monthly Out-of-Home Placement Avoidance Cost



- Combination of emotional, mental, and behavioral challenges (i.e., co-occurring substance use disorders, physical health challenges, or developmental and intellectual delays or disabilities)

- Complex, mental, behavioral, or emotional diagnosis(es) impact daily functioning

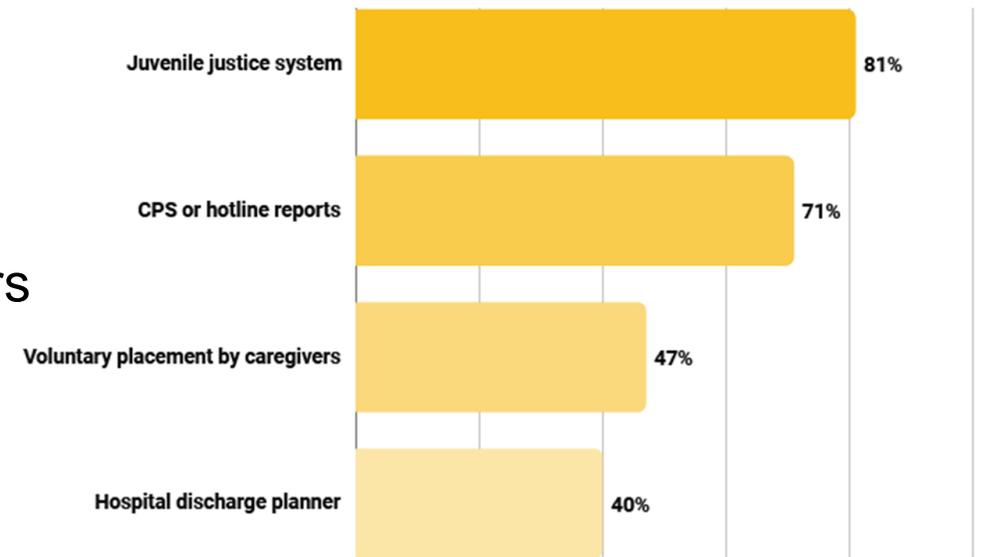
- Compounding socio-economic and community risk factors

- Generational and complex trauma histories

- Conflicting system expectations

- Inadequate coping and natural supports/skills

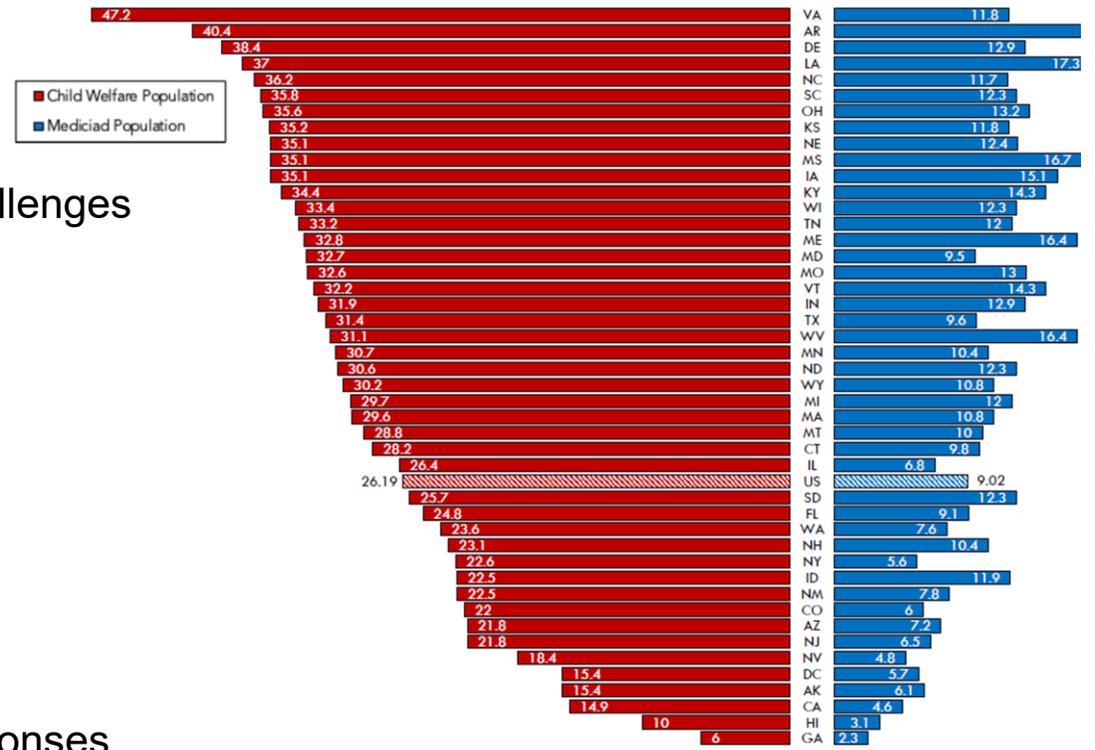
Figure 2: Percentage of most common pathways through which youth with complex needs come to the attention of agencies (129 unique responses).



Systems intending to help ease thriving, often enhance challenges leading to...

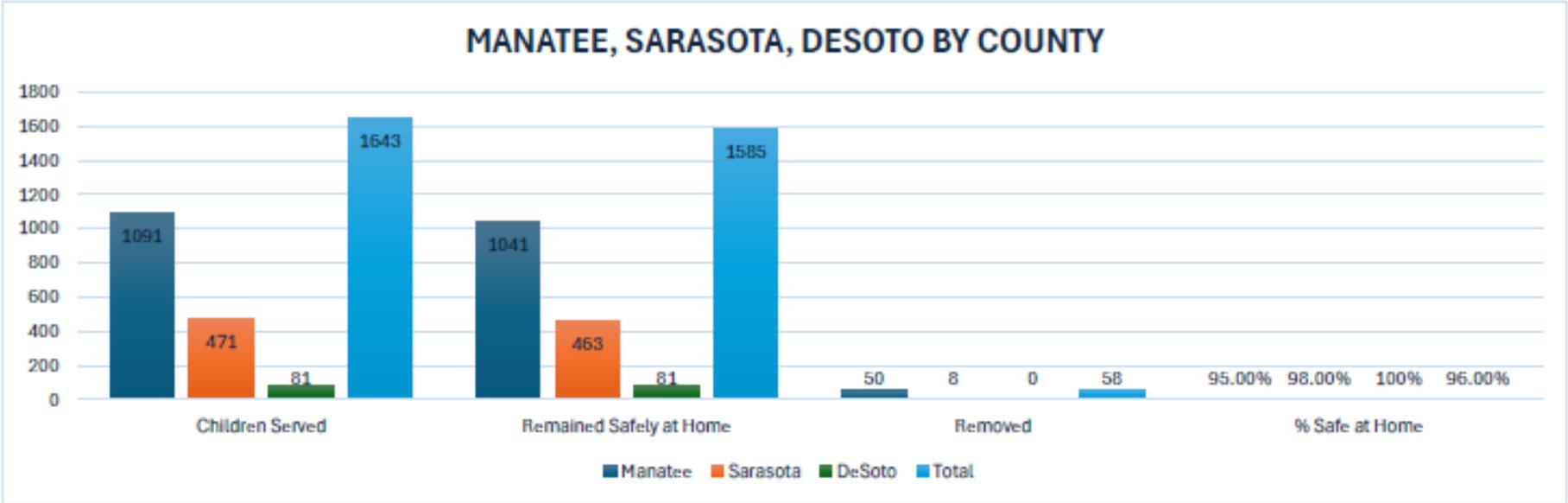
- Earlier, longer, and deeper child welfare histories, with more out of home placements
- Family fatigue and increased economic stress
- Deeper justice involvement and higher recidivism risk
- Higher risks for mental health, educational, and vocational challenges
- Increased rates of recidivism (juvenile and adult)
- Longer stays in detention
- Poorer placement stability and permanency outcomes
- Higher instances of homelessness
- Greater rates of sexual violence and sex trafficking
- Criminalization of typical adolescent behavior and trauma responses

Percent of Children Receiving a Psychotropic Medication, by State
2019, by Child Welfare Status



- Trauma-responsive, individualized, comprehensive case-planning centering individualized, contextual response to family/youth need
- Kids grow best in community through natural, local resources that address basic needs and root causes
- Consistent coordinated systems that share responsibility, information, and resources
- Flexible, braided or blended funding and resource sharing
- Remove barriers to ease access to services and system navigation
- Be creative - Embrace change and innovation

YTD July 2024-June 2025 ERAT Summary – Safe Children Coalition				
By County:				
County	Children Served	Remained Safely at Home	Removed	% Safe at Home
Manatee	1091	1041	50	95.00%
Sarasota	471	463	8	98.00%
DeSoto	81	81	0	100%
Total	1643	1585	58	96.00%
*Total children served includes those carried over from FY 2023–2024				





**A THEORY OF CHANGE
FOR PRIMARY PREVENTION
IN THE U.S.**

<https://preventchildabuse.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/PCA-Theory-of-Change10.3-1.pdf>



Graphic adapted from de Beaumont Foundation and Trust for America's Health. (January 2019).
"Social Determinants and Social Needs: Moving Beyond Midstream"

7 Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)



feeling able to talk to your family about feelings



feeling your family stood by you during difficult times



enjoying participation in community traditions



feeling safe and protected by an adult in your home



have at least two non-parent adults who took genuine interest in you



feeling a sense of belonging in high school



feeling supported by friends



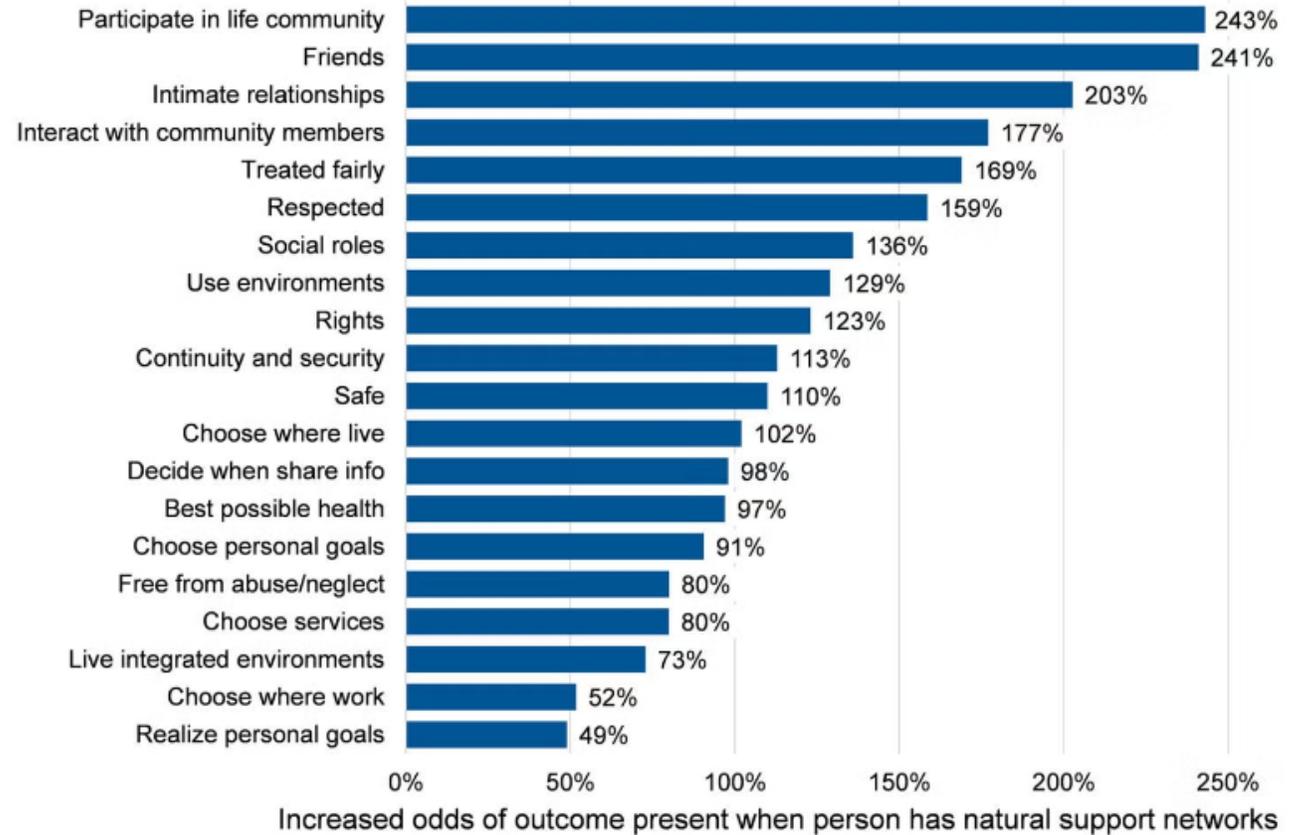
Every child is one caring adult away from being a success story.

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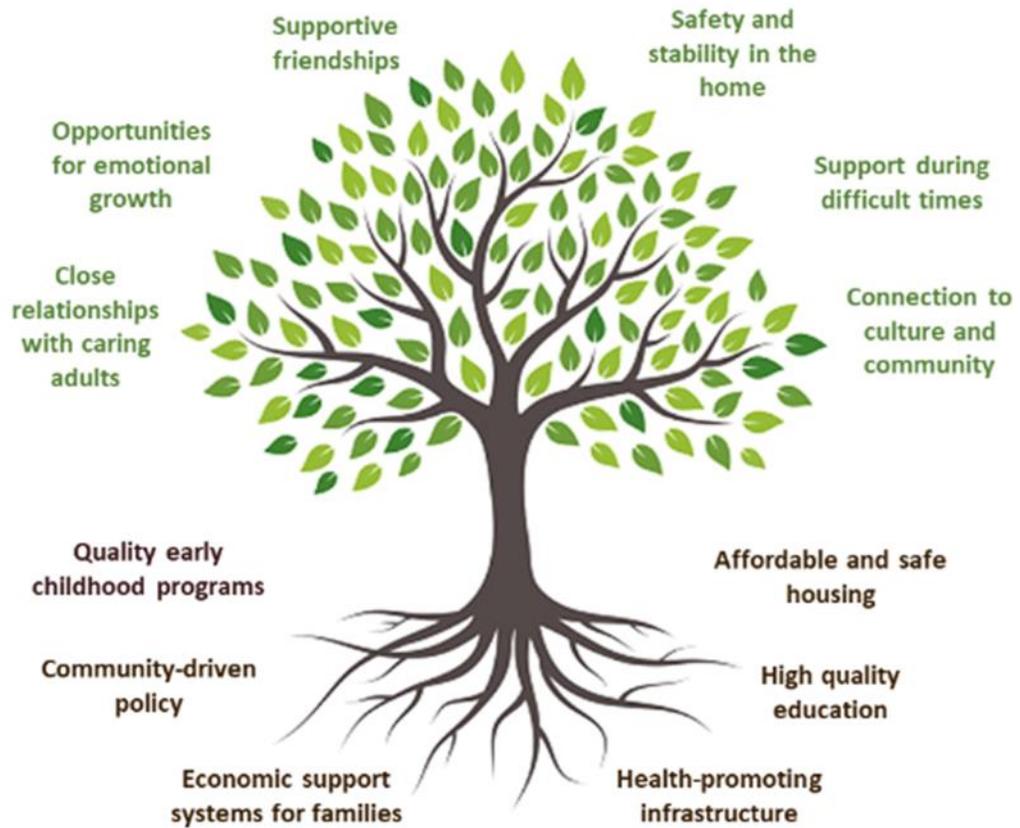


The Relationship Between Natural Support Networks and Quality of Life Outcomes



Child and Family Well-being System: Economic & Concrete Supports as a Core Component

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Adapted from Center for Community Resilience, *Community Resilience Tree*



Community resilience looks like...



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