



Cost of Adverse Childhood Experiences in Alaska

How much do ACEs cost Alaska?

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) take an increasing toll on Alaskans throughout their lives. People with high ACE scores are less healthy, earn less, and require more expensive social programs. ACEs have a high cost in human and economic terms. The consequences of ACEs are experienced by Alaskan children, adults, families, communities, employers and government.

Direct Costs of Child Abuse & Neglect²

\$228,000

Estimated lifetime cost per Alaskan victim of child abuse and neglect

\$1.4 million

Estimated lifetime cost in medical and productivity losses per Alaskan child death

Health Costs¹



41%

of Medicaid enrollment

in Alaska can be linked back to ACEs.

22,000 Alaskans rely on Medicaid due to ACEs at an estimated cost of

\$360 million



32%

of Alaskan Smokers

likely smoke due to ACEs.

Each year, **37,000 Alaskans** with ACEs smoke at an estimated cost of

\$190 million



24%

non-gestational diabetes

cases are linked with ACEs.

10,000 Alaskans with ACEs have diabetes and annually cost

\$110 million



14%

of Obesity

in Alaska is linked with ACEs.

Each year, **22,000 Alaskans** with obesity health issues related to ACEs cost more than

\$31 million



11%

of binge drinking

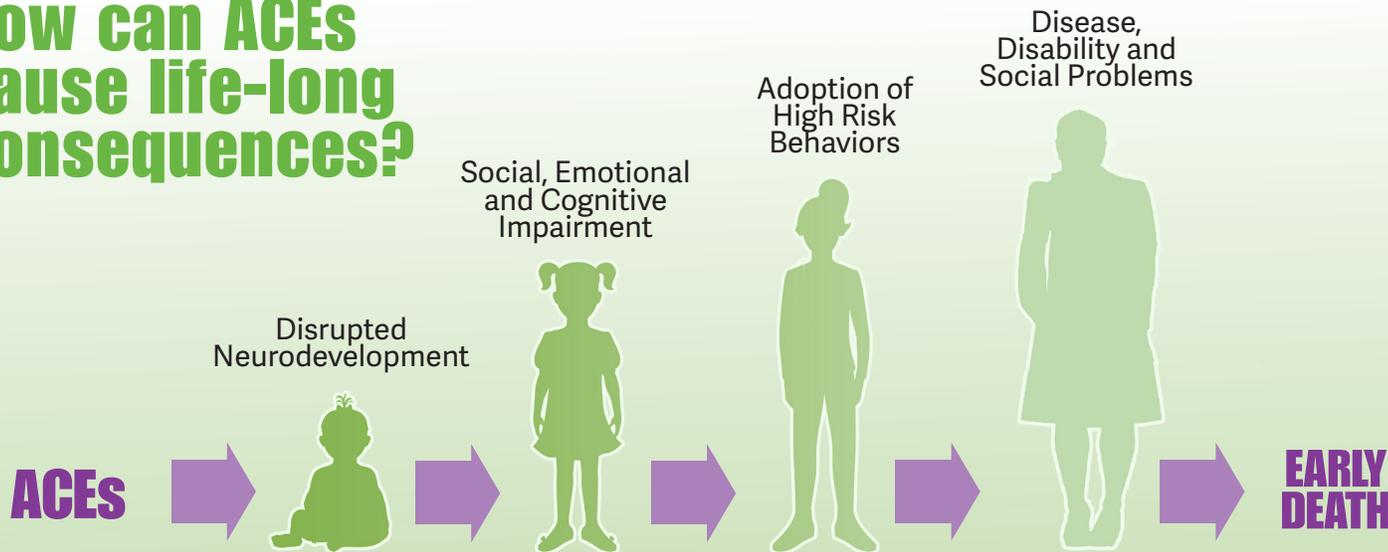
is linked with ACEs.

Each year, **11,000 Alaskans** likely binge drink due to ACEs at a cost of

\$70 million

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How can ACEs cause life-long consequences?



When families and communities take steps to build resilience and supportive relationships, the life-long consequences of ACEs can be prevented and healed.

TAKE ACTION!

- 1 Invest in primary prevention.
- 2 Decrease poverty.
- 3 Focus on two generation approaches to care that treat both the child and parent(s).
- 4 Ensure every child has access to high-quality and affordable healthcare.
- 5 Increase investments in effective early childhood programs.
- 6 Encourage medical practitioners to adopt early periodic screening, diagnostics and treatment.
- 7 Promote trauma-informed practices across federal, state, business, and local support services.

¹ Adverse Economic Costs of ACEs in Alaska. Prepared for the Alaska Mental Health Board and the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Available at: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/abada/ace-ak/Pages/default.aspx>

² Fang, X. et al. *The economic burden of child maltreatment in the United States and implications for prevention.* (2012) Converted to 2015\$

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