

# Responding to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE): Policies & Programs for Whole Person Support



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# ACEs and Homelessness

- ACEs are common
- 87% reported at least one ACE
- Over half reported 4 or more
- ACEs predicted prior services



# Implications:

## Preventing ACE consequences

- Fragmented service silos vs. comprehensive, integrated services
- ACE-informed programs
  - Identify ACEs
  - Integrate resilience & recovery knowledge
  - Transform systems
  - Empower people
  - Whole person approach

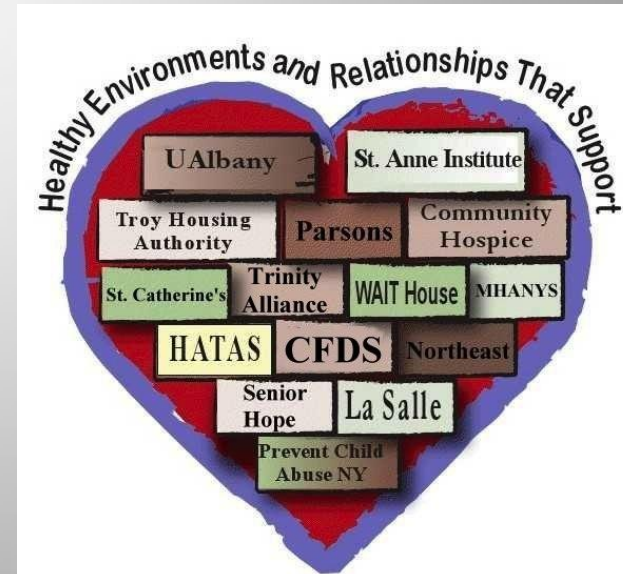
# Implications continued:

## Research

- Integration of ACE Study with related research
- Integrate research on prevention & intervention with ACE consequences
- ACE-informed programs
  - Team-based outcomes research
  - Multiple methodologies
- Partner with economists: cost-savings

# New York: HEARTS Initiative

- The HEARTS Initiative
  - a coalition of Capital Region social service programs
  - strengthening social networks within and across agencies
  - building community capacity
    - workforce development
    - Policy advocacy
    - Educational presentations
    - [www.aceresponse.org](http://www.aceresponse.org)



# Community & Policy context

- ACE Response coalition for more powerful community impact
  - Integration of research & practice wisdom
- Emphasis on social networks supports & integrates existing services
- Program & Policy: [www.aceresponse.org](http://www.aceresponse.org)
- Provider tools: [www.posttraumawellness.net](http://www.posttraumawellness.net)

# Questions?

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