

CA-LEND Leadership Project Final Presentation

**Bullying Victimization's Impact on the Relationship between
Adverse Childhood Experiences and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity
Symptom Severity**

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Prior studies showed that 1) children with more adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) experience more severe attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) symptoms as reported by parents¹, 2) children with ADHD are targets of bullying victimization^{2,3}, and 3) individuals with ACEs who are bullied may develop maladaptive emotional strategies, and mental health and behavioral disorders^{4,5,6}. It is unclear if being a bullying victim will strengthen the existing relationship between ACEs and ADHD symptom severity.

Methods: Via a retrospective analysis utilizing the 2020 National Survey of Children's Health, this study examined whether bullying victimization would moderate the relationship between ACEs exposure and parent-reported ADHD symptom severity.