

Project Plain Language Summary

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) can significantly impact an individual's life, including adulthood. Children with disabilities are more likely to be at risk for and/or experience ACEs. Positive childhood experiences reduce the effect of ACEs.

The Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE) framework categorizes positive childhood experiences into 4 building blocks: environment, relationships, engagement, and emotional growth. Our PowerPoint presentation reviews the relationship between ACEs and disabilities, outlines the HOPE framework, and includes research on how to promote the 4 building blocks.