

ABSTRACT

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have been shown to have a significant impact on an individual's overall well-being and quality of life across the lifespan. Importantly, the intersection between disabilities and ACEs needs to be considered as disabilities may add more complexity to how individuals, communities, and systems of care promote resilience. A researched framework used to counteract the effects of ACEs and promote healthy childhood development is Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE). In order to promote awareness of the HOPE framework on health outcomes and to increase access to the four building blocks of HOPE for families with children with disabilities, we presented at the 4th Annual HOPE Summit in March 2024. Our presentation includes strategies to increase access to the four building blocks of HOPE based on qualitative and quantitative research with children with disabilities, families, school staff, and providers of various backgrounds and lived experiences.