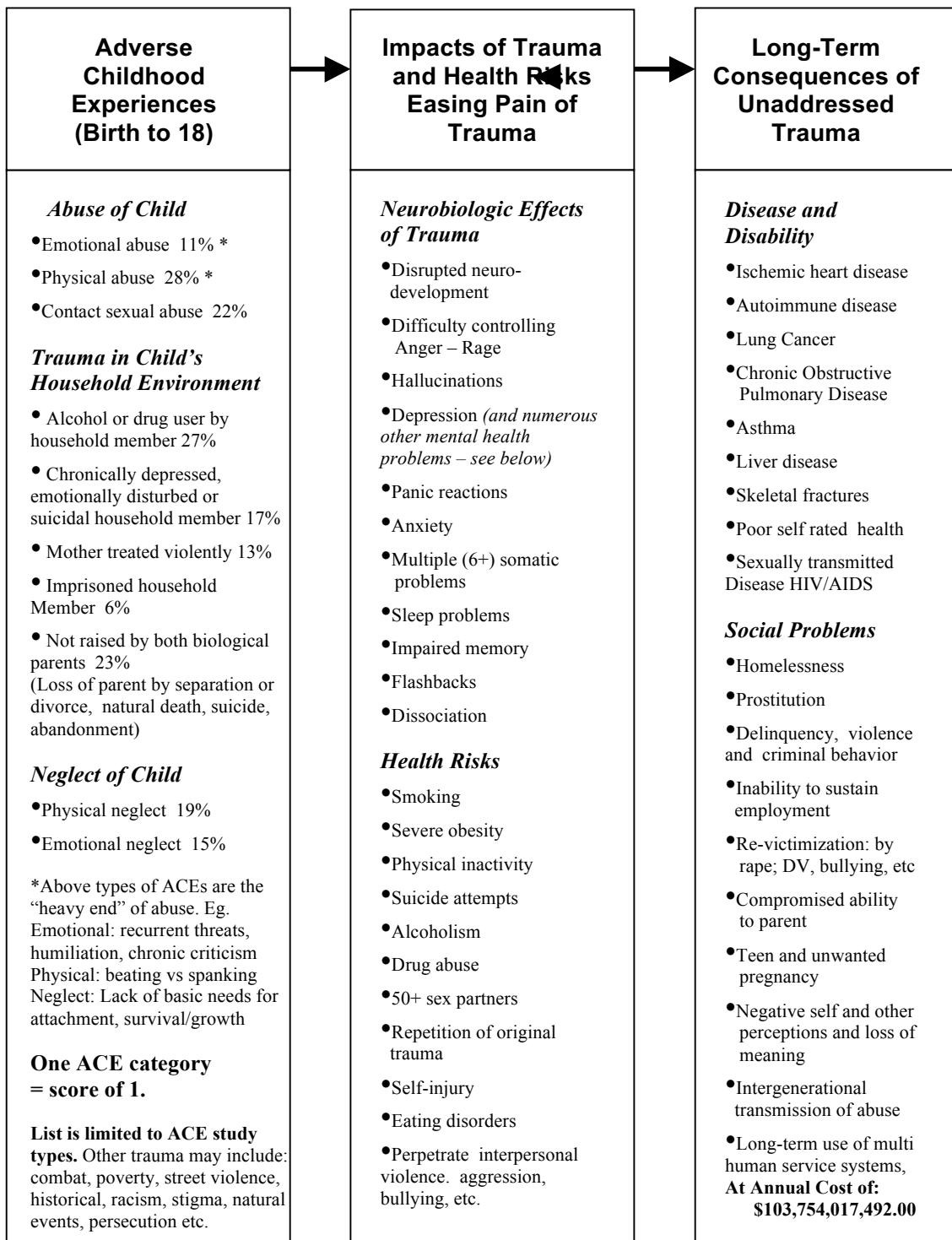


Adverse Childhood Experiences and Health and Well-Being Over the Lifespan

This chart shows the sequence of events that unaddressed childhood abuse and other early traumatic experiences set in motion. Without intervention, adverse childhood events (ACEs) can result in long-term disease, disability, chronic social problems and early death. 90% of public mental health clients have been exposed to multiple physical or sexual abuse traumas. Importantly, intergenerational transmission that perpetuates ACEs will continue without implementation of interventions to interrupt the cycle.



Multiple studies reveal the origin of many mental health disorders may be found in childhood trauma, including Borderline Personality Disorder BPD, Anti-Social Personality Disorder, PTSD, Schizophrenia, Bipolar Disorder, Dissociative Identity Disorder DID, Anxiety Disorders, Eating Disorders including severe obesity, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder ODD and others

Sources: *Adverse Childhood Experiences Study* (CDC and Kaiser Permanente, see www.ACEstudy.org) *The Damaging Consequences of Violence and Trauma* (see www.NASMHPD.org) and *Trauma and Recovery* (J Herman). Cost data: 2007 Economic Impact Study (PCAA). Chart created by Ann Jennings, PhD. www.TheAnnaInstitute.org Revision: Feb 2011

