

Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences in New York State



Primary Prevention

Reduce the likelihood of ACEs and Toxic Stress from ever occurring. Increase buffering factors and reduce the dose of adversity – a “seedling.” Promotes the experience of stressors as positive and tolerable.

Universal Child Care, Universal Home Visiting, Universal Afterschool, Family Resource/Enrichment Centers (FRCs/FECs), Help Me Grow, Parent Education, Family Strengthening Efforts, Economic Supports.



Secondary Prevention

The “trunk” of structured support. Prevent toxic stress effects from manifesting physiologically, psychologically, emotionally, and socially. Early detection of ACEs, toxic stress, and risk factors facilitate the opportunity to strengthen existing Protective Factors.

Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV), Family Assessment Response (FAR), PINS, Early Intervention, Kinship Care, COPS, Triple P, Child Advocacy Centers (CACs)



Tertiary Prevention

The treetop “canopy.” Optimize outcomes for those who have ACEs or manifested symptoms of toxic stress. Aim to lessen severity, progression, and complications.

Juvenile detention, Congregate care, Kinship Care, CACs.