

# WE ARE PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA.



## TOGETHER, WE CAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE AMERICA... BECAUSE CHILDHOOD LASTS A LIFETIME

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Prevent Child Abuse America is the nation's premier organization committed to preventing child abuse and neglect before it happens. A pioneer in the field for 50 years, we are leading a movement to help children and families thrive- today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

Healthy children become healthier, happier adults. Healthy adults can contribute to more equitable and flourishing communities. Guided by strong evidence, PCA America drives better outcomes for kids through community-based programs and resources, advocacy for federal, state, local and corporate family-friendly policies, and building public awareness and action. Preventing child abuse and neglect seems BIG, but #PreventionIsPossible, with partners like you.

## RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS

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### TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

**“Your own experiences and the echoes of your ancestors’ experiences influence the way you think, feel, and behave. They are major determinants of your health. And being aware of this can help us remember that everything we do right now is going to echo into the future. Our actions matter; we are impacting the next generations. So, are we being as mindful as we could?”**

— Dr. Bruce Perry, [What Happened to You?](#)

## THE STATS

- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are common. In a classroom of 30 children, approximately 18 children (60%) will have experienced at least one ACE, and about four children (15%) will have experienced four or more ACEs.
- Behaviors in the classroom may be a symptom of trauma and adversity occurring at home.
- Safe, stable, and nurturing relationships, like those educators can provide, have been shown to improve outcomes for children who have experienced trauma/adversity.
- ACEs can lead to a lifetime of chronic physical and mental health issues, including depression, cancer, heart disease, and drug misuse. Learn more [here](#).

## MANDATORY SUPPORTER

Educators are the professional group who reports the most cases of abuse and neglect to child welfare agencies. However, educators play a critical role in identifying child and family needs and getting families connected with resources and support **BEFORE** a family finds themselves in crisis. PCA America and its network want to help educators and others in these efforts:

If you are looking for support resources in your community, please [click here](#).

For resources regarding mandated reporting, please visit [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov).

For how the child welfare system works, please [click here](#).

For general info on mandatory reporting, please [click here](#).

For general info on failure to report, please [click here](#).

For state child abuse and neglect reporting numbers, please [click here](#).



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