

everyone

provided in their questions

Here's What We Learned:

Many people experience harsh events in their childhood. 63% of the people who participated in the study had experienced at least one category of childhood trauma. Over 20% experienced 3 or more categories of trauma which we call **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**.

11% experienced emotional abuse.

28% experienced physical abuse.

13% witnessed their mothers being treated violently.

27% grew up with someone in the household using alcohol and/or drugs.

19% grew up with a mentally-ill person in the household.

23% lost a parent due to separation or divorce.

5% grew up with a household member in jail or prison.

ACEs seem to account for one-half to two-thirds of the serious problems with drug use. They increase the likelihood that girls will have sex before reaching 15 years of age, and that boys or young men will

