



## His Invisible Hands

### What's Your ACE Score?

There are 10 types of childhood trauma measured in the ACE Study, and each type of trauma counts as one. The most important thing to remember is that the ACE score is meant as a guideline. If you experienced other types of toxic stress over months or years, then those would likely increase your risk of health consequences.

Prior to your 18th birthday:

1. Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often ... Swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you? OR Act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?  
No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  2. Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often ... Push, grab, slap, or throw something at you? OR Ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  3. Did an adult or person at least five years older than you ever ... Touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way? OR Attempt or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse with you? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  4. Did you often or very often feel that ... No one in your family loved you or thought you were important or special? OR Your family didn't look out for each other, feel close to each other, or support each other? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  5. Did you often or very often feel that ... You didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you? OR Your parents were too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  6. Were your parents ever separated or divorced? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  7. Was your mother or stepmother ... Often or very often pushed, grabbed, slapped, or had something thrown at her? OR Sometimes, often, or very often, kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something hard? OR Ever repeatedly hit over at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  8. Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic, or who used street drugs? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  9. Was a household member depressed or mentally ill, or did a household member attempt suicide? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
  10. Did a household member go to prison? No \_\_\_\_ If Yes, enter 1 \_\_\_\_
- Now add up your "Yes" answers: is your ACE score.  
Yes score total \_\_\_\_\_



## What's Your Resilience Score?

Research demonstrates that a healthy attachment cycle produces resilient children and adults.

For each item, use the blank to write in the appropriate number according to the following scale:

+2 +1 0 -1 -2

Definitely true   Probably true   Not sure   Probably not true   Definitely not true

1. I believe that my mother loved me when I was little. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
2. I believe that my father loved me when I was little. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When I was little, other people helped my mother and father take care of me, and they seemed to love me. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
4. I've heard that when I was an infant someone in my family enjoyed playing with me, and I enjoyed it, too. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
5. When I was a child, there were relatives in my family who made me feel better if I was sad or worried. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
6. When I was a child, neighbors or my friends' parents seemed to like me. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When I was a child, teachers, coaches, youth leaders, or ministers were there to help me. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Someone in my family cared about how I was doing in school. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
9. My family, neighbors, and friends talked often about making our lives better. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
10. We had rules in our house and were expected to keep them. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
11. When I felt really bad, I could almost always find someone I trusted to talk to. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
12. As a youth, people noticed that I was capable and could get things done. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
13. I was independent and a go-getter. How true? \_\_\_\_\_
14. I believed that life is what you make it. How true? \_\_\_\_\_

How many of these 14 protective factors did I have as a child and youth? \_\_\_\_\_

How many of the 14 were "Definitely True" \_\_\_\_\_ or "Probably True" \_\_\_\_\_

Of these, how many are still true for me? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_