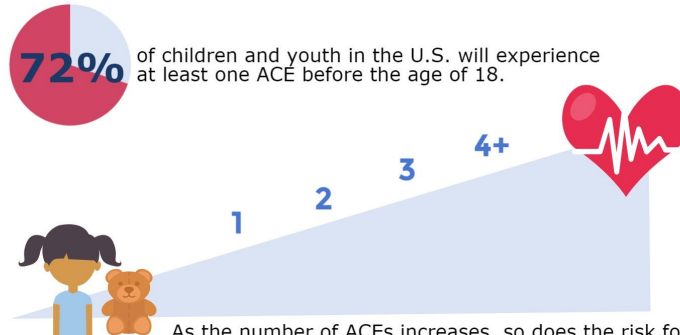


# Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools

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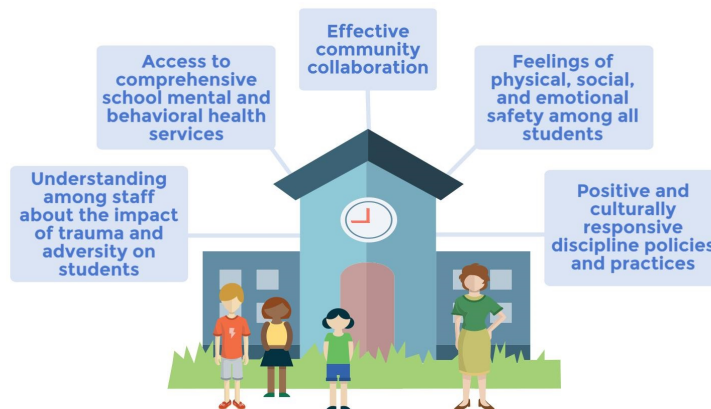
## Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

ACEs are stressful or potentially traumatic experiences, including abuse, neglect, and exposure to community violence.



As the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk for psychological, behavioral, or emotional problems; substance abuse; academic failure; social maladjustment; and poor medical health.

## Characteristics of Trauma-Sensitive Schools



Promoting trauma-sensitive school approaches has the greatest potential to positively impact all students, regardless of trauma history.

## The Role of School Psychologists



School psychologists have unique training that allows them to deliver mental health supports within the context of learning.

These services directly contribute to more positive student outcomes and achievement.

They can provide early identification and intervention services to help students build the skills they need to meet the demands of school and life.