

Presenters Guide: This training is geared towards law enforcement and service providers. The presenter will use the presentation and notes to guide conversation around understanding the victimization and vulnerabilities of human trafficking survivors. The goal of this training is to build understanding from not only listening to the presentation but also the conversations that follow.



Series: What You Need to Know

Module 2: Understanding the Victimization and Vulnerabilities of Human Trafficking Survivors

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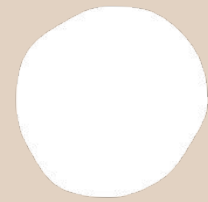
Learning Objectives



Objective 1: Identify the factors of specific populations that may increase vulnerability for human trafficking



Objective 2: Recognize the victimization of human trafficking survivors



Objective 3: Recognize the specific vulnerabilities of specialized populations



Objective 4: Summarize the effects of ACE scores on victimization

It can happen to anybody no matter age, race, or gender



Although human trafficking can happen to anyone, certain populations are more vulnerable and at a higher risk of becoming victims



Chronic runaway youth



Youth experiencing homeless



Young people who are or were in the child welfare system



Young people who are or have been in the juvenile justice system



Students who dropout of school



Students with intellectual and developmental disabilities or differences



LGBTQIA+ youth



Unaccompanied migrant youth

How Traffickers Take Advantage of Vulnerable People

▶ Traffickers are master manipulators and prey on vulnerabilities.

▶ They might make promises such as telling:

▶ A father that his child will go to a good school

▶ A teenager that they will have a great acting, modeling, or singing career

▶ A youth experiencing homelessness that they will have a well-paid job

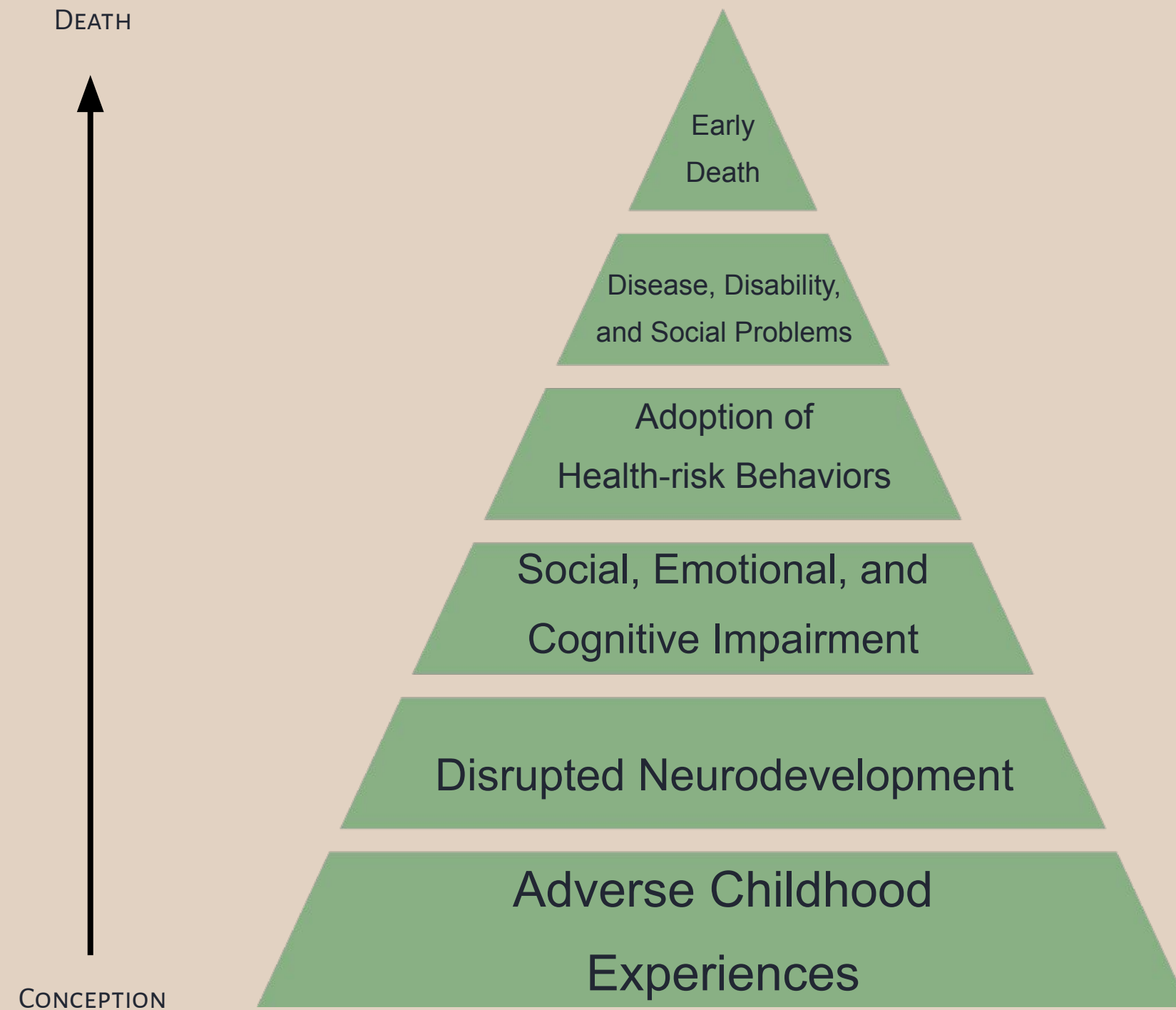
▶ An individual who is substance dependent or addicted that they will be provided a steady supply of their primary substance of choice



Quick Survey

Is there a certain population that you are most likely to encounter that has one or more of the vulnerabilities discusses?

Adverse Childhood Experiences



Types of ACE

Abuse



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

Neglect



Physical



Emotional

Household Dysfunction



Mental Illness



Mother Treated Violently



Divorce

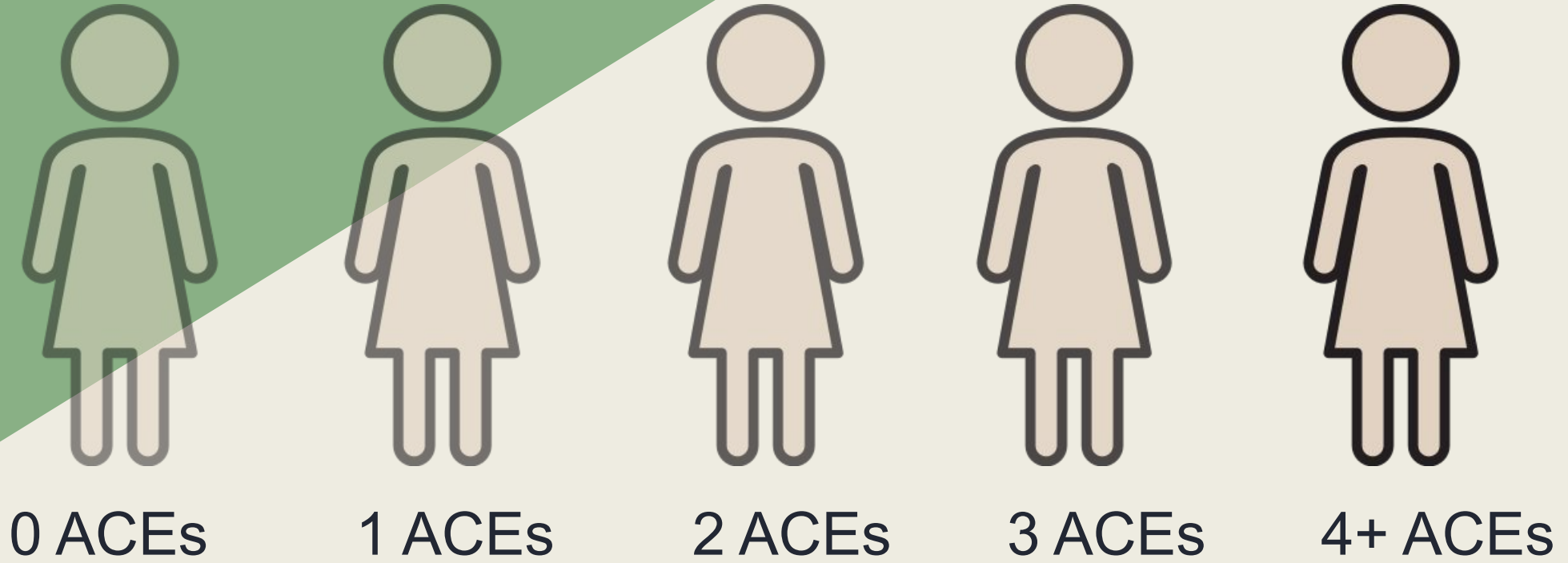


Incarcerated
Relative



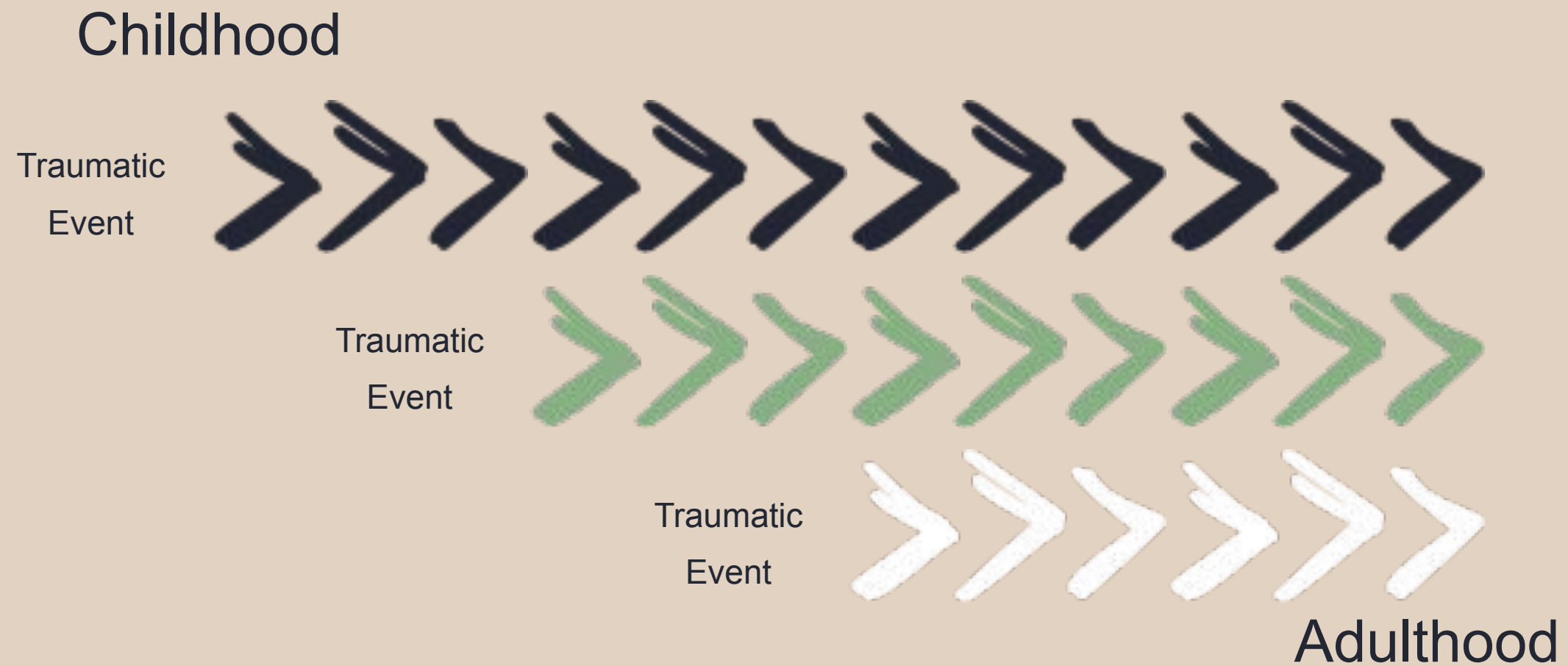
Substance Abuse

Impacts of ACEs



Risk of Negative Health Consequences

Polyvictimization and Human Trafficking



Why They Stay: The Dynamics of Trafficking

To attempt to understand why trafficking victims might stay you need to understand how the trafficker creates a climate of fear, and because of that a trafficked person may remain in a trafficking situation for a number of reasons

including:

Fear

Debt Bondage

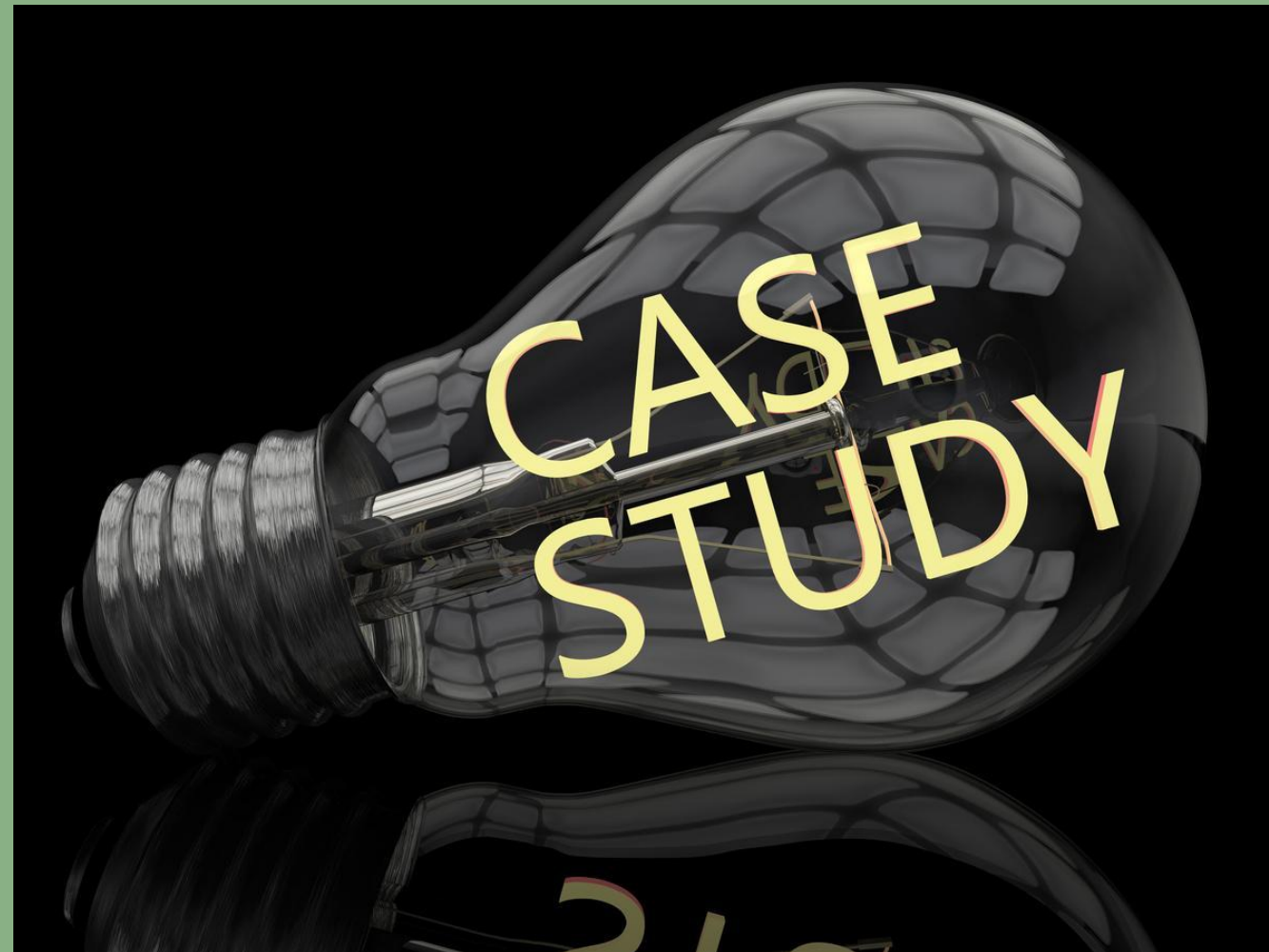
Religious Belief

Shame and Guilt

Dependency and Isolation

Grooming

Case Study: Elijah Muhammad



- Can you identify some vulnerabilities of Elijah's?
- How did those vulnerabilities contribute to his victimization?

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