# Early Education and Prevention of Child Abuse, Sexual Assault, and Domestic Violence (Alcohol Tax) Health Policy Committee 5/3/2023





# Presenter

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# Agenda

- Public Health
- Theory of Change
- "Buckets" of Funding
- Social Determinants of Health to determine Target Population
- Framework Strengthening Families Protective Factors
- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- ACE's Negative Health Impact
- History of Early Education and Prevention Funding through Alcohol Tax
- RFGP Scoring Criteria Anchorage Youth Court Project
- 2022 AT EE&P Report to Assembly



### **Public Health**

Federal DHHS Child Maltreatment Alcohol Tax Early **Education** and Prevention Framework Prevention **Primary Focus** Reactive- Target population: Tertiary Those that already have Provide interventions for negative health outcomes. children experiencing maltreatment Proactive – Target population: Those that have a higher probability of Secondary negative health outcomes Programs targeted at families in need to alleviate identified problems and (Social, Educational, Income, prevent escalation Gender, Ethnicity/Race) Proactive – Primary/Universal Target population: Programs targeted at entire population in order to provide support Everyone and education before problems occur

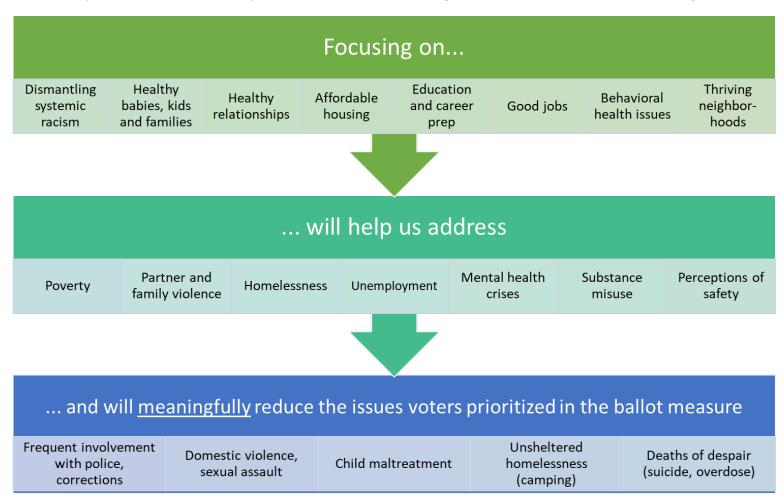
Source: Adapted from Bromfield & Holzer, 2008.



# Theory of Change: "The Why"

# Vision

Improved Safety and Wellbeing for All in Anchorage





## Social Determinants of Health identify the "Target Population"

Figure 1
Social Determinants of Health

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment Income Expenses Debt Medical bills Support	Housing Transportation Safety Parks Playgrounds Walkability Zip code / geography	Literacy Language Early childhood education Vocational training Higher education	Hunger Access to healthy options	Social integration Support systems Community engagement Discrimination Stress	Health coverage  Provider availability  Provider linguistic and cultural competency  Quality of care

#### **Health Outcomes**

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations





# Strengthening Families Framework (National Framework) – Created to address ACE's

# 5 Protective Factors

Resilience

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The ability to bounce back in difficult times. It means having good coping skills and self-care strategies.

Parents who have more support are more responsive to their children, have better overall moods, and experience less depression, anxiety, and anger. 2

**Social Connection** 

Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development



No parent knows it all. Help is available to assist with parenting strategies that support physical, cognitive, language, social and emotional development

Children's social skills and emotional skills are just as important as academic skills.



Social & Emotional Competence of Children

**Concrete Supports** 



Services that can assist with things like housing, child care, and medical care help families manage stress. It's important to know where to find help and be supported to take the step to ask for it.



# Prevention and Mitigation of ACE's

# **Adverse Childhood Experiences**

**ABUSE** 

**NEGLECT** 

HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



PHYSICAL



PHYSICAL



MENTAL ILLNESS



INCARCERATION OF A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER



**EMOTIONAL** 



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUBSTANCE ABUSE



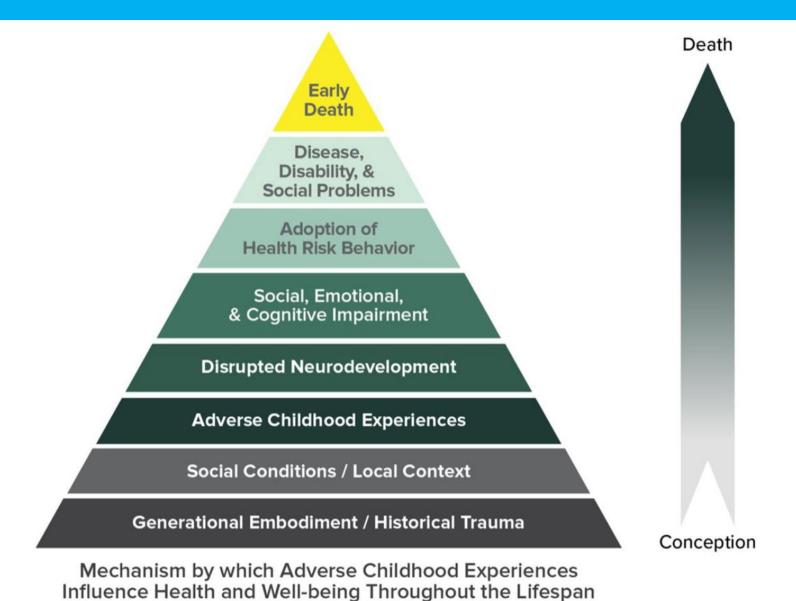
SEXUAL



PARENTAL SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

GRAPHIC SOURCE: NPR





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# Early Education/Prevention Alcohol Tax Bucket

- Finances are split into two line items within the Early Education/Prevention bucket of funding:
  - Early Education \$2 mil
  - Prevention \$2 mil
- Early education is targeting children ages 4 17.
- Prevention is targeting any person from the at-risk population whether or not they have experienced negative health outcomes using and evidence-based framework.
- Overall goal, create or increase capacity for programs that help to provide education or prevention for child abuse, sexual molestation, or domestic violence.



# History of how the Bucket was administered

#### 2021

- First Year of Alcohol Tax unknown how much tax would be collected
- All agencies who received funding were prioritized by the community collective "Theory of Change"
- Short execution period 3-9 months
- To enable grantees to build capacity and measurements, Language Interpretation services and program support services were also sole sourced for use by all grantees.

#### 2022

- RFGP Issued and grantees determined in July
  - Less grantees applied
  - Amounts requested were significantly less
  - All funding was not awarded due to not enough proposals
  - Organizations which were directly appropriated money by the Assembly were ineligible
  - Short execution period 3-4 months



# History

#### 2023

- Consulting firm hired with AHD Operational Money (no admin money is allocated in this "bucket" of funding)
  - Provided technical assistance to smaller grantees
  - Provided review and modifications of RFGP based on past lessons learned
- Two separate RFGP's were published
  - Organizations with operational budget larger than \$500k.
     Maximum award amount \$250,000
  - Organizations with operational budget smaller than \$500k.
     Maximum award amount \$100,000
- Advertising campaign to reach more organizations about the opportunity (using AHD Operational dollars)
- More grantees applied then were able to be funded
- Large Cap organizations passed assembly on April 11<sup>th</sup> for \$1,536,423.91
- Organizations able to continue projects for up to two additional one year periods



# 2023 RFGP Scoring Criteria

### **RFGP**

#### Section 5:

- Qualifications (15 Points)
  - Experience
  - Qualifications of key leaders
- Scope of Work (40 Points)
  - Planned Activities
  - Timeline
  - Priority Population
  - How services meet needs of population
  - Evidence-based framework
  - How it will be monitored and improved (CQI)



# 2023 RFGP Scoring Criteria - continued

- Data Collection and Reporting (15 Points)
  - How data is collected
  - Timeline for data collection
  - Demographic Data Collection
  - Quantitative Data Collection (How Many, How Much, How Well)
  - Qualitative Data Collection (evaluation narratives from participants, success stories)
- Budget and Budget Narrative (40 Points)
  - Reasonable
  - Practical
  - No more than 10% indirect rate
  - Budget and Budget Narrative template attached to RFGP



### 2023 "Small Cap" Organizations Alignment with Alcohol Tax

### Anchorage Youth Court

**Project 1:** Hiring licensed social worker with substance abuse and misuse training as Sentencing Coordinator to expand organizational knowledge

- Population: Youth who have interacted with the criminal justice system
- Protective Factors: Social connections, Knowledge of parenting and child development, Concrete support in times of need, Social and emotional competence of children

**Project 2:** Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE) Training

- **Population:** Adults and peers who interact with at risk youth
- Protective Factors: All



## 2023 "Small Cap" Organizations Alignment with Alcohol Tax

### **Anchorage Youth Court**

**Project 3:** Strategic Study

- Population: Everyone including those within the program
- Protective Factors: Knowledge of parenting and child development, Social connections

**Project 4:** Financial Support for case fees, class fees, memberships

- Population: Low-income families
- Protective Factors: All



# \$2 million of additional appropriated funds

Administrative capacity is not provided for in this funding.

### Constraints for this funding:

- Only until end of the year
- RFGP's take 4 months to issue, have organizations apply, review, and execute agreements
- Needs to comply with AMC Title 7 and AO 2019-148(S-1)

#### **AHD Recommendations:**

- Fund projects already reviewed and qualified under this funding (RFGP Applicants) – Grants would not be executed until July due to contract negotiations, and/or
- Fund additional DVSA overtime for APD, and/or
- Fund Library Literacy Centers

# **Questions?**



# Thank you!



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