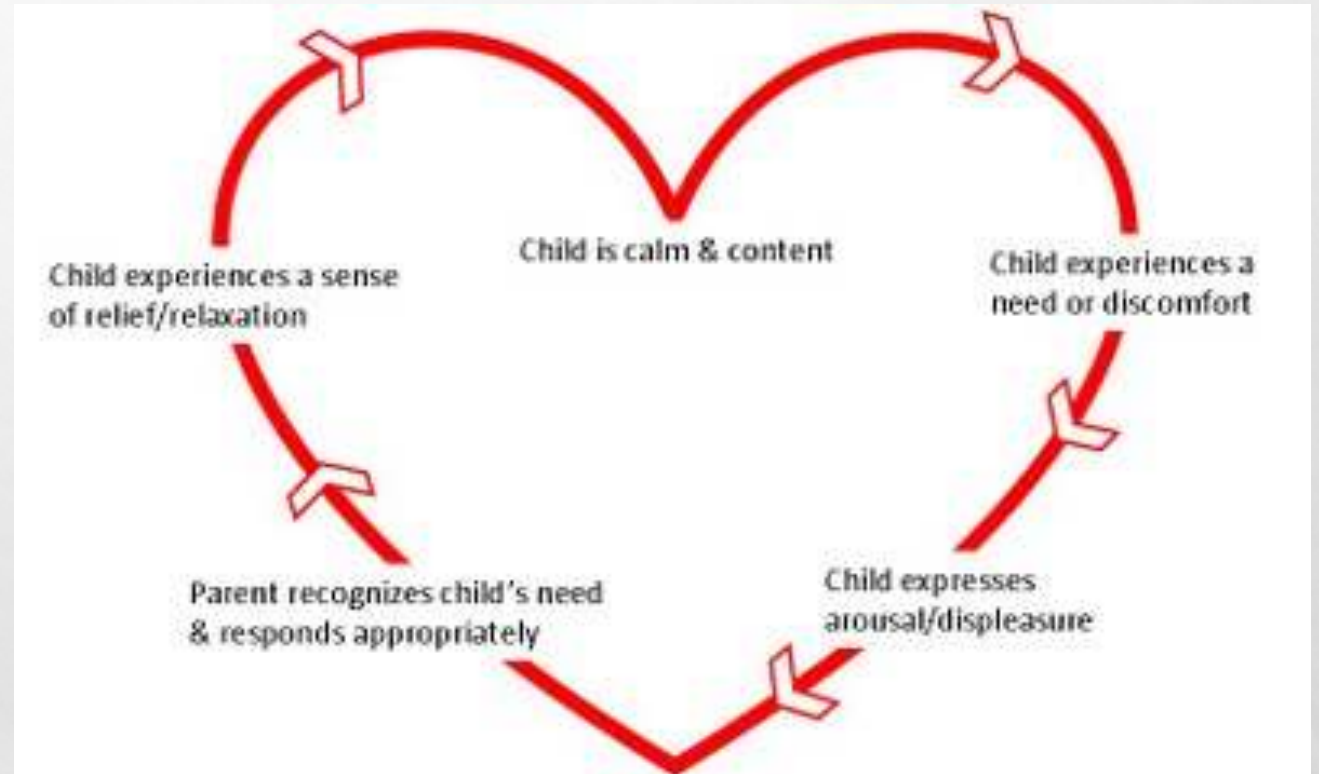


# **LETS TALK ABOUT ATTACHMENT, ACES, THE REALITY IN OUR COMMUNITIES**

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# WHY ATTACHMENT MATTERS



# ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE (ACES)

## Adverse Childhood Experiences Are Common

### Household dysfunction:

Substance abuse	27%
Parental sep/divorce	23%
Mental illness	17%
Battered mother	13%
Criminal behavior	6%

### Abuse:

Psychological	11%
Physical	28%
Sexual	21%

### Neglect:

Emotional	15%
Physical	10%

# ACES EVIDENCE

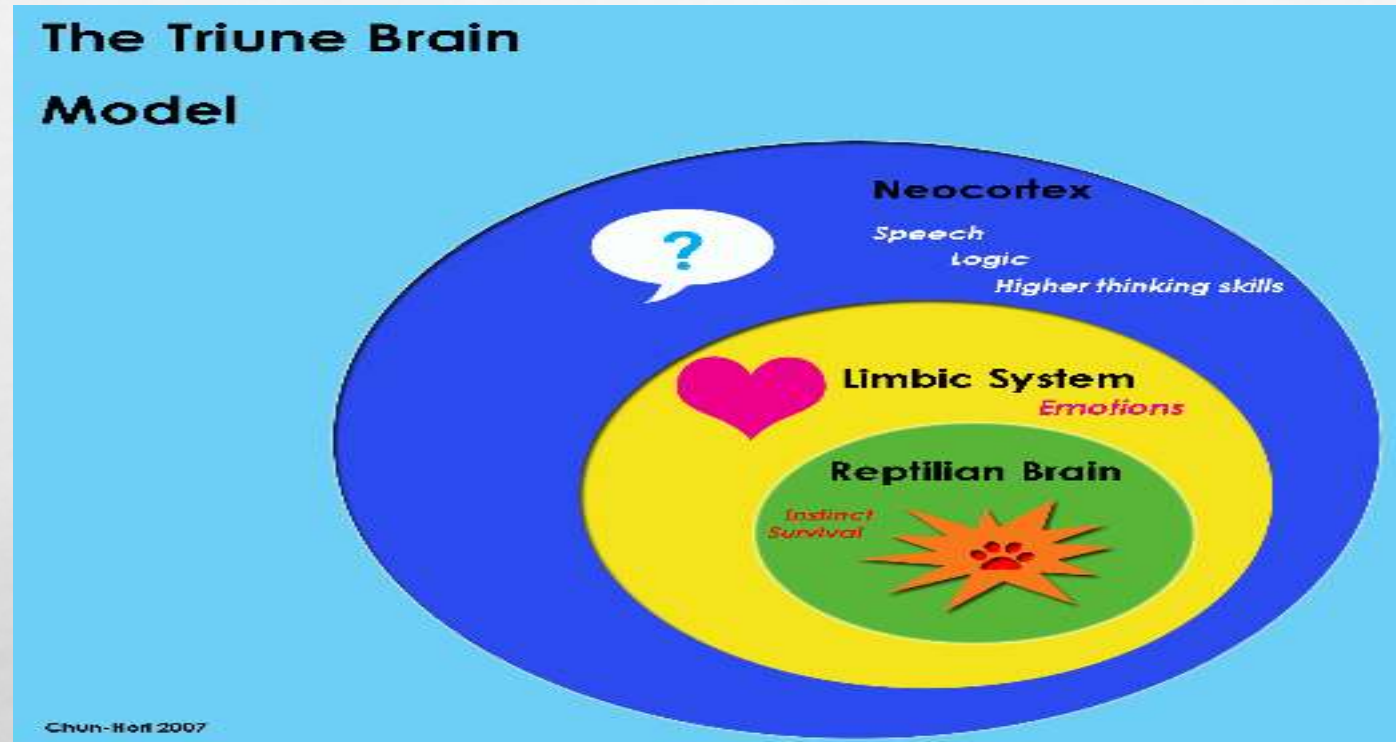




# **EMOTIONAL AVAILABILITY**



# TOXIC STRESS & BRAIN DEVELOPMENT



# **DISREGULATION OR DEFIANCE**

**4 OR MORE ACES**

**32 TIMES MORE LIKELY  
TO HAVE LEARNING  
DISABILITIES OR  
BEHAVIOURAL  
PROBLEMS**

# TRAUMA HOW IT CAN FEEL EVERYDAY







# CRIMINALISATION OF CARE EXPERIENCED PEOPLE

*"Young people in residential units are being 'controlled' by police coming out when staff can't cope – this shouldn't happen!"*

*"People noticed my behaviour, but not my trauma."*

*I was labelled as a 'trouble maker', and I was often told that 'police have better things to do with their time' than run after me.*

*took the time to listen*

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# WHY OUR PRACTICE MUST BE ATTACHMENT LED AND ACE AWARE

80% young males in prison  
for violent crime have been  
through the care system  
(echr, HOW FAIR IS BRITAIN  
2010)

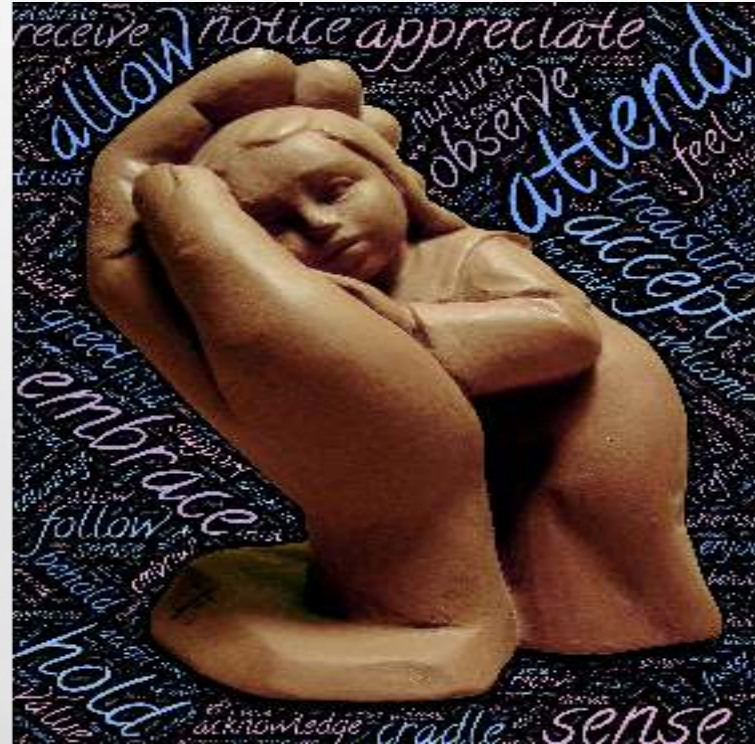
27 000 children have one  
parent in prison (families  
outside 2016) (1 XACE)

65% of boys with a  
convicted parent go on to  
offend (families outside  
2016)

The risk of psychosis in  
adult life is increased  
almost 3 fold for those who  
have been maltreated in  
early life *Varese et al 2012*



# RELATIONSHIPS MATTER





**POOR  
OUTCOMES  
ARE NOT  
INEVITABLE,  
#BE THE ONE**

**Lets change  
the narrative,**

**Its not whats  
wrong with  
you**

**Its whats  
happened to  
you ?**

# SEE THE CHILD NOT THE BEHAVIOUR

- **THANK YOU !**
- **ANY QUESTIONS ?**