

*”Creating Connection to
Enrich our Children's
Stories”*

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How to Reach Out to Someone Who Is Struggling

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The Juvenile Justice System



**The Progressive
Era (1890 -1920)**

**The Juvenile
Justice and
Delinquency
Prevention Act
1974**

**Juvenile Justice
Reform Act of
2018**

Juvenile Justice Reform Act of 2018



- preventing young people from being locked up for age-based offenses, such as truancy, running away and violating curfew;
- removing young people from adult facilities, with limited exceptions;
- keeping young people who are incarcerated separate from incarcerated adults; and
- requiring states to identify and work to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the juvenile justice system.

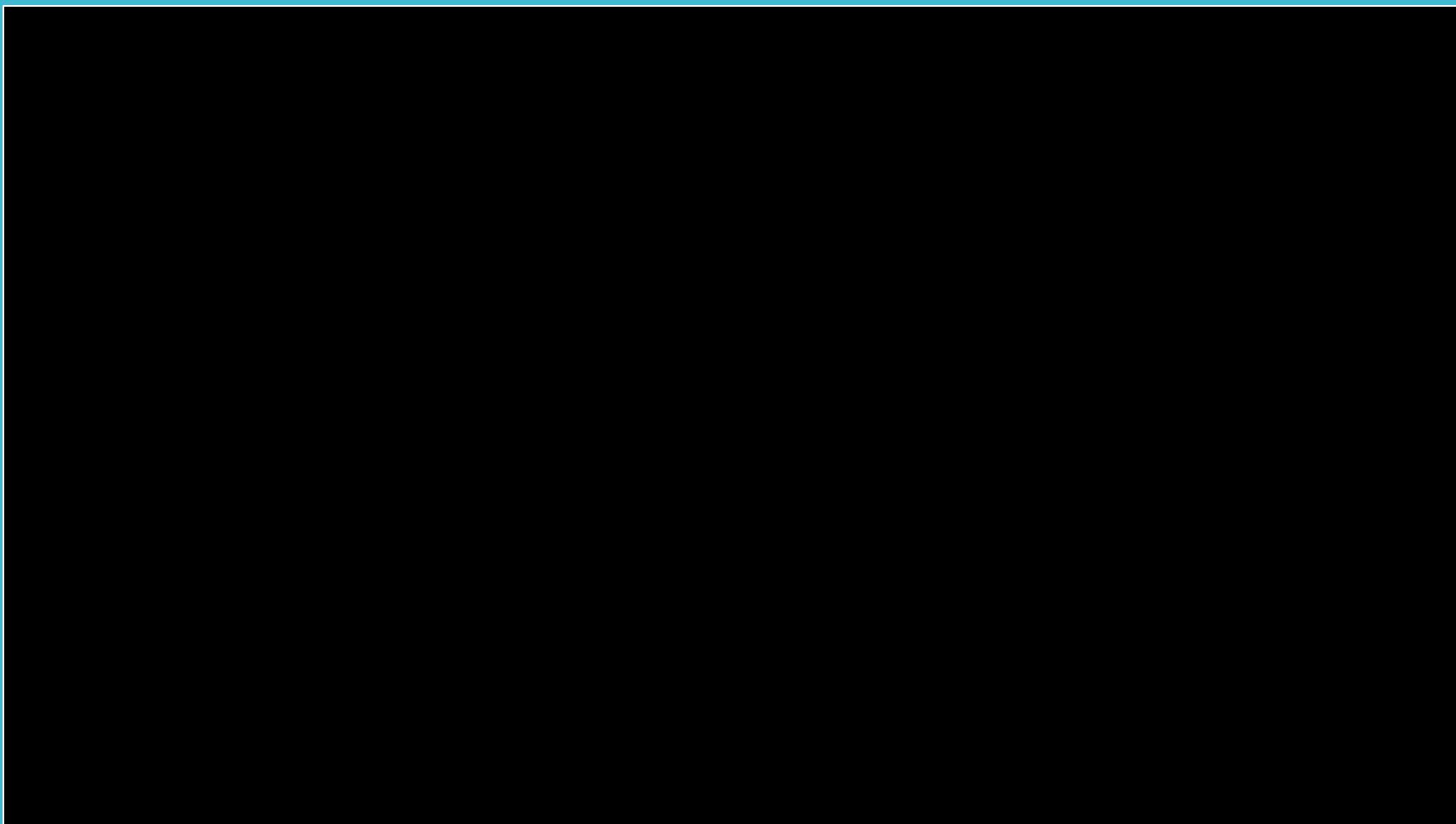


Life Course Developmental Theory vs./and Life Course Theory

Life Course Developmental Theory:



- The canvas of our story of our life.
- It begins prior to birth, and continues throughout a child's development and across all the stages, into adulthood.



The First Five Years

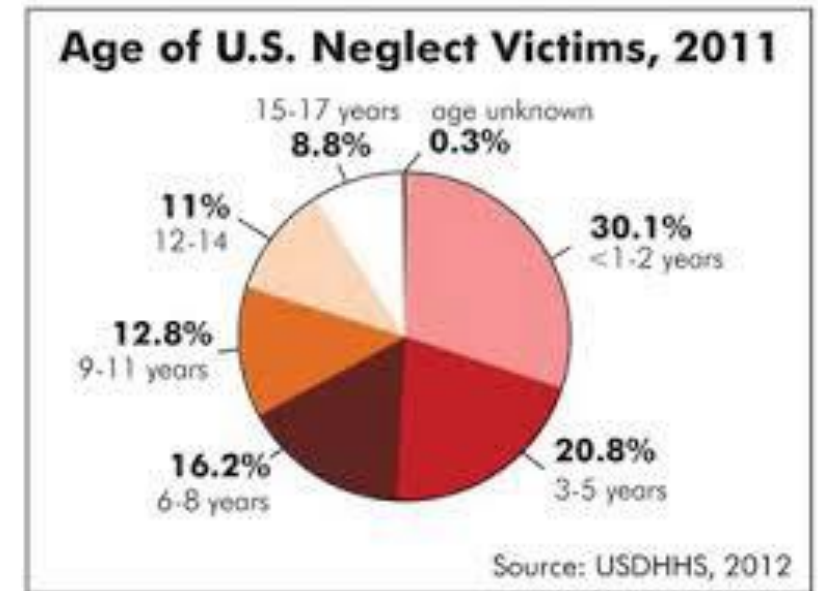
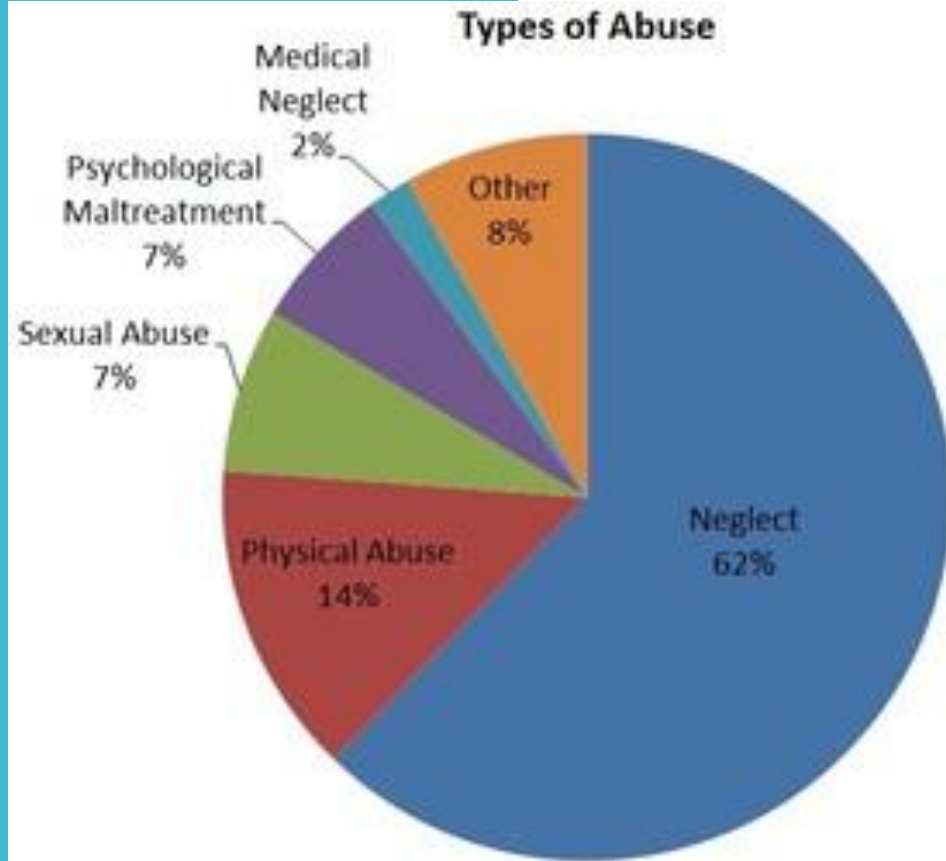


Social Disorganization

- Growing up in a community without family function, gangs, and on dangerous streets.

- Lack of role models, confused social and moral expectations, and limited connections to outsiders commanding needed resources like quality education, this is a burden for any child.

Child Neglect



One in three children entered foster care in 2017 because of parental drug abuse



- Of the states with the highest rates of opioid overdose deaths in 2016 (**West Virginia, New Hampshire, Ohio, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Massachusetts**).
- **West Virginia** had both the highest opioid overdose death rates and foster care rates.

The Effects of Poverty on Children



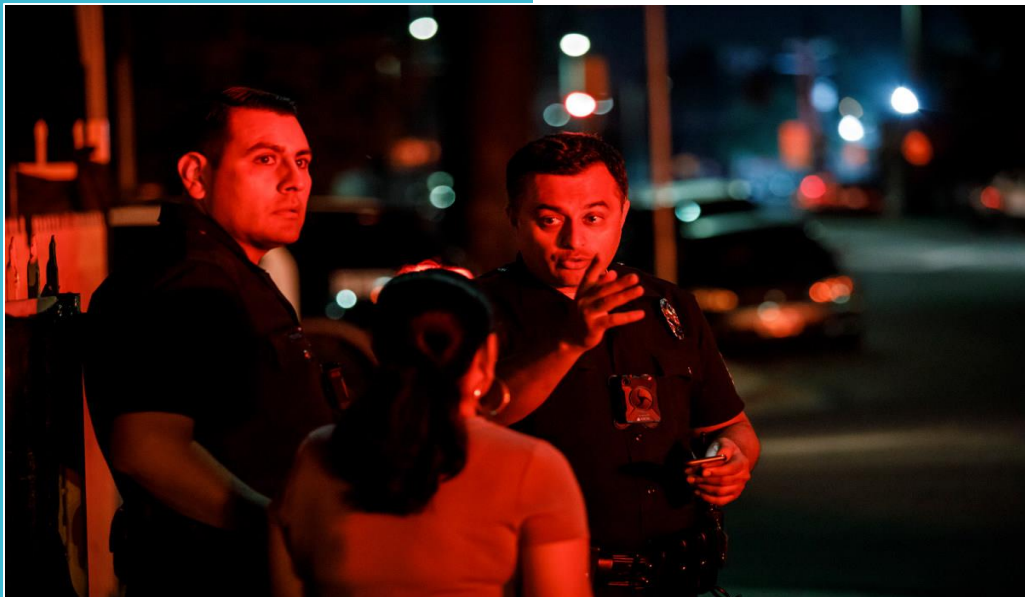
- Childhood poverty has long lasting consequences on mental health as **the impact of chronic stress can result in anxiety and behavioral disorders as well as impairing memory**, making it more challenging to learn.
- **Nearly 30% of children** who are poor do not graduate high school. Even worse, the gap widens when it comes to college.

Students near high rates of homicide

- Kids in the highest-homicide areas are more likely to come from poverty and perform lower on state tests.



- <https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-edu-school-safety-deaths-nearby/>

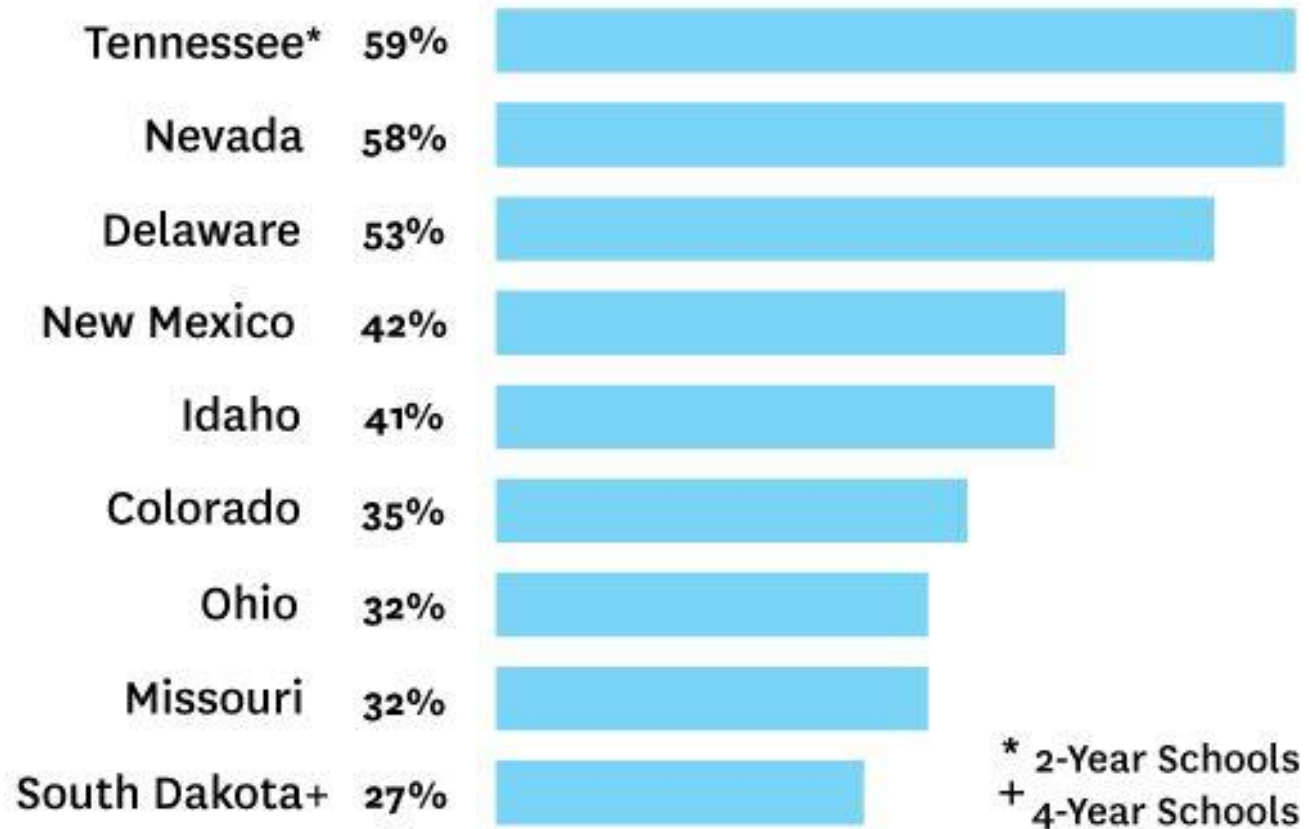


High school	Homicides
Academy for Multilingual Arts and Science at Mervyn M. Dymally High	105
Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy High	85
John C. Fremont Senior High	81

**High Schools with the most nearby killings
Homicides within one mile in the past five years**

In the California State University system, which admitted about 72 percent of first-time freshman applicants in 2014, more than 40 percent of incoming freshman were deemed not ready for college-level work in at least one subject.

Percent of all recent high school graduates placed in remedial courses



Note: Each state collects data on a specific cohort of students. The graph represents remediation percentages for each cohort from the 2014-2015 school year, either the fall or entire academic year. Source: The data was compiled by higher education governing bodies in each state.

Life Course Theory:



- Is an approach to explaining criminality, and the factors influence crime.

Leading Factors to

Delinquency:

- Violence in the Home
- Lack of Family Support
- Poverty
- Substance Abuse and Mental Illness
- Poor Educational Standards
- Poor School Attendance, Academic Failure
- Violence in their Communities and Friends
- Lack of Moral Guidance
- Peer Pressure
- Trauma (PTSD), (ACE)



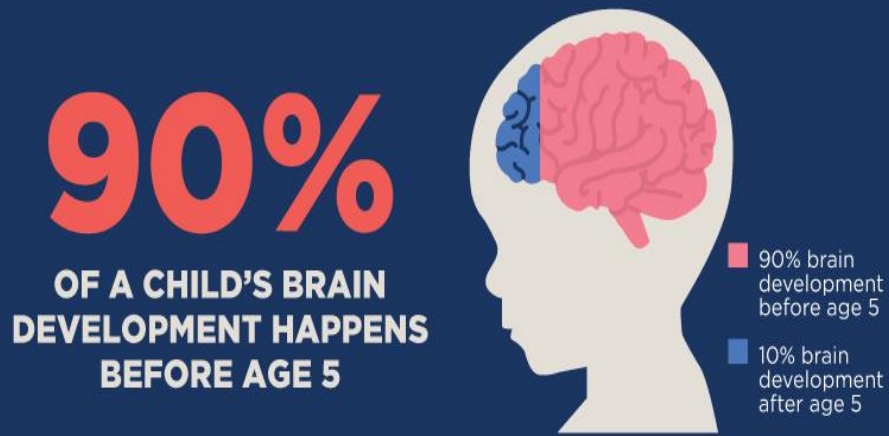
Juvenile Delinquency and At-Risk-Youth



- An at-risk youth is a child who is less likely to transition successfully into adulthood.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING

Why it is important to share and act on this information



- The first five years of a child's life are fundamentally important.
- They are the foundation that shapes children's future health, happiness, growth, development and learning achievement at school, in the family and community, and in life in general.



Change the First Five Years



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