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While you were growing up, during your first 18 years of life...

Did a parent or other adult in the household often swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you? Did they act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?

Yes No

Did a parent or other adult in the household often push, grab, slap, or throw something at you? Did they ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?

Yes No

Did an adult or person at least 5 years older than you ever touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way? Did they try to or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal sex with you?

Yes No

Did you often feel that no one in your family loved you or thought you were important or special? Did you often feel as your family didn't look out for each other, feel close to each other, or support each other?

Yes No

Did you often feel that you didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you? Did you often feel that your parents were too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?

Yes No

Were your parents ever separated or divorced?

Yes No

Was your mother or stepmother often pushed, grabbed, slapped, or had something thrown at her? Was she sometimes or often kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something hard? Or ever repeatedly hit over at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife?

Yes No

Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic or who used street drugs?

Yes No

Was a household member depressed or mentally ill or did a household member attempt suicide?

Yes No

Did a household member go to prison?

Yes No

ACE Score Every "Yes" answer is equivalent to 1 point. Add up your yes answers and enter the total below:

Total ACE Score: _____

Source: CDC-Kaiser Permanente ACE Study, 1998.