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OUR JOURNEY OF
BUILDING
INTERVENTION
PROGRAMMING
FOR YOUNG MEN

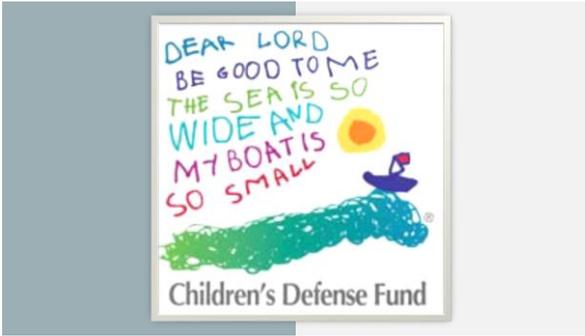
THE DIFFICULT JOURNEY TO
ADULTHOOD

Families of color are overrepresented in the child welfare and juvenile justice system
Mass Incarceration
Men of color are impacted by institutionalized racism to a crippling degree



"A toxic cocktail of poverty, illiteracy, racial disparity, violence and massive incarceration is sentencing millions of children of color to dead, powerless, and hopeless lives and threatens to undermine the past half century of racial and social progress." Oakland's Defiant YouthBook
Community Guide for Children

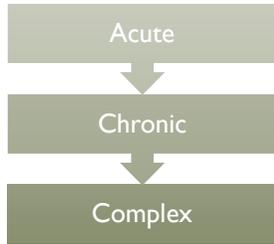
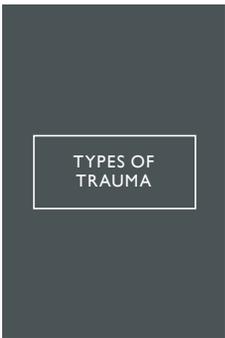
Disenfranchisement from
Community and Family

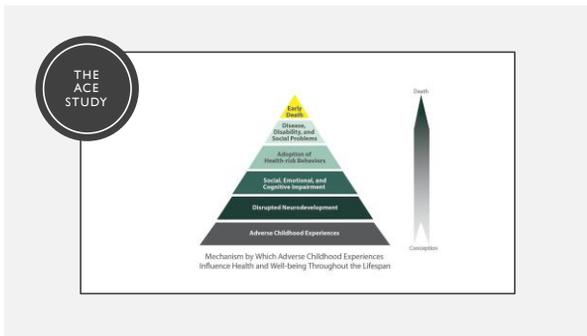


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EXPOSURE

Children who come to the attention of child welfare systems often experience complex trauma given their experiences with multiple traumas such as:

- Physical and Emotional Abuse
- Physical and Emotional Neglect
- Sexual Abuse
 - It is estimated by the CDC that one out of every four girls and every six boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18
- Exposure to Domestic Violence
- Exposure to Community Violence





...AND YET DESPITE THIS KNOWLEDGE WE CONTINUE TO CRIMINALIZE AND FAIL OUR YOUNG MEN

LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

Gather	Gather information on family history
Assess	Assess gang involvement
Determine	Determine level of intervention needed -What services are going to work?





CHANGING THE NARRATIVE AND BUILDING A MOVEMENT OF EMPOWERMENT

PROFILE

A study of 25 ex-pimps in Chicago found that the majority of pimps had been victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and witnessed domestic violence in the home. Both male and female pimps reported to having family members involved in pimping and/or prostitution and having been sold for sex as children.

Pimps (male and female) reported that this victimization was in large part the reason why they pimped; needing to take back the power and control that had been taken from them.

Peters-Powell, B. and Raphael, J. From Victims to Victors: Interviews with 25 Ex-Pimps

