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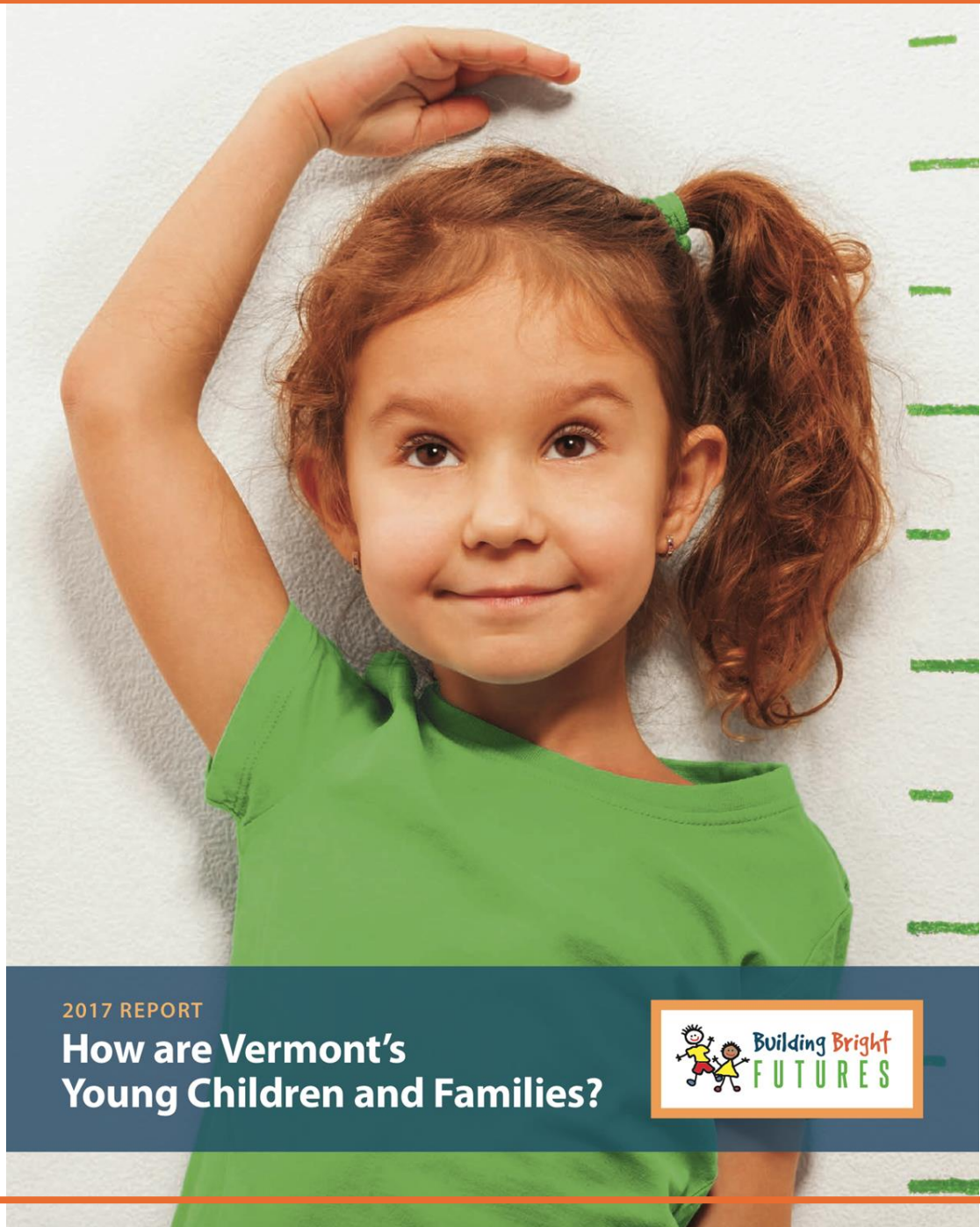


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Who We Are | Our Charge

- Vermont's early childhood statewide public-private partnership
- Designated Early Childhood Advisory Council to the governor and legislature
- Act 104 – Vermont statute that authorizes BBF's role
- Backbone organization to the early childhood system, vehicle for collective impact





2017 REPORT

How are Vermont's Young Children and Families?



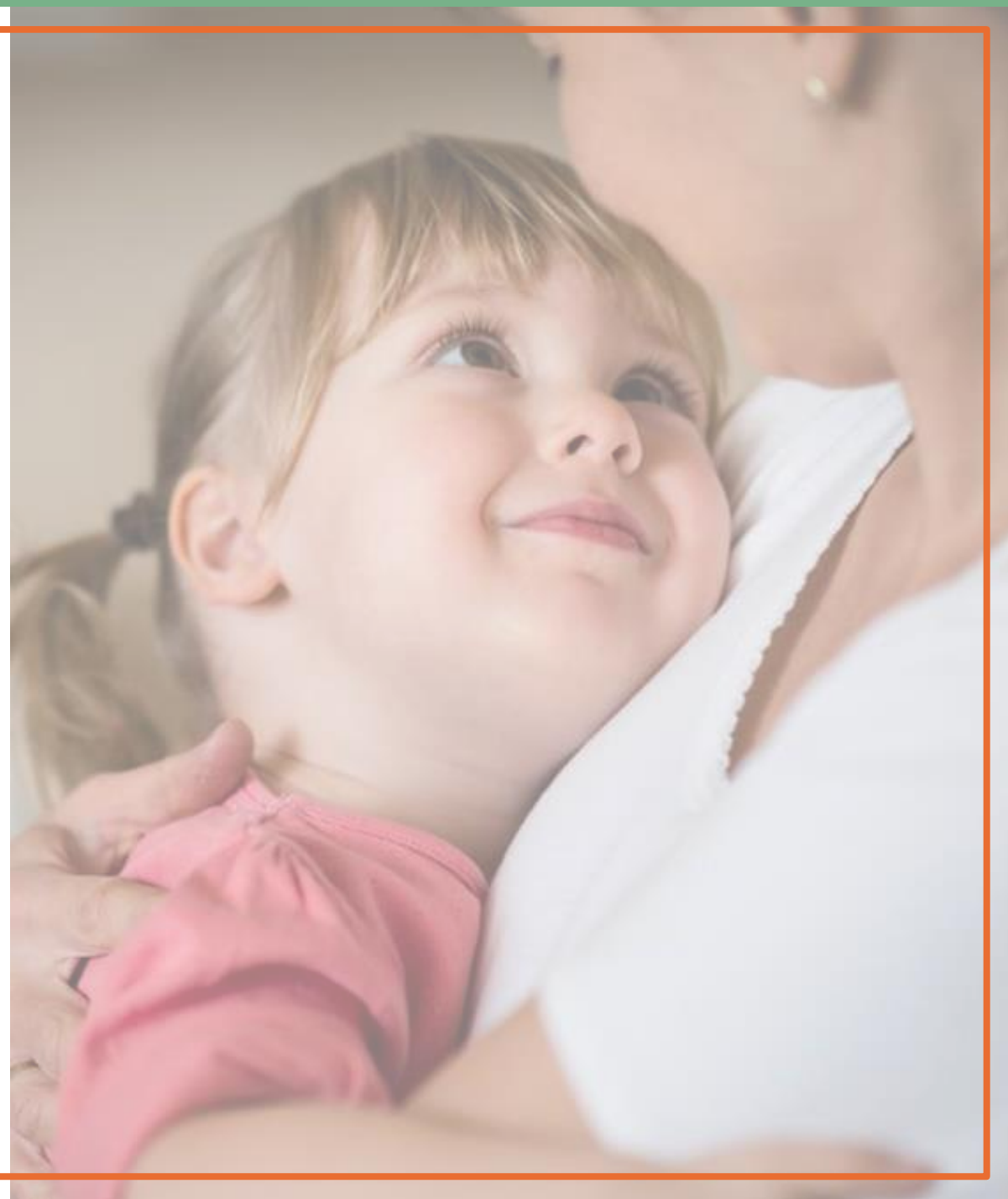
Trauma, ACE's and Toxic Stress



- **Brain and Social Science:** Impact of childhood adversity, toxic stress and negative factors impact healthy child development
- **Family & Social Relationships:** Quality and stability of relationships and environments set the stage for social, emotional and cognitive development
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences:** There are a greater percent of young children in Vermont who have experienced two or more adverse childhood experiences than the national average.
- **Social Determinants of Health:** More ACE's – greater likelihood of health and development problems
- **Spotlight on Substance Abuse:** Parental substance use disorder both contributes to the incidence of ACEs in young children, and ACEs contribute to the likelihood of substance use disorder later in life.

Trauma, ACE's, Toxic Stress

- **Research:** Nurturing relationships early in life prevent or reverse the damaging effects of toxic stress response
- **Multigenerational Programs:** Vermont's range of whole-family support programs are working to support parents and children and helping young children thrive.



1. How Vermont Approaches Trauma and ACE's

- **Multi-Tiered Approach:** Whole population approach that includes promotion, prevention, early intervention, and treatment
- **Multi-generational Programs:** Vermont's range of whole-family support programs are working to support parents and children and helping young children thrive
- **Strengths Based & Resilience:** Resilience is key construction focus on identifying strengths and flourishing in the face of adversity
- **Bright Futures Guidelines:** Recently released 4th edition emphasizes promoting the positive experience and health of children and families

2. Addressing trauma and ACE's in early care and learning setting

- **Early Care & Learning Programs:** Opportunity for impact and mediating the effects of trauma and ACE's
- **Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework:** Research-informed approach for supporting families and children's development.
- **Early Multi-Tiered Systems of Support:** Evidence based tiered framework of universal promotion, prevention and intervention. Provides social and emotional supports, interventions for children who are struggling



3. ACE's and the Substance Use & Opiate Crisis

- Impacts entire family system and puts children's health and safety at risk
- Parental substance abuse recognized as a risk factor for child maltreatment and child welfare involvement
- Contributes to ACES in young children, ACES contribute to the likelihood of substance abuse



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SUBSTANCE USE & OPIATE TASK FORCE

REPORT AND 2017 RECOMMENDATIONS



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Report and 2017 Recommendations

3 cont. Substance Use & Opiate Recommendations

- Systems integration and care collaboration across adult and child systems
- Multi-generational treatment services and family friendly care settings
- Cross-training, cross-system information sharing and shared practices

KEY STRATEGY | Develop recommendations to address barriers to accessing treatment and support family engagement



4. Systems Integration, Coordination & Implementation

- **Collective Impact:** Leverage our core system strengths and work together in an integrated and coordinated way with a shared vision for how Vermont addresses trauma and ACE's.
- **Implementation Science:** Strong implementation strategies to ensure that what we are doing is sustained for a useful period of time and at a scale to sufficiently impact the complex social problems related to trauma and ACE's
- **Building Bright Futures Resilience Task Force:** Assess and map the trauma and ACE's work in Vermont, data analysis and develop a report that will outline actionable policy, practice and systems recommendations



Q&A

