

# New Jersey Babies Count 2018: *Investing in New Jersey's Future*



# Right From The Start NJ: Strength In Collaboration



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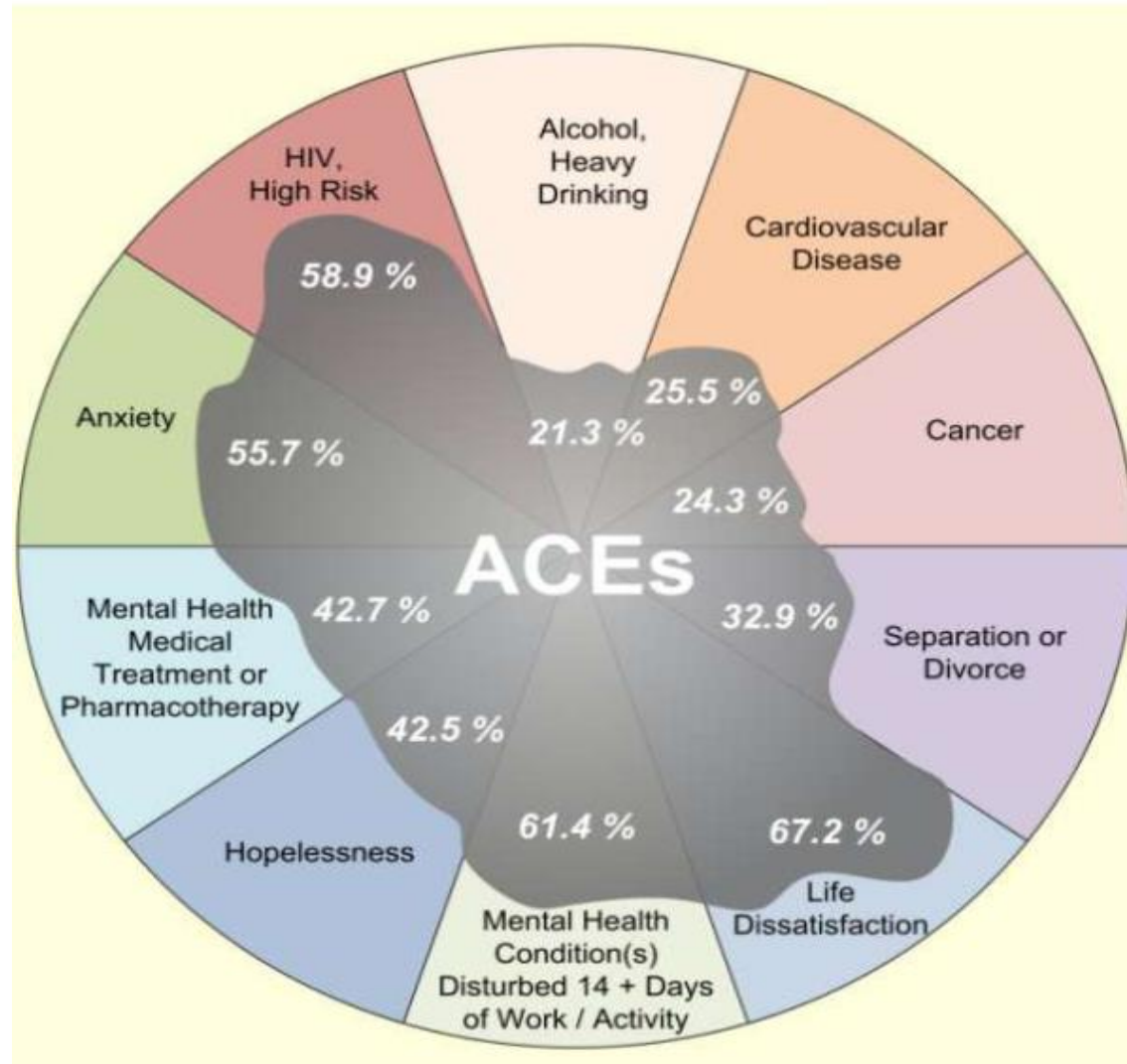


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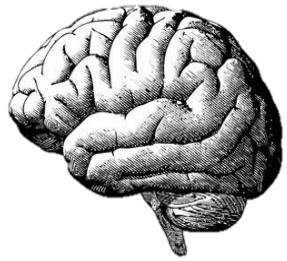
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# Adverse Childhood Experiences

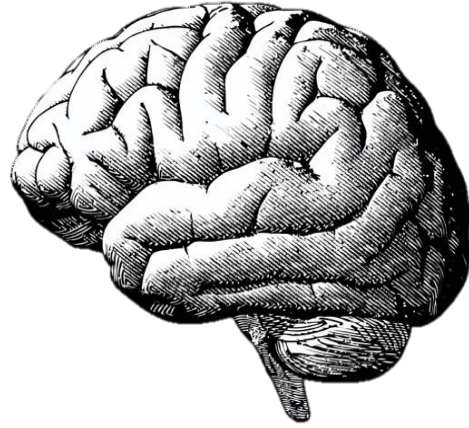




# Why Early Experiences Matter



**Newborn Brain**  
Average weight  
333 grams



**2 Year Old's Brain**  
Average weight  
999 grams



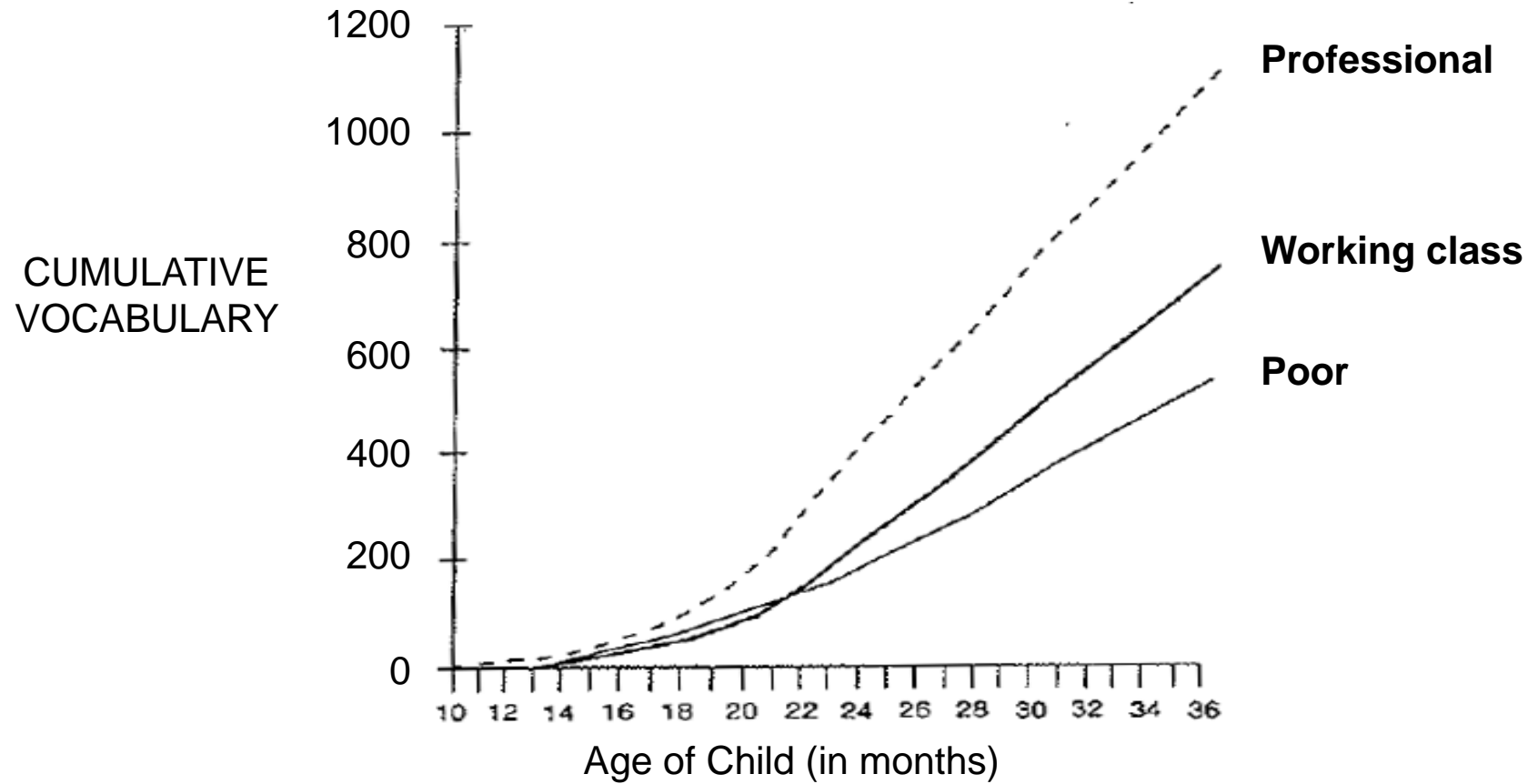
Dramatic Growth of Neuronal  
Architecture from Birth to Two

# New Jersey by the Numbers

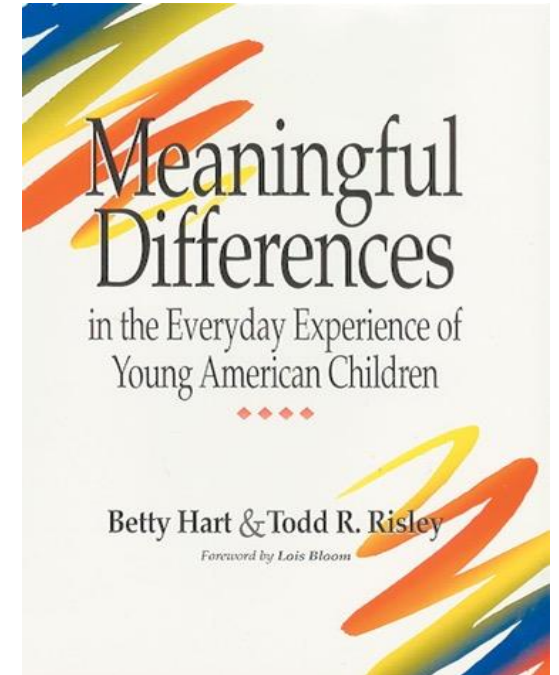
- > 310,000 children under 3
  - 35% in low-income households
  - 57% “minority” population
  - 69% with working moms



# The 30 Million Word Gap



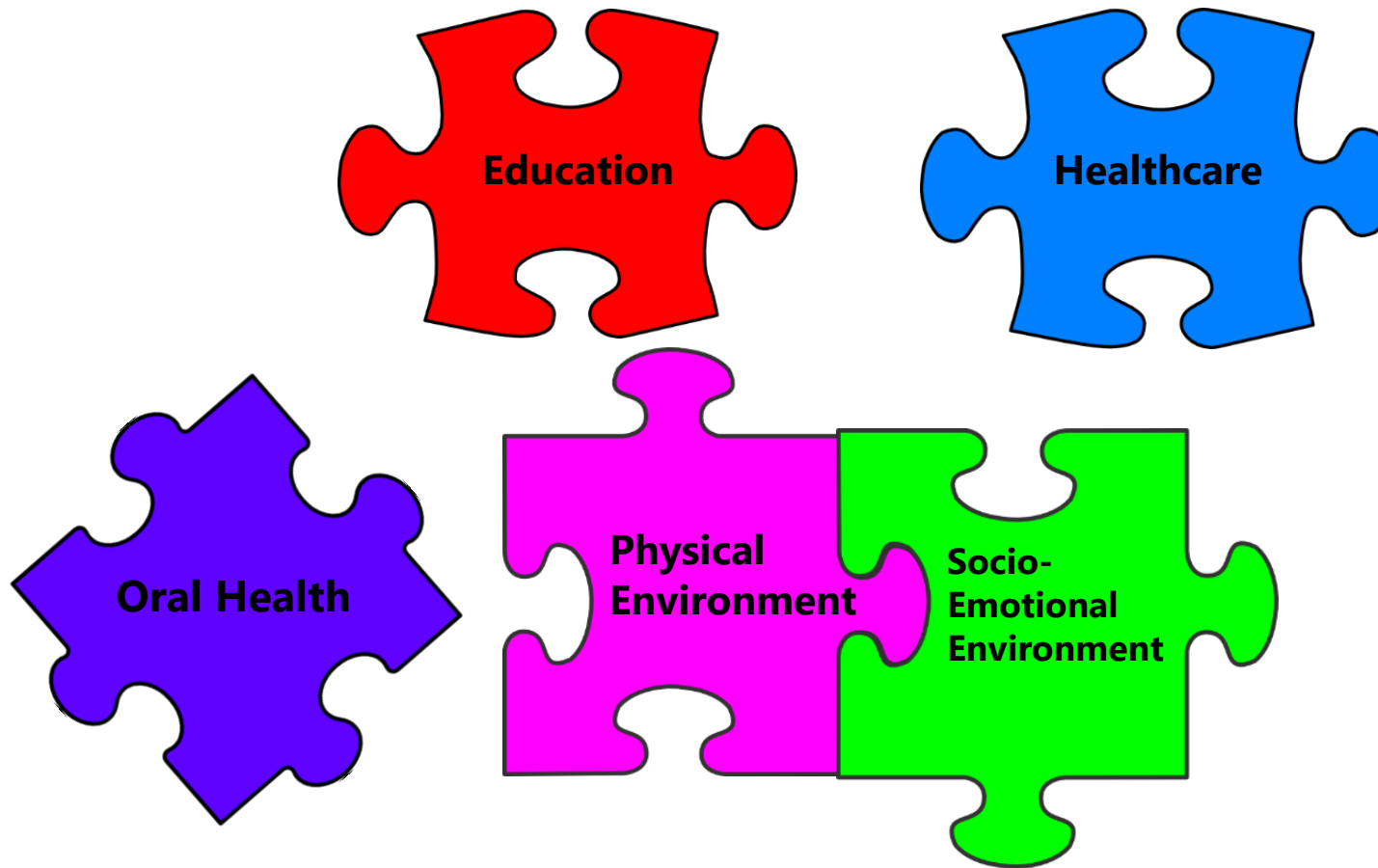
Hart & Risley, 1995

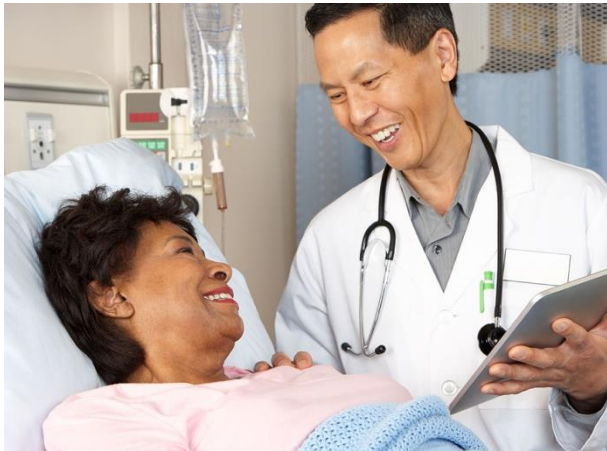




# What can we do?

# Comprehensive Approach





Health



Early Childhood





# Relationships

...for most children, the environmental factors that matter most have less to do with the buildings they live in than with the *relationships* they experience – the way the adults in their lives interact with them, especially in times of stress.

- *Paul Tough,  
Helping Children Succeed:  
What Works and Why*





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A Statewide Profile  
of Infants and Toddlers



Giving Every Child A Chance®

