

Cultivating Flourishing Families Abroad

The Research Behind Thriving Expatriate Children

September 29, 2022

WE BELIEVE

Healthy families and the expatriate life are not in contradiction

Children shouldn't take the backseat to their parent's work abroad

Together we can lower depression & anxiety in Adult **TCKs**

WHAT TCKS NEED TO THRIVE

- Emotionally safe spaces
- Secure attachment
- Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)

Positive Childhood Experiences (PCES)



Being able to talk openly to a family member or as a family about feelings and feel heard, accepted and supported.

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Believing that

family stands

by them

during

difficult times.

SAFETY

Feeling safe and

protected by an

adult in the

home.

FRIENDS

Feeling

supported by

friends.

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TRADITIONS

BELONGING Having a sense of Enjoying participating belonging and in traditions connection within a and multigenerational routines. group (e.g. school. church, clubs,

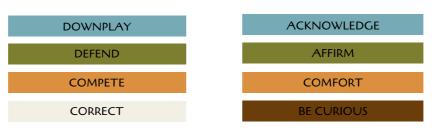
neighborhood, etc.).

Safe Space Responses

RELATIONSHIPS Feeling a sense of belonging in high school + having 2 non-parent adults who took a genuine interest in

them.

Shut Down Responses



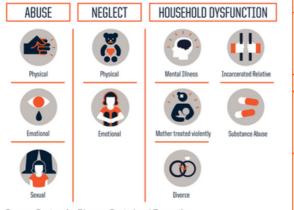
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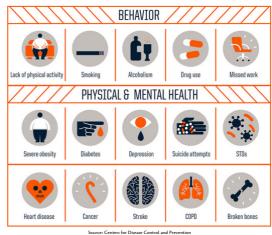
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Limits of Parental Separation Magid K & McKelvey, C. (1989) High risk: Children without a conscience. New York: Bantam, p. 335

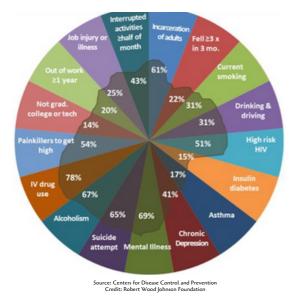
Age of Child	Preferable Limit	Acceptable Limit	Harmful Limit
Under I Year	Two days	Seven days	More than seven days
I-2 years	Three days	Ten days	More than ten days
3-5 years	One week	Three weeks	More than three weeks
6-9 years	Two weeks	Four weeks	More than four weeks
10-13 years	Four weeks	Six weeks	More than six weeks
14+ years	Six weeks	Nine weeks	More than nine weeks

OUR RESEARCH





Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Credit: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation



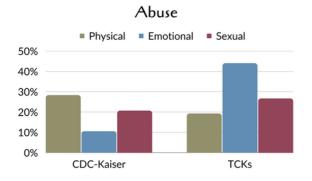
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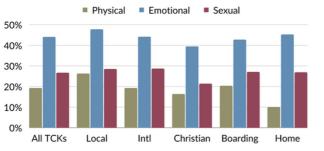
Citing Our Research

Crossman, T., & Wells, L. (2022, June 7). Caution and Hope: The Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences in Globally Mobile Third Culture Kids. Retrieved from https://www.tcktraining.com/research/caution-and-hope-white-paper

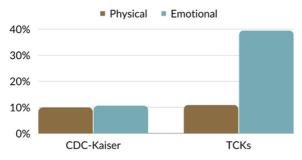
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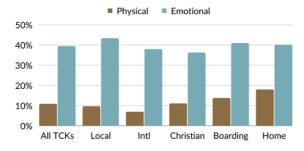
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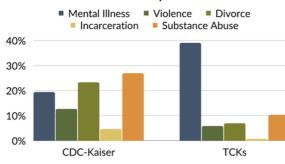
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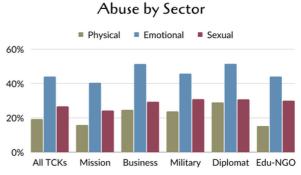




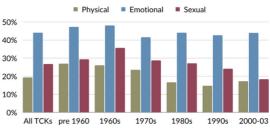


Household Dysfunction

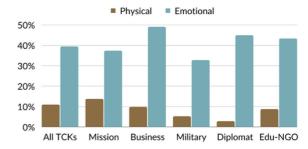




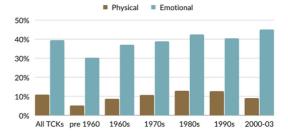
Abuse by Age (Birth Year)



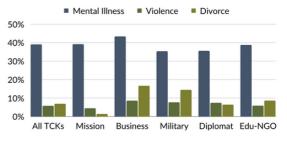
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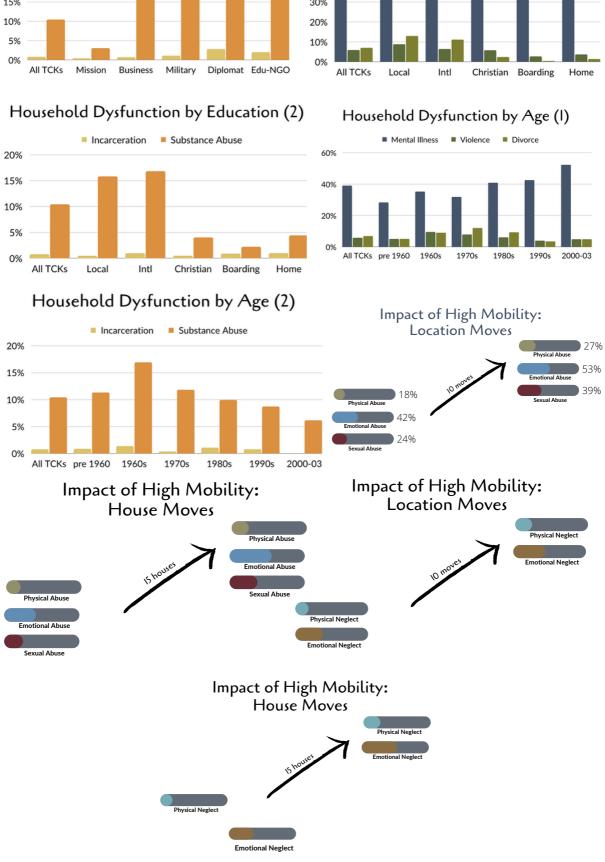
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Household Dysfunction by sector, part I

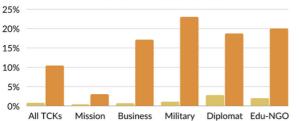


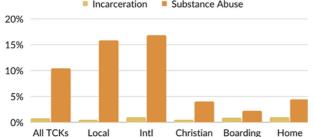
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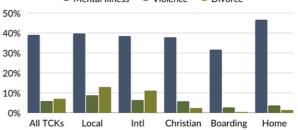
Household Dysfunction by sector, part 2 Incarceration Substance Abuse





Mental Illness Violence Divorce

Household Dysfunction by Education (I)



OUR ACE DATA

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