# ACEs, Overdose, and Suicide are Urgent Public Health Challenges

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“ACEs, overdose and suicide are public health challenges impacting communities across the country. Through research, practice and even lived experience, we've learned that these issues contribute to shortened lifespan, lower quality of life, rising healthcare costs and lost economic productivity. These deleterious impacts to our long-term health and well wellbeing not only elevate the urgency of these issues, it also demonstrates the critical importance of addressing the shared risk and protective factors across all three areas, given their interconnectedness. In addressing this urgent need, we must tackle their collective root causes in order to disrupt systems and other factors that increase the likelihood of ACEs, overdose and suicide. This approach will help us to create opportunities and supports for communities to thrive and live fulfilling lives.”