

**Our kids
aren't safe.
That changes
NOW.**

Anna, Age Eight

**The data-driven prevention of
childhood trauma and maltreatment**

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SCHOOLS AND TRAUMA

**How did Anna become a book?
Why did we adults fail Anna?
Can we prevent another Anna?**

A high-angle, black and white photograph of a young child with dark, curly hair walking down a staircase. The child is wearing a patterned dress and is captured mid-stride on one of the steps. The staircase has a wooden handrail on the right side. At the top of the stairs, there is a landing area with a tiled floor and a rectangular window with a dark frame. The walls are plain and light-colored. A prominent red horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

Why did the system fail Anna?

Mom w Juvenile Justice history

Multiple investigations

Termination of parental rights

Why were these red flags missed with Anna?

Housing instability

Sign of neglect noticed by teacher

Mom's substance misuse

Anna far behind academically

Caseloads+Workloads

Poor data system

Why is the child welfare system challenged?

No prevention dept.

Lack of resources

Few resources for families

Few local govt partnerships

Lack of a high level quality improvement program



1 in 8 kids are identified as maltreated by 18.

What are adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)?

Ten Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

1. Physical neglect 2. Emotional neglect

3. Physical abuse 4. Emotional abuse 5. Sexual abuse

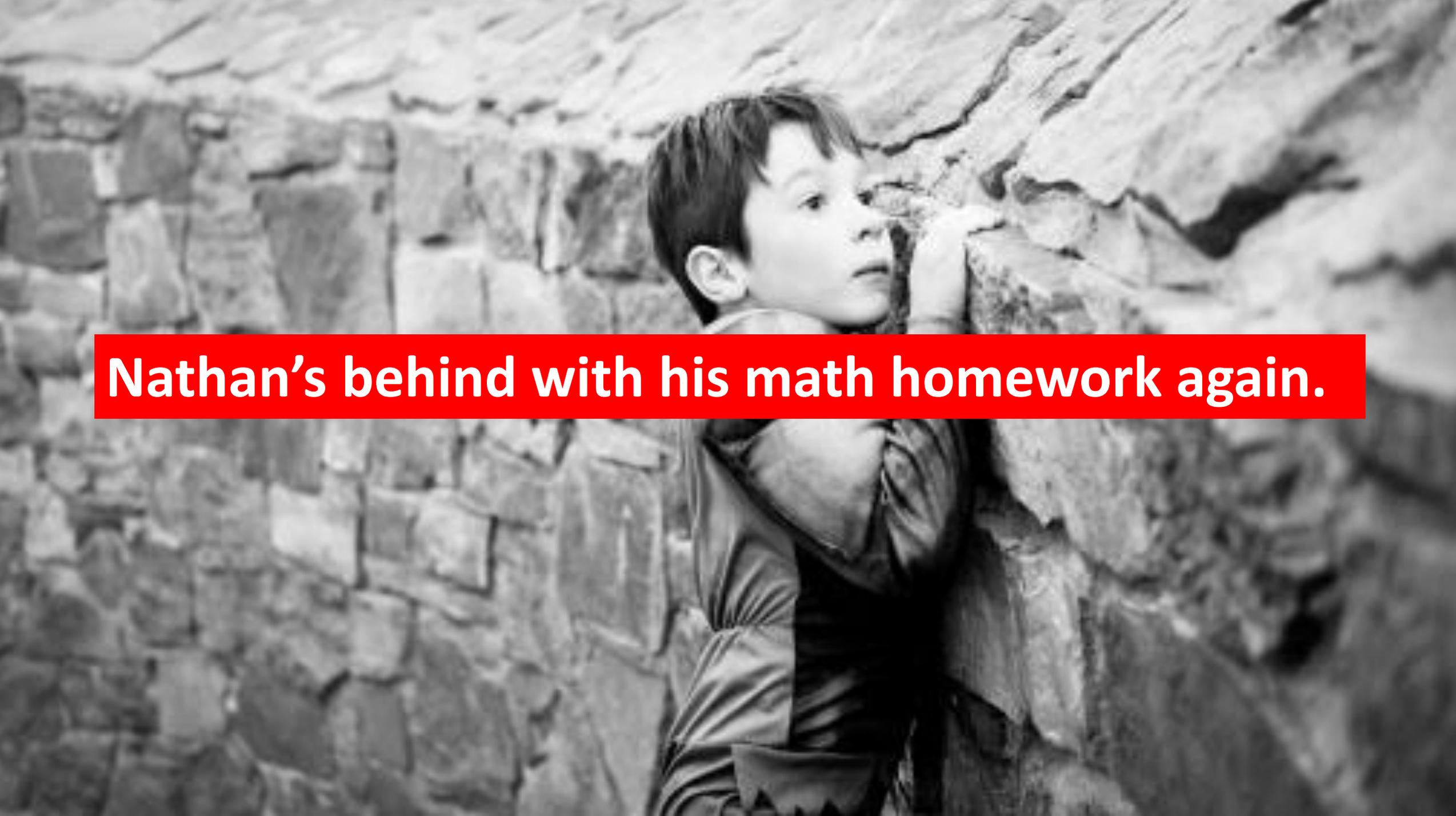
6. Parent treated violently

7. Adults with mental illness/challenges

8. Adults misusing substances

9. Parents separating/divorcing

10. A household member is incarcerated



Nathan's behind with his math homework again.



Kirsty can't focus at school.



Pauline keeps getting into fights.



Jen's worried about her friend Amy.

A black and white close-up photograph of a young girl with dark hair, looking slightly to the left and smiling. She is wearing a white top with a ruffled collar and a small heart-shaped earring. A red rectangular box is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

Camila feels safer at school.



Sammy and Sarah seem fine.



Eddy is at home while his sister is at school.

Trauma diminishes a student's capacity to learn.



A quarter of our students endure 3 or more ACEs.



ACEs impacts all of us in this room and city.

There is no gov't agency responsible for prevention.

It's not the job of teachers to prevent ACEs.

ACEs Prevention means families have key services.



Survival Service

behavioral health care



Survival Service medical/dental care

Survival Service Safe and stable housing





Survive Service

secure food programs and pantries



Survival Service

transportation to vital services





Services for Thriving

family-centered schools



Services for Thriving

early childhood learning programs



Services for Thriving youth mentorship



Services for Thriving parent supports



#CREATIVITY

7 Questions That Lead to an 'Aha' Moment, According to Research

Inc. Magazine | Id: Melody Wilding

Breakthrough thinking isn't magic, it's a science. At the heart of any successful business is a game-changing idea. But how do some entrepreneurs dream up a game-changing idea after game-changing

Services for Thriving

job training

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DESIGN

Action steps for ACEs prevention require a champion.

Child Welfare needs a Prevention Division.





Cities need a cross-sector ACEs Dept.-like a Fire Dept.

A group of four children are playing on a dark asphalt track. In the foreground, a boy in a plaid shirt and shorts is climbing onto a large, black tire. A girl in a blue dress is standing on top of the same tire. In the background, another girl in a blue shirt is sitting on the ground, and a boy in a patterned shirt and red shorts is standing next to another large tire. The background shows rows of empty metal bleachers under bright sunlight.

Schools need an ACEs policy. Like a bullying policy.

School communities read *Anna, Age Eight*

Schools research “community schools” models

Schools research “Sky Center/counseling” model

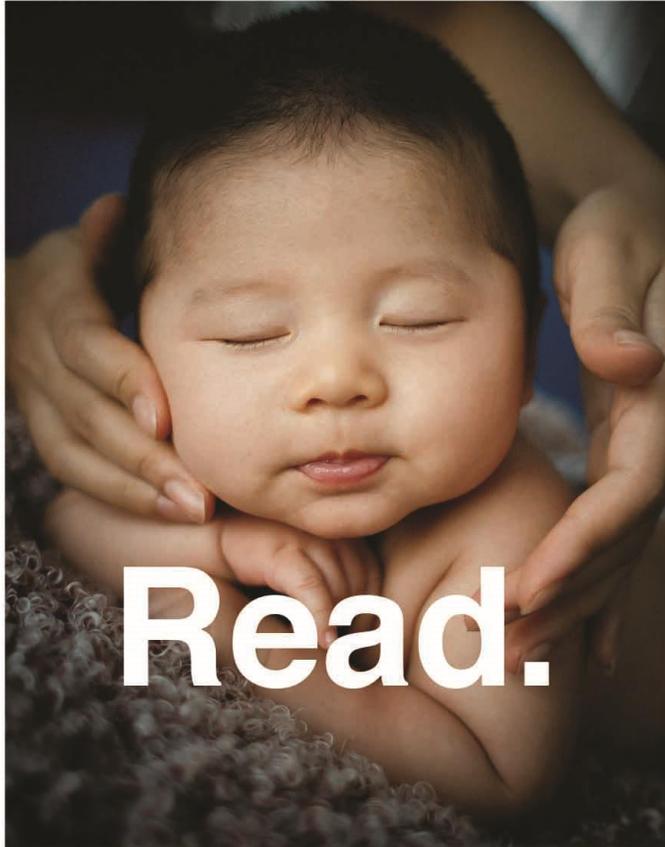
Schools provide “Parent’s Guide to ACEs”

Schools develop protocols for students with ACEs

Schools provide “School Staff’s Guide to ACEs”



We ensure students can achieve by addressing ACEs.



Read.



Disrupt.



Solve.

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