



This is a graded discussion: 5 points possible

due Mar 20 at 1:59am

Week 3 - Discussion

Your initial discussion thread is due on Day 3 (Thursday) and you have until Day 7 (Monday) to respond to your classmates. Your grade will reflect both the quality of your initial post and the depth of your responses. Refer to the Discussion Forum Grading Rubric under the Settings icon above for guidance on how your discussion will be evaluated.

Adverse Childhood Experiences [WLOs: 1, 2] [CLOs: 1, 2, 3]

Prior to starting this discussion, please explore **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)** (<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/index.html>), then read **Take the ACE Quiz—and Learn What It Does and Does Not Mean** (<https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/03/02/387007941/take-the-ace-quiz-and-learn-what-it-does-and-doesnt-mean>)

Your initial post should be at least 250 words in length. Please elaborate on the following as you complete your discussion:

- Complete the 10-question **Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire: Finding Your ACE Score** (<https://www.ncjfcj.org/sites/default/files/Finding%20Your%20ACE%20Score.pdf>) measure for the client you selected in the Week 1 Choose Your Client discussion. Complete it based on what you have been able to find out about your client's childhood and whether your client experienced any of the events detailed in the questionnaire. What is your client's ACES score? Keep in mind that the higher the score, the greater the likelihood of negative outcomes in adulthood.
- Evaluate your client's ACES score using examples of trauma experienced in childhood. If your client had no childhood trauma, or you were unable to locate any credible information about your client to answer the ACES questions, please provide general examples of the types of adverse childhood experiences that may lead to negative outcomes as adults.
- How does childhood trauma influence criminality in adulthood? Why should the community be concerned about minimizing adverse childhood experiences?

Guided Response: Review several of your peers' initial posts and, in a minimum of 100 words each, respond to at least two of your classmates' posts by Day 7. Be sure to provide constructive feedback; ask follow-up questions to your peers regarding their client's ACES score. For example, if your classmate has the same client as you do, compare ACES scores to see if you came up with the same number. If not, follow up with your classmate to figure out why there is a difference in your score versus theirs. Did one of you find additional credible information about your client's childhood? If your classmates were unable to find credible information about their clients' childhood experiences, comment on their general conclusions about the effects of childhood trauma on criminal behavior. Respond in a substantive manner with specific examples to extend their thinking. Support your claims with examples from the required materials and/or other scholarly or credible sources, and properly cite any references. You are encouraged to post your required replies earlier in the week to promote more meaningful and interactive discourse in this discussion forum. Continue to monitor the discussion forum until 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Day 7, and respond with robust dialogue to anyone who replies to your initial post.

