The map shows the percentage of students in grades 6-12 who were above the state median of a composite score that reflects student self-reporting of behaviors associated with ACEs. The measures considered in the composite score are from the Georgia Student Health Survey (2019) and are related to the behaviors - bullying, fighting, substance use, anxiety/depression, and self-harm. A higher percentage represents a greater rate of students in grades 6-12 reporting behaviors that have been associated with ACEs or that are ACEs.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES COMPOSITE SCORE MAP
DEKALB AND FULTON COUNTIES

Listed below are the top three contributors to the composite score by county.

DeKalb: Anxiety/Depression, Bullying, Self-Harm
Fulton: Anxiety/Depression, Bullying, Self-Harm

*Anxiety/Depression - overwhelmed with fear, intense worry; Bullying - picked on/teased by others, text message harassment; Fighting - pushed/hit/kicked, physical fight; Self-Harm - thoughts or incidents of self-harm, suicide attempts; Substance Use - used alcohol/marijuana or other drugs in last 30 days

ACTION STEPS

The most impactful prevention strategies offer real solutions at the family, society, and community levels. Creating a plan that prioritizes the leading contributors above will support healthy and vibrant environments where children can thrive.

Visit jorce.emory.edu to find related data and resources. Visit belongingforhope.org for actions that nurture a community where everyone can thrive.