4.2 ACEs within the wider context of childhood vulnerability

Studies show that a wide variety of child, family, community and societal factors (figure 4.3, in pink) contribute to child trauma and negative adult outcomes, both in combination with the ACE categories of family dysfunction (in grey) and independently of them.

FIGURE 4.3

Ecological factors which increase the risk of child trauma and poor developmental outcomes

Source: EIF, derived from Belsky, 1980; Cichetti & Lynch, 1993; Cichetti & Rizley, 1981; Evans, Li, & Whipple, 2013