



FROM TRAUMA TO TRIAL: A REVIEW OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RISK IN CHILD IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

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INTRODUCTION

- Child are the best future investment. However, not all children experience a proper childhood; some even come into conflict with the law, might have long-term impacts on a child's development
- In Indonesia, from 2020 to 2023, nearly 2,000 children were recorded as being in conflict with the law.

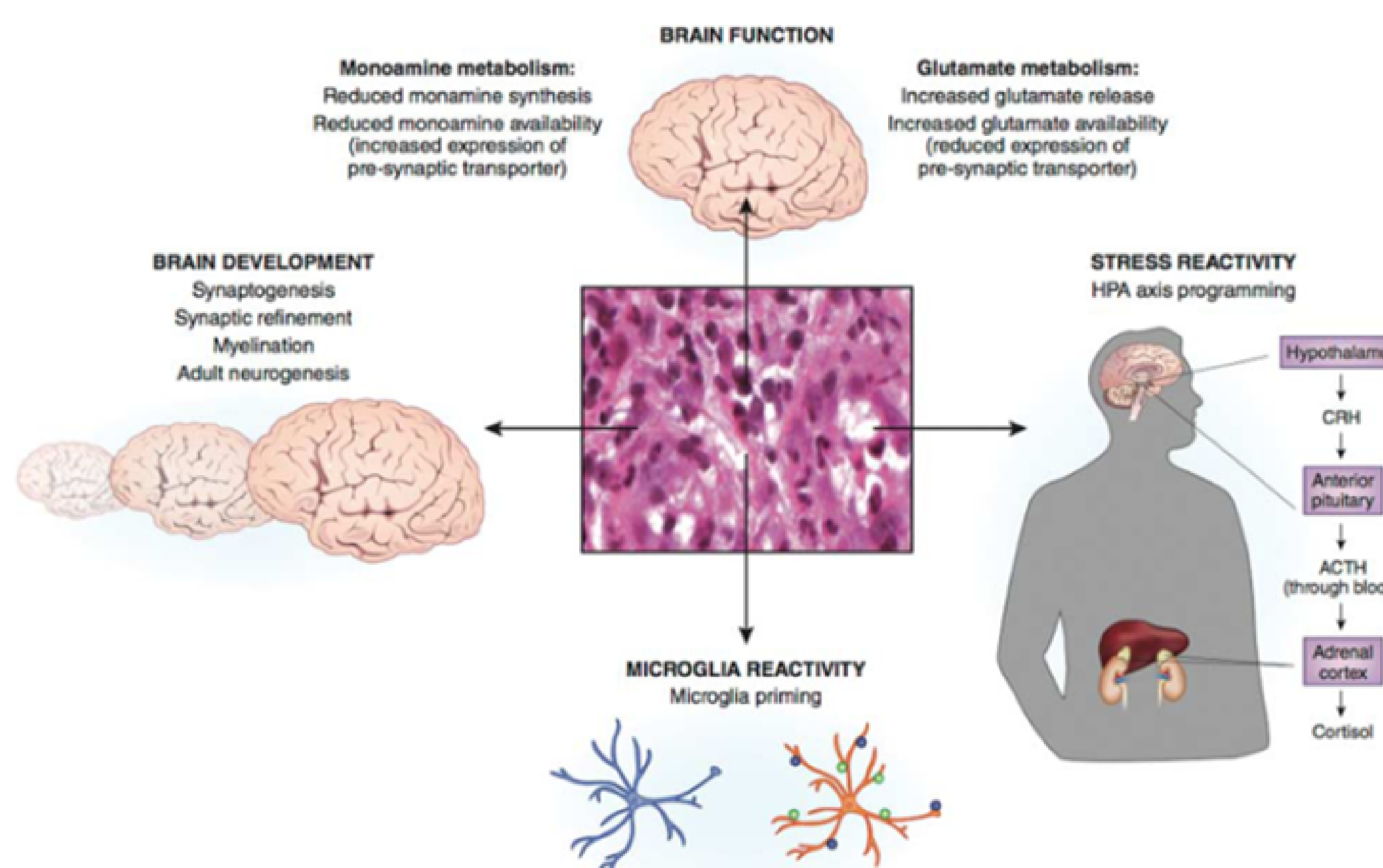
OBJECTIVE

This review aims to synthesize current scientific literature on the link between childhood trauma, substance abuse, and juvenile offending, with a focus on mechanisms of risk and intervention strategies

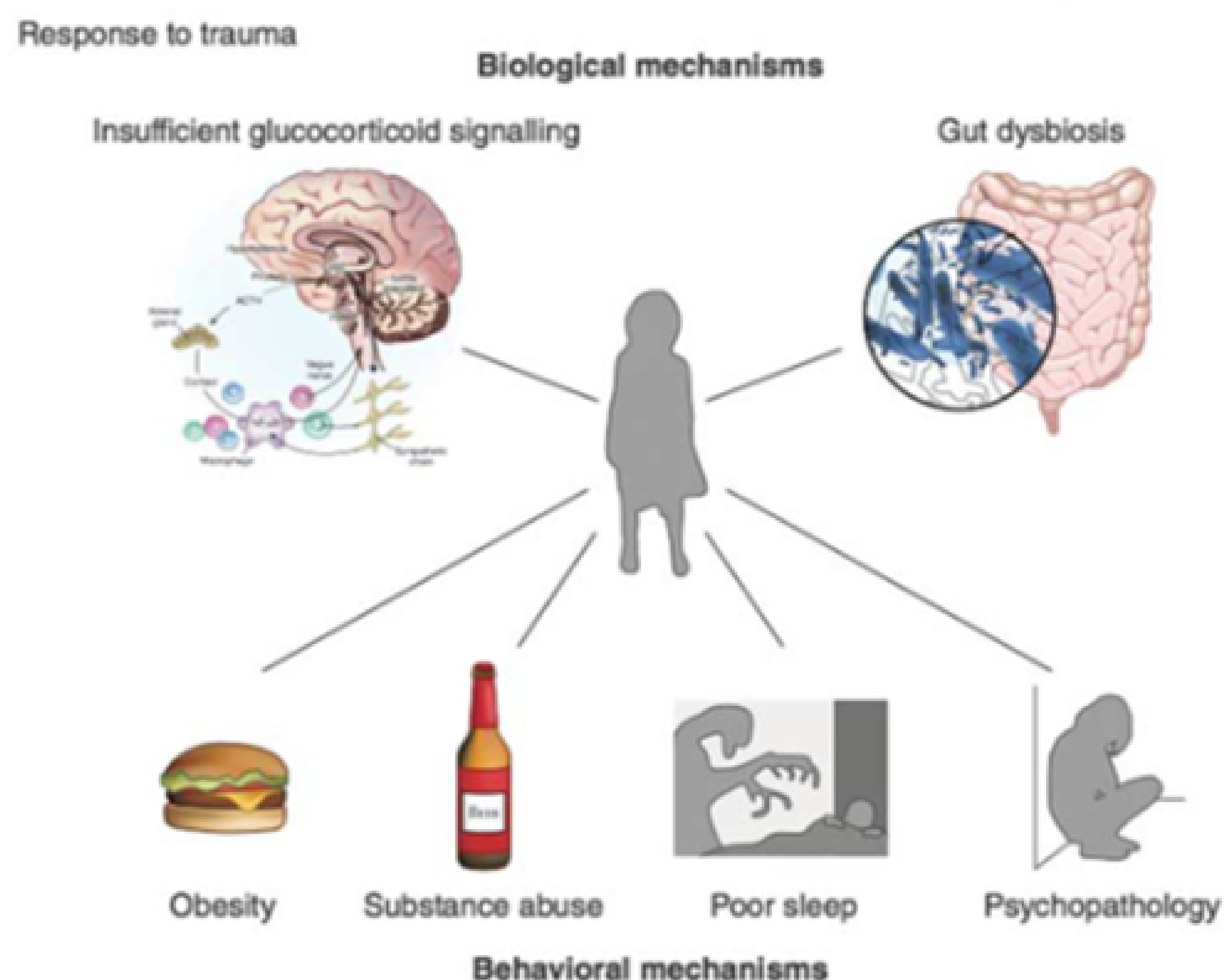
METHODOLOGY

A comprehensive literature search using articles published between 2010 and 2024 with keywords such as “childhood trauma,” “substance abuse,” “juvenile delinquency,” and “child in conflict with the law.” Inclusion criteria were studies focusing on youth under 18 with measurable outcomes related to trauma, substance use, and legal conflict.

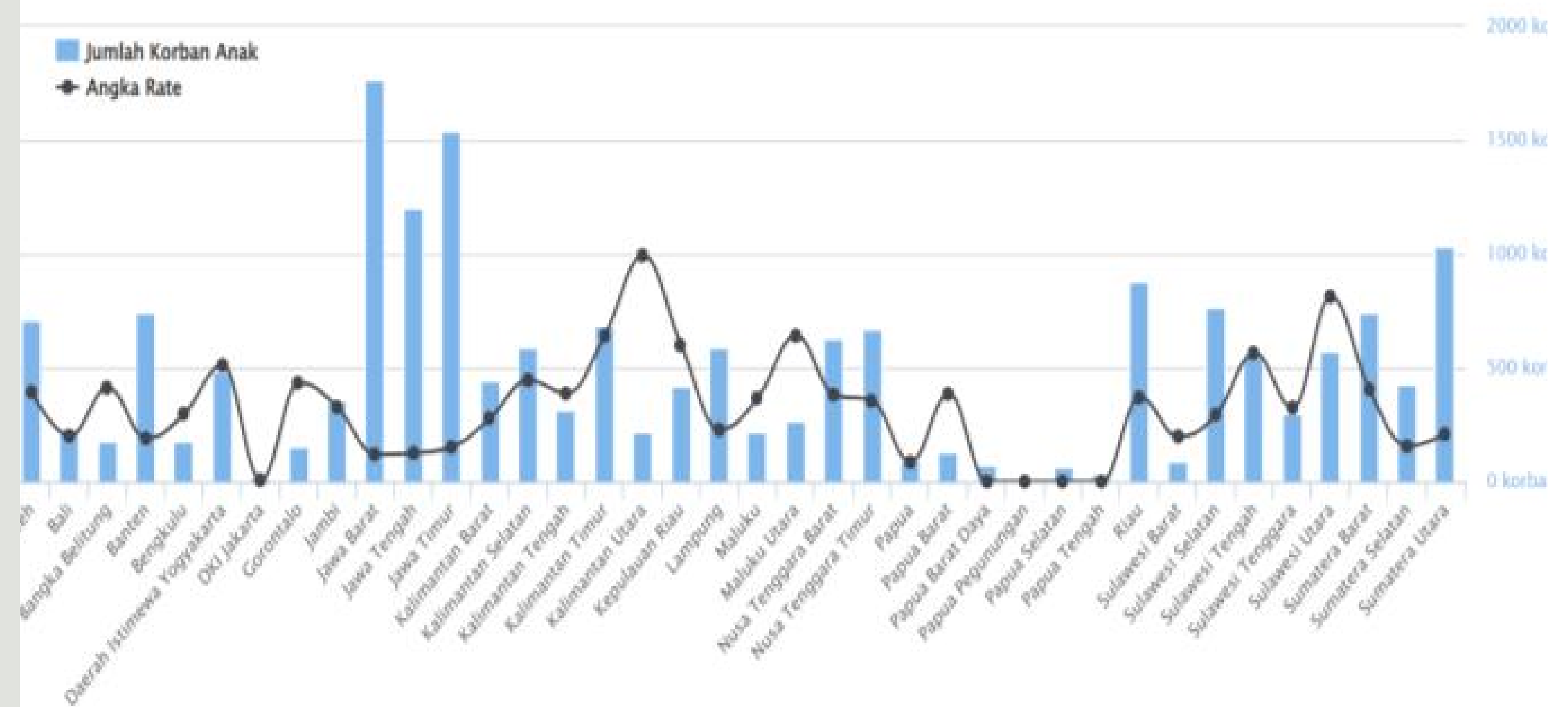
RESULTS/FINDINGS



Potential Mechanisms Linking Childhood Trauma-Related Inflammation with Psychopathology and Brain Function (Danese & J Lewis, 2017)



Graphic of Child Violence Cases Across Indonesia in 2024



DISCUSSION

- Various forms of childhood trauma often occur simultaneously, potentially leading to future physical, emotional, and behavioral health problems, particularly risk of substance abuse.
- Impaired judgment, increased aggression, and involvement with deviant peer groups in substance abuse leads to the pathway to criminal behavior.
- Protective factors, including family support, early therapeutic intervention, and trauma-informed care, can mitigate these outcomes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- A trauma-focused approach may serve as an effective strategy to support the rehabilitation and recovery process of these child, thereby fulfilling their rights and safeguarding.

CONCLUSION

- Addressing childhood trauma is critical in reducing substance abuse and legal conflict in youth.
- Integrated, trauma-informed approaches within juvenile justice and social services essential for effective prevention and rehabilitation.

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