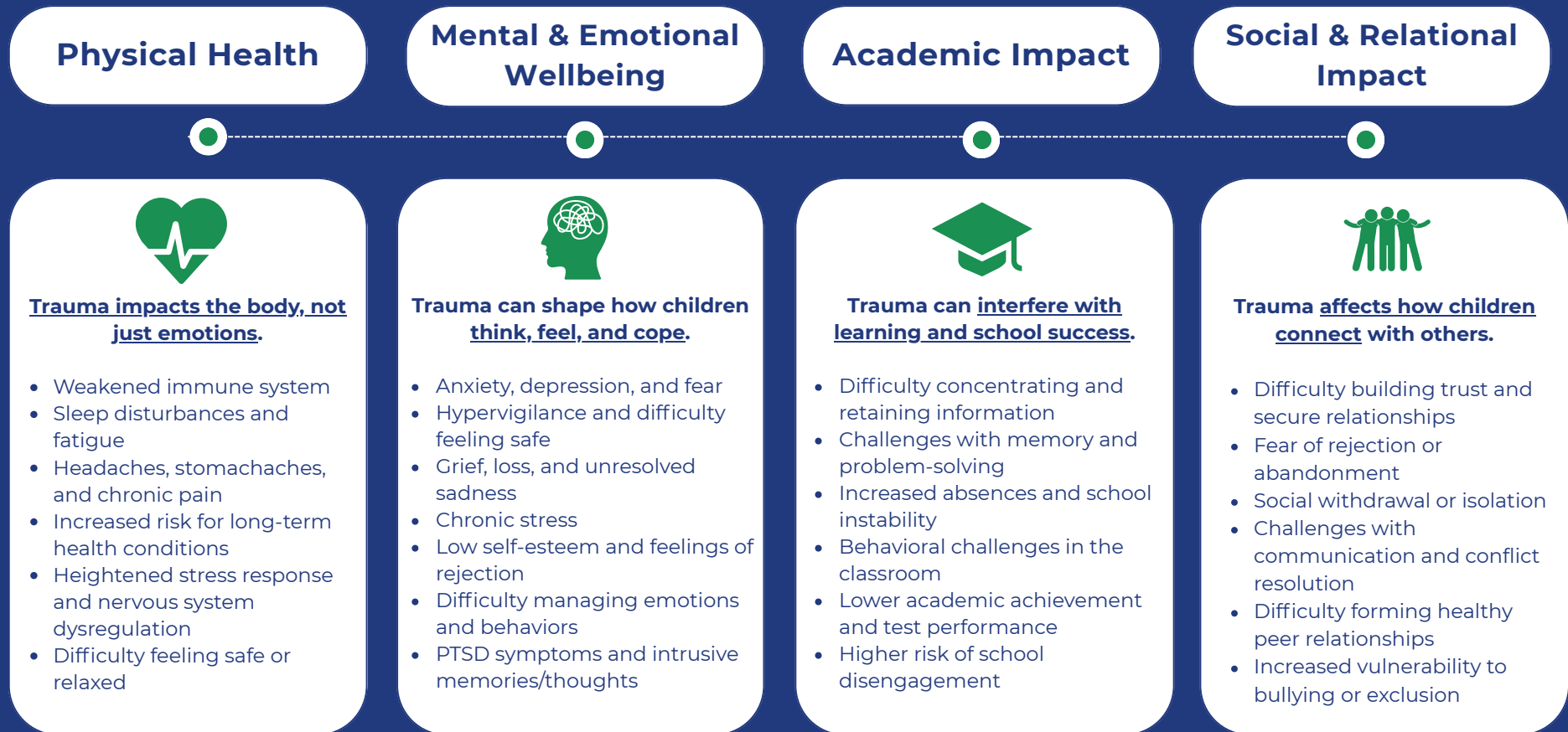


# Impact of Child Welfare-Related Trauma

Removal from the home. Multiple placements. Instability. Separation. Loss. Uncertainty. Unmet emotional needs.

These experiences can create trauma that impacts every aspect of a child's life. The chart below demonstrates how child-welfare-related trauma has a ripple effect on children and families who experience adoption, foster care, and kinship care.



Adoption competent care recognizes the lifelong impact of trauma, loss, and separation while helping children and families build safety, connection, and stability. Permanency-centered, adoption competent support can improve relationships, academic success, emotional health, and overall quality of life for children and families impacted by child welfare. **The National Center for Adoption Competent Mental Health Services** is helping systems and professionals build pathways toward lasting wellbeing. For more information, check out our website: <https://bridges4mentalhealth.org/>