

Impact of Trauma

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES):

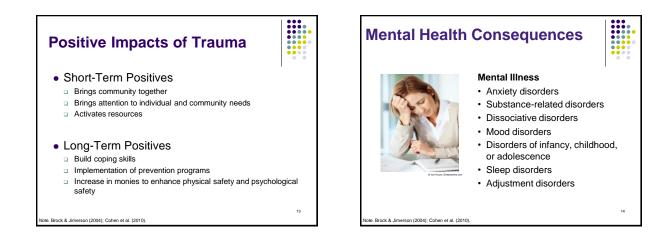
- ACE's Test: 4 or more trauma's → 1200% greater chance committing suicide and 7x's more likely to become alcoholics
- Higher rates:
- drop out
- suspension and expulsion rates
- lower academic achievement
- As adults, increased risk health and mental health problems
 e.g. heart disease, diabetes, liver disease, and obesity, substance abuse, depression, and suicide)

Trauma exposure:

- Lead to lasting changes in brain structure
- e.g., reduced overall size and underdeveloped cortex and function (e.g., irritability, excitability, and impulsivity).
- Overproduction of the hormones adrenaline and cortisol
- · overproduction can impede normal development, cognition, memory, and learning.
- suspend the higher-order skills needed for learning, getting along with others, and succeeding at school.

Impact of Trauma		
Academics/Cognitive organization comprehension memory ability to produce work engagement in learning attention/difficulties concentrating grasping of cause-and-effect	Behavioral self-regulation attention emotions – act out or withdraw; anxiety behavior irritability	depression
relationships	agression Social and Personal development of language and communication skills difficulties processing social ski establishment of a coherent ser trust	

Saigh et al. (1997), Saltzman et al. (2001), www.traumasensitiveschools.org Perfect, Turley, Carlson, Yohanna, & Satin Gilles (2016)



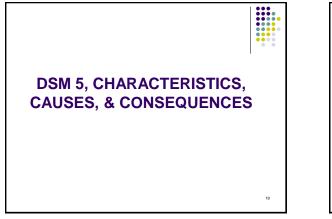


Lawsuit: Compton Unified School District, CA (2015)

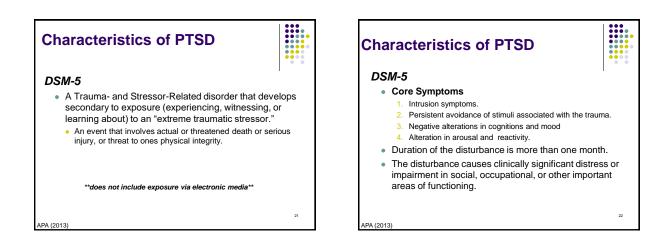
- · Filed on behalf of 5 students and 3 teachers
- Complaint: didn't accommodate students and teachers exposed to trauma (direct exposure or secondary exposure/compassion fatigue
- Requested injunctive relief:
 - Immediate implementation of school-wide trauma training
 - Restorative practices, conflict resolution skills training, intensive intervention services, employment of appropriately trained MH professionals to provide these services
- Invoked Section 504
- Judge denied preliminary injunction but allowed lawsuit to move forward

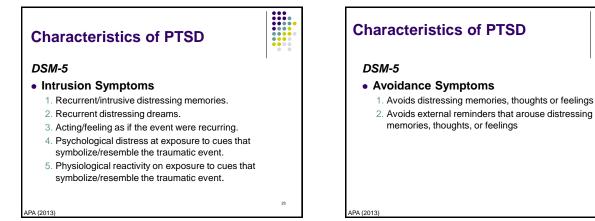
Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Many provisions support trauma-informed care approach
- Title IV funds 20% allocated to be used for school climate initiatives, including trauma-informed approach
- Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
- SSAE- Section 4108
- Professional Development
- Sections 2012 & 2103
- Addressing family instability and trauma among Native
 American families
 - Section 6304

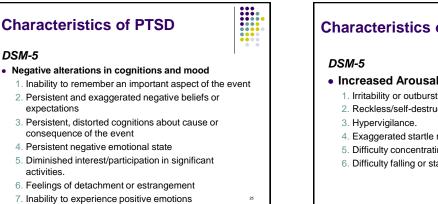


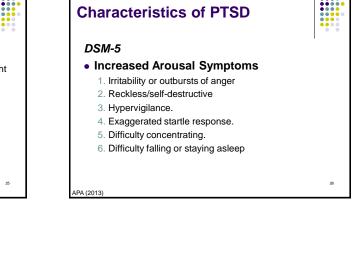


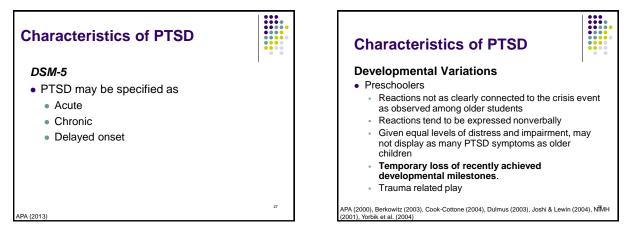




APA (2013)







Posttraumatic Stress Disorder for Children 6 & Younger

- A. The child (≤6 years old) exposure to actual/threatened death, serious injury, or sexual violation, in one or more of the following ways: 1. Direct exposure
 - 2. Witnessing (does not include exposure via electronic media)
 - 3. Learning that the event(s) occurred (to close relative/close friend)
- B. Intrusion Symptoms associated w/ traumatic event (began after the event), evidenced by 1+ of the following:
 - Recurrent, involuntary, intrusive distressing memories Note: spontaneous/intrusive memories don't necessarily appear
 - distressing, may be expressed as play reenactment
 - Recurrent distressing dreams
 - Note: may not be possible to connect content to the event Dissociative reactions wherein the child feels/acts as if the event(s) were
 - recurring Note: reactions occur on a continuum w/most extreme being complete loss of awareness of surroundings
 - Intense/prolonged psychological distress with exposure to internal/external cues that symbolize/resemble the event 20 Marked physiological reactions to reminders
- **Posttraumatic Stress Disorder** for Children 6 & Younger C. One (or more) from below: Persistent avoidance of stimuli associated with the event (began after the event), evidenced by efforts to avoid: Activities, places or physical reminders, that arouse recollections of the event People, conversations, or interpersonal situations that arouse recollections of the event Negative alterations in cognitions & mood associated with the event (began or worsened after the event), as evidenced by 1+ of the following: Substantially increased frequency of negative emotional states (e.g., fear, guilt, sadness, shame or confusion) Markedly diminished interest/participation in significant activities (e.g., constriction of play) Socially withdraw Reduction in expression of positive emotions

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder for Children 6 & Younger

D. Alterations in arousal/reactivity associated w/ event (began or worsened after the event), as evidenced by 2+ of the following: Irritable/angry/aggressive behavior (e.g., extreme temper tantrums)

- Hypervigilance
- Exaggerated startle response
- Problems with concentration
- Sleep disturbance (e.g., difficulty falling or staying asleep, or restless sleep)
- E. Duration of disturbance is more than one month

F. Disturbance causes clinically significant distress or impairment in relationships w/ sibs, peers or caregivers, or school behavior

Specifier: with dissociative symptoms: Depersonalization or Derealization Specify if with delayed expression: full diagnostic criteria not met until 6 months after event (although onset & expression of some symptoms may be immediate)

Characteristics of PTSD

Developmental Variations

- Alternative Criteria for Diagnosing Infants and Young Children
 - A. Confirmation of exposure is not required within the alternate criteria. Preverbal children cannot report on their reaction at the time of the traumatic event, and an adult may not have been present to observe this

Scheeringa et al. (1995)

Characteristics of PTSD

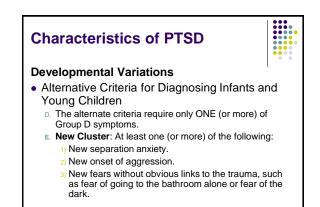
Developmental Variations

- · Alternative Criteria for Diagnosing Infants and Young Children
 - B. In the very young, recurrences and intrusive recollections of events need not be distressing.
 - c. Markedly diminished interest in participation in significant activities observed as a constriction of play behavior.

Feeling of detachment/estrangement is mainly evidenced as social withdrawal. Additional Symptom for Group C

1) Loss of a previously acquired developmental skill, such as toileting or speech.

Scheeringa et al. (1995)



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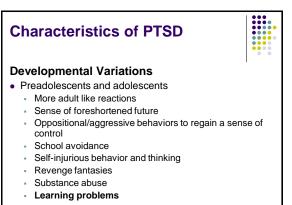
Characteristics of PTSD

Developmental Variations

School-age children

- Reactions tend to be more directly connected to crisis event
- Event specific fears may be displayed.
- Reactions are often expressed behaviorally.
- Feelings associated with the traumatic stress are often expressed via physical symptoms.
- Trauma related play (becomes more complex and elaborate).
- Repetitive verbal descriptions of the event.
- Problems paying attention.

APA (2000), Berkowitz (2003), Cook-Cottone (2004), Dulmus (2003), Joshi & Lewin (2004), NfMH 2001), Yorbik et al. (2004)



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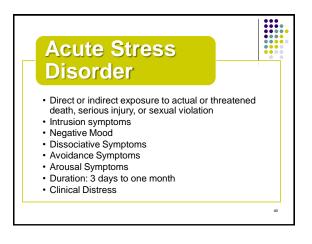
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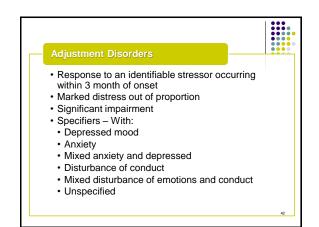
- Interpretation of events
- Role of religion
- Role of extended family
- Different interpretations of mental health symptoms
- Cultural norms around expression of grief
- Willingness to disclose/cultural norms around expression of emotions

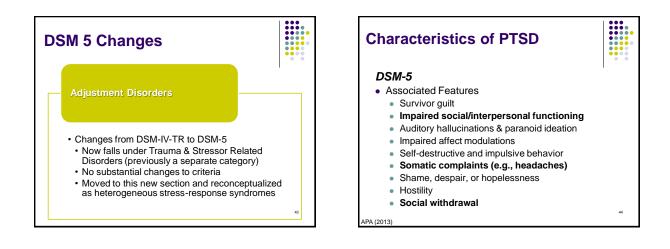
Differential Considerations PTSD Symptoms without PTSD Typical PTSD symptoms are present, but not at a level to cause clinically significant distress/impairment Acute Stress Disorder Symptoms confined to the first month after trauma exposure Adjustment Disorder Reaction to stress, but symptomatic reaction is subthreshold Other causes of flashbacks Perceptual distortions come from substance use, head injury, Bipolar or Depressive Disorder or Psychotic Disorder Malingering When stressor is marginal and/or there is financial or other gain from having diagnosis of PTSD.

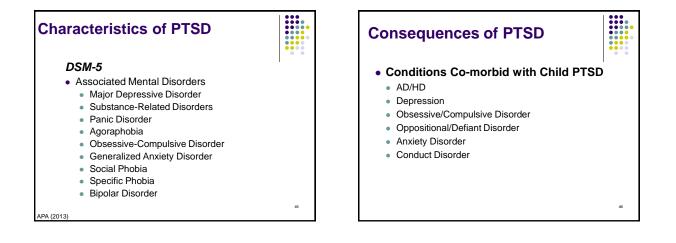
DSM 5 Changes						
	Changes from DSM- IV-TR to DSM-5	Rationale for Changes	Consequences of Changes	Implications for School Psychologists		
PTSD	Requirement of fear, helpesness or horror immediately tollowing the trauma removed Exposure to event can be via learning about it or repeated vegetation durations instrespondulations ins	Beter description of cognitive, enclosed, implications of PTDD Address the different Address the different Gives more scarpic to clarify and also make more scarpice to clarify and also	Opens the door to attributing one's symptoms to a past event May receive diagnosis whether or not symptoms are actually related to event actually related to event actually related to event actually related to event faan uncovering than uncovering than uncovering than uncovering than uncovering than uncovering than uncovering seess (oversimplifies) Boundary with normality is blurred hoterogeneity so research is challenging	Still no clear definition of a traumatic event Still using adult criteria for elementary and secondray age students reserved for those with traumatic memories and avoidance many months alor provide validation for reactions to school-based intervention that help minimize PTSD symptomology For prescholers – has alowed for more age and developmentally sensitive diagnostic criteria Need to be well-informed of proven therapies to help if a referral is penetice		

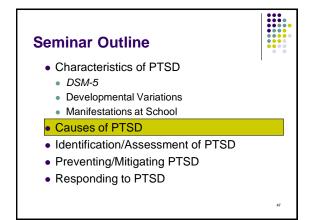


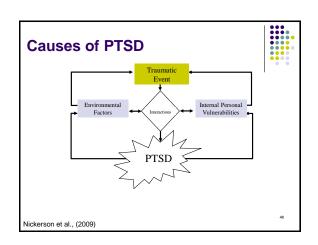
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Acute Stress Disorder	 Must be explicit if experienced directly. Witnessed or experienced indirectly Minimized emphasis on disociative disorders 	Better describe the cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and functional implications of PTSD Gives more specific examples to darify and also make more culturally appropriate	Provided better examples for each of the criteria to clarify	Understand the differences between ASD and PTSD (ASD only Within the first month of event & more focus on dissociative symptoms) Need to be well informed of proven therapies to help if a referral is needed Does ASD develop into PTSD?		

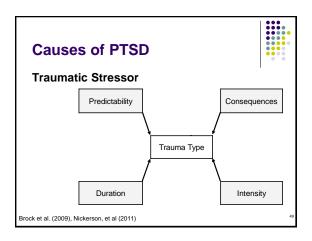


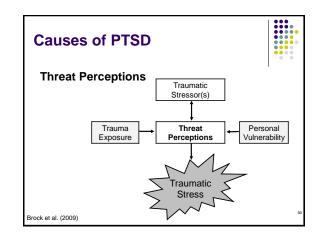


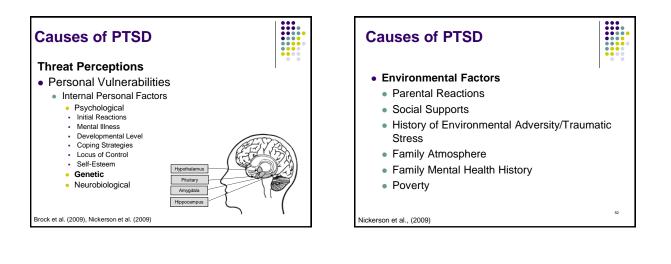








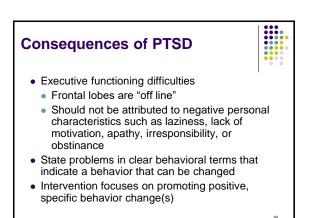






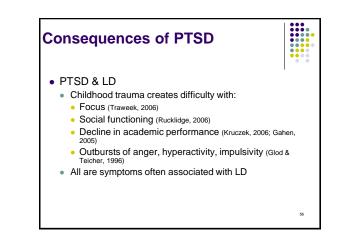
Affects on cognitive functioning

- 1. Motivation and persistence in academic tasks
- 2. Development of short- and long-term goals
- 3. Sequential memory
- 4. Ordinal positioning
- 5. Procedural memory
- 6. Attention



Consequences of PTSD

- Emotional and behavioral consequences
 depends upon
 - Chronological age
 - Developmental stage
 - Whether/not death involved
 - Proximity to event
 - Support System

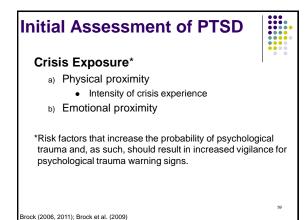


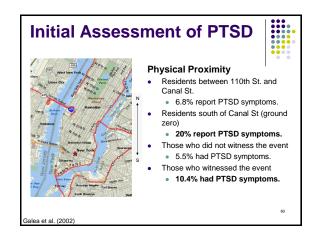
Seminar Outline

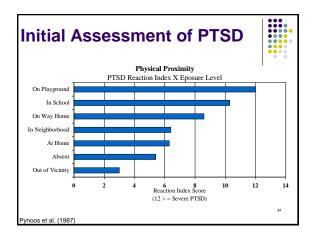
- Characteristics of PTSD
 - DSM-5
 - Developmental Variations
 - Manifestations at School
- Causes of PTSD
- Identification/Assessment of PTSD
- Preventing/Mitigating PTSD
- Responding to PTSD

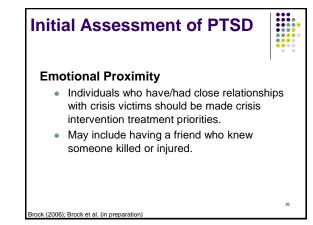
Initial Assessment of PTSD Crisis Event Type* a) Human Caused (vs. Natural) b) Intentional (vs. Accidental) c) Fatalities *Risk factors that increase the probability of psychological trauma and, as such, should result in increased vigilance for psychological trauma warning signs.

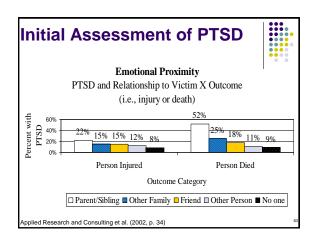
Brock (2011); Brock et al. (2009)

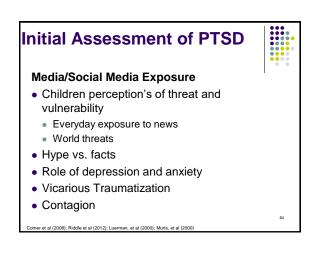


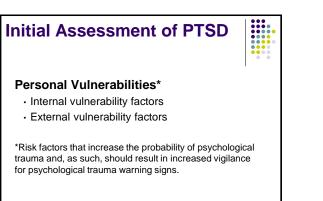


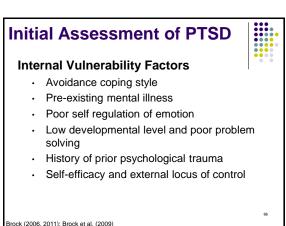




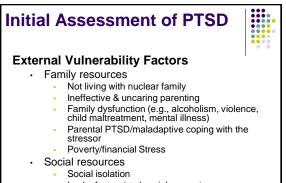








Brock (2006, 2011); Brock et al. (2009)



Lack of perceived social support

Brock (2006, 2011); Brock et al. (2009)

Initial Assessment of PTSD



Threat Perceptions*

- Subjective impressions can be more important that actual crisis exposure
- Adult reactions are important influences on student threat perceptions

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Initial Assessment of PTSD

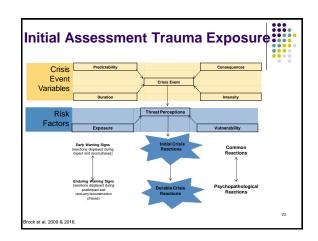
Crisis Reactions*

Severe acute stress reactions predict PTSD. Reactions suggesting the need for an immediate mental health referral

- Dissociation
- Hyperarousal
- Persistent re-experiencing of the crisis event
- Persistent avoidance of crisis reminders
- Significant depression
- Psychotic symptoms

*Warning signs that provide concrete indication of psychological trauma

Brock (2006, 2011); Brock et al. (2009)



Initial Assessment of PTSD

Multi-Method & Multi-Source

- "Traumatized youths do not generally seek professional assistance, and recruiting school personnel to refer trauma-exposed students to school counselors can also leave many of these students unidentified."
- "These findings suggest that a more comprehensive assessment of exposure parameters, associated distress, and impairment in functioning is needed to make informed treatment decisions, especially given the possibility of inaccuracies in child and adolescent reports of the degree of exposure and the great variability in responses to similar traumatic events observed among survivors."

Saltzman et al. (2001, p. 292)

Initial Assessment of PTSD Primary Evaluation of Psychological Trauma

• Takes place immediately after the crisis

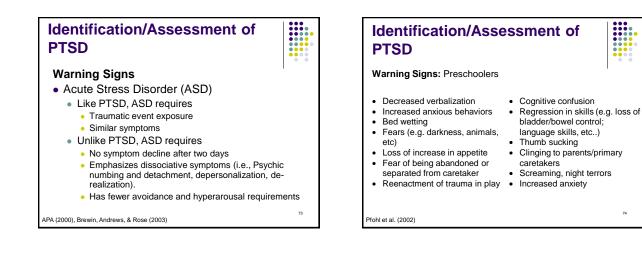
Secondary Evaluation of Psychological Trauma

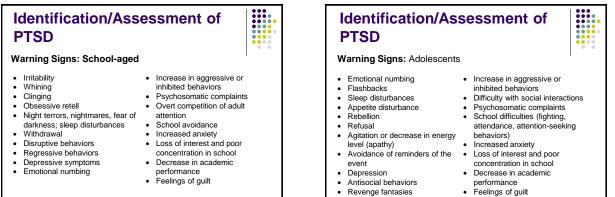
- Begins as soon as school crisis interventions begin to be provided.
- Assess risk factors and warning signs

Tertiary Evaluation of Psychological Trauma

 Screening for psychiatric disturbances (e.g., PTSD)

ock (2006,2011); Brock et al. (2009)





Pfohl et al. (2002)

Identification/Assessment of PTSD

Assessment and Evaluation

Screening

- Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children
- Trauma Symptom Checklist of Children
- Child PTSD Symptoms Scale
- Parent Report of Posttraumatic Symptoms
- Child/Adolescent Report of Posttraumatic Symptoms
- Children's Reactions to Traumatic Events Scale
- Children's PTSD Inventory
- Pediatric Emotional Distress Scale
- UCLA PTSD Reaction Index of DSM-IV
- http://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/topic-research/school-climate-measurement/school-climate-survey-compendium

rock (2006); Brock et al. (2009), Nickerson et al. (2009)

Identification/Assessment of PTSD Assessment and Evaluation Diagnosis Background Information www.csus.edu/indiv/b/brocks/Courses/EDS%20243/student materials.htm Interviews Students

Caregivers

Nickerson et al. (2009)

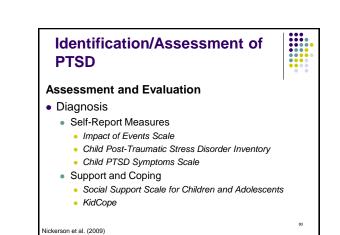
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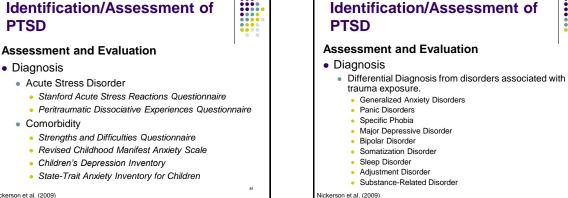
Identification/Assessment of PTSD

Assessment and Evaluation

- Diagnosis
 - Diagnostic Interviews
 - Diagnostic Interview of Children and Adolescents
 - Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia for School-age Children
 - Structured Clinical Interview of DSM IV
 - Clinician Administered PTSD Scales

Nickerson et al. (2009)





Nickerson et al. (2009)

Identification/Assessment of PTSD

Assessment and Evaluation

Diagnosis

· Differential Diagnosis from disorders not associated with trauma exposure (but with overlapping symptoms).

ADHD

- Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Borderline Personality Disorder

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Nickerson et al. (2009)
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- 504 Plan
- Psycho-Educational Evaluation
 - ED or OHI Eligibility (must document adverse effects)
 - Psychometric Assessment
 - Interviews
 - Observations

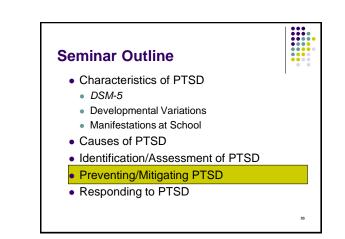
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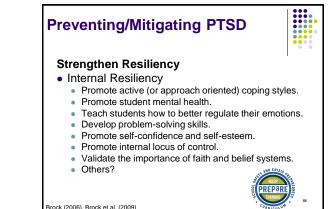
Assessment and Evaluation

- Psycho-Educational Evaluation (continued)
 - Broadband Behavior Rating Scales
 - Achenbach System of Empirically Based Assessment
 - Behavioral Assessment System for Children-2nd ed.
 - Narrowband Behavior Rating Scales
 - Multidimensional Anxiety Scale for Children
 - Screen for Child Anxiety Related Emotional Disorders
 - Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale
 - Anxiety Inventory for Children

Nickerson et al. (2009)





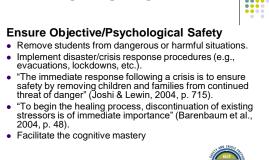


Preventing/Mitigating PTSD

Strengthen Resiliency

- Foster External Resiliency
 - Support families (i.e., provide parent education and appropriate social services).
 - Facilitate peer relationships.
 - Provide access to positive adult role models.
 - · Ensure connections with pro-social institutions.
 - Others?





Preventing/Mitigating PTSD

Brock (2006), Brock et al. (2009)



Preventing/Mitigating PTSD

Minimize Trauma Exposure

- Avoid Crisis Scenes, Images, and Reactions of Others
 - Direct ambulatory students away from the crisis site.
 - · Do not allow students to view medical triage.
 - Restrict and/or monitor television viewing.
 - Minimize exposure to the traumatic stress reactions seen among others (especially adults who are in care-giving roles)



Brock (2006), Brock et al. (2009), Dyregov & Yule (2006)

Preventing/Mitigating PTSD



Shape Traumatic Event Perceptions

- Reunite children with their primary caregivers.
- Monitor adult reactions
- Stimulate family communication and support

Brock (2006), Brock et al. (2009), Nickerson et al (2009)

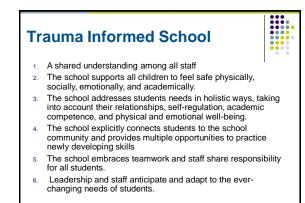


Mitigating: Creating Trauma Informed Schools

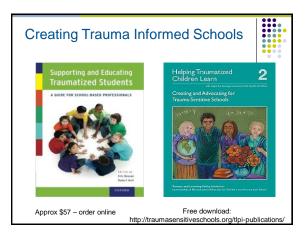


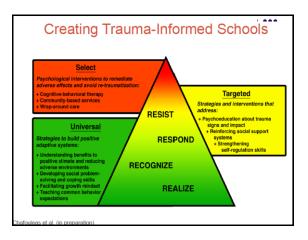
- 1. A shared understanding among all staff
- 2. The school supports all children to feel safe physically, socially, emotionally, and academically.
- The school addresses students needs in holistic ways, taking into account their relationships, self-regulation, academic competence, and physical and emotional well-being.
- The school explicitly connects students to the school community and provides multiple opportunities to practice newly developing skills
- 5. The school embraces teamwork and staff share responsibility for all students.
- Leadership and staff anticipate and adapt to the everchanging needs of students.

raumasensitiveschools.org/trauma-and-learning/the-problem-impact/



http://traumasensitiveschools.org/trauma-and-learning/the-problem-impact/





Creating Capacity for Trauma-Informed School Schools

Technical support for school/district administrators.

- Need to build organizational competencies and supporting infrastructure, including ability to engage in data-based decision making for the systemwide adoption and monitoring of trauma-informed approaches.
- Pre-service training for mental health service providers.
- Greatest challenge to trauma-informed service delivery models is the lack of professionals who have the expertise to provide trauma-specific treatment services to children exposed to trauma (U.S. Attorney General, 2013).
- The development and adoption of trauma competencies alongside the larger competency movement in psychology holds great potential to advance our ability to identify and systematically assess core competency benchmarks in trauma-focused practice (Cook & Newman, 2014).

Chafouleas et al. (in preparation)

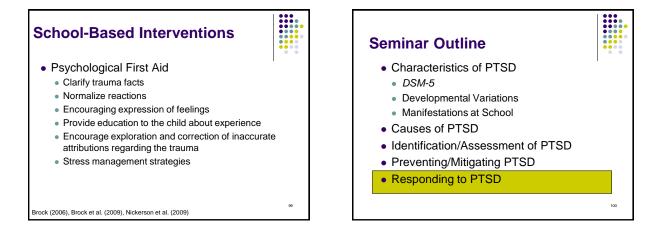
Screenings

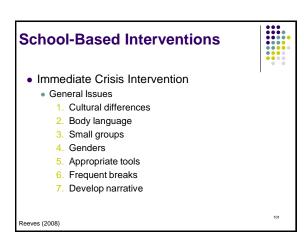
- Teachers
 - ARTIC Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care
 - https://traumastressinstitute.org
 - Assesses extent to which staff attitudes are consistent with trauma-informed approaches
 - Used as initial indicator of staff readiness for system shift to trauma-informed approaches
 - Can be used to progress monitor changes in staff attitudes in response to professional development

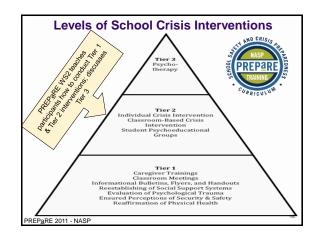
Students

· Evaluate degree of exposure and identify need for services

Baker, Brown, Wilcox, Overstreet, & Arora, 2016







School-Based Interventions



- Maintain academic and behavioral standards
- Discourage avoidance
- Encourage sharing
- Help students cope with triggers
- Empower
- Increase sense of worth (unconditional positive regard)
- · Improve sense of control and autonomy
- Effective discipline practices

Nickerson et al. (2009)

School-Based Interventions Specific Recommendations Build, maintain, and educate the school-based team. Prioritize IEP goals Provide a predictable, positive, and flexible classroom environment Be aware of and manage medication side effects Develop social skills Be prepared for episodes of intense emotion Consider alternatives to regular classroom

Lofthouse & Fristad (2006, pp. 220-221)

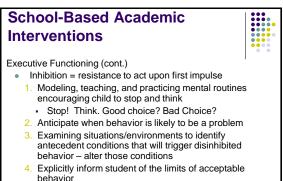
School-Based Academic School-Based Academic Interventions Interventions Academic Interventions 1. Use a constructivist approach Promote Initiation/Focus 2. Include discovery of competence 1. Increase structure 3. Hunter's Lesson Plan Model 2. Consistent and predictable daily routines 3. Short breaks and activities 4. Cooperative learning 4. External prompting (cues, oral directions) 5. Allow time for self-engagement instead of expecting immediate compliance Reeves (2008)

School-Based Academic Interventions

Executive Functioning (cont.)

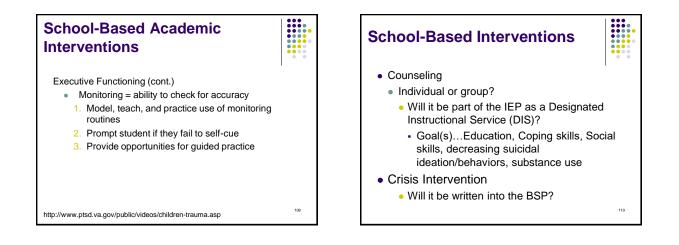
- Holding = maintain information in working memory until can process and act upon
 - 1. Shorten multi-step directions
 - 2. Post the directions on board/in classroom
 - 3. Provide visual aides
 - 4. Use visualization or "seeing" the information as a teaching strategy
 - 5. Allow them to take pictures of the board to facilitate delayed recall

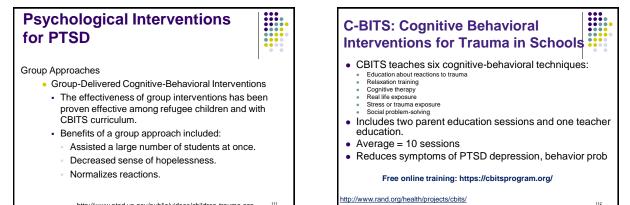
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5. Provide set routines with written guidelines

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Ehntholt et al. (2005) http://www.ptsd.va.gov/public/videos/children-trauma.asp 111



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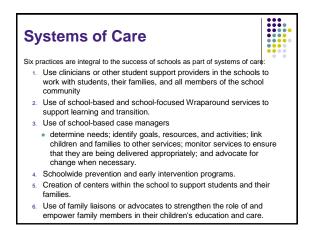
(Jaycox, et al 2010)

http://www.socio.com/srch/summary/cedeta/ced04.htm

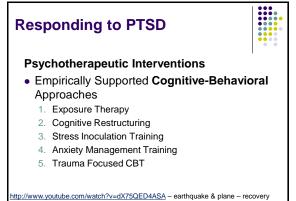












http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX75QED4ASA - earthquake & plane - recov Carr (2004), Dyregrov & Yule (2006), Feeny et al. (2004), Nickerson et al. (2009), NIMH (2007)



Art Therapy

Responding to PTSD



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Psychotherapeutic Interventions

Group Approaches

- Group-Delivered Cognitive-Behavioral Interventions
 - The effectiveness of group interventions has been proven effective among refugee children.
 - Benefits of a group approach included:
 - Assisted a large number of students at once.
 - Decreased sense of hopelessness.
 - Normalizes reactions.

Ehntholt et al. (2005)

Responding to PTSD

Psychotherapeutic Interventions

- Medication
 - Limited research
 - Imipramine
 - "Without more and better studies documenting good effects and absence of serious side-effects, we urge clinicians to exercise extreme caution in using psycho-pharmacological agents for children, especially as CBT-methods are available to reduce posttraumatic symptoms and PTSD" Dyregrov & Yule (2006, p. 181)

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Online Resources National Association of School Psychologists https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis Coalition to Support Grieving Students https://grievingstudents.org/ National Center for Traumatic Stress Network http://www.nctsn.org/ Sesame Street – Toolkits Grief, Resilience, Military, Emergency Prep, After an Emergency, etc.

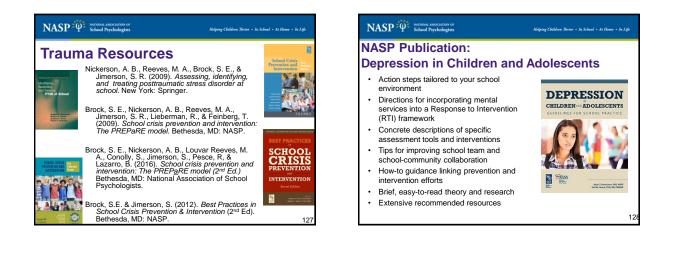
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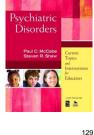
NASP Online: Trauma Resources

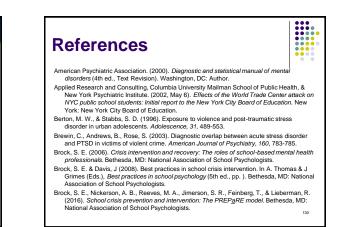
- · Podcasts:
 - Trauma 101: Preparing Your School for Trauma-Informed Service Delivery
 - NASP Dialogues: Helping Schools Support Grieving Students
 - Supporting and Educating Traumatized Children
 - After a Suicide: Guidelines for Schools
 - School Psychology Review: Highlights CBITS in Schools
- Online Learning Center:
 - Suicide Risk Assessment



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- Neuropsychiatric conditions that commonly affect children, including Tourette syndrome, bipolar/mood disorders, and anxiety disorders
- Psychopharmacology and side effects
 Dietary control and supplemental treatments
- Featuring case studies, strategies for educators, discussion questions, glossaries, and handouts,





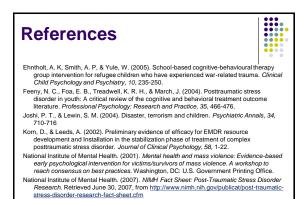
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