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Trauma-Informed Assessment and Intervention

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TASP SHORT SESSION DESCRIPTION:
In a recent pilot survey, 82% of school psychologists reported having worked with students who experienced potentially traumatic event(s) in the past year. Unfortunately, many current models of acute crisis management and prevention do not adequately address the needs of students with complex trauma histories. School psychologists can play a vital role in addressing students' traumatic stress and helping other educators understand how it impacts development, learning, and behavior. You will learn how traumatic stress impacts children's cognitive, academic, social, emotional, and behavioral functioning; review evidence-based interventions; and use a research-based framework to understand and recommend appropriate interventions for children affected by complex trauma.

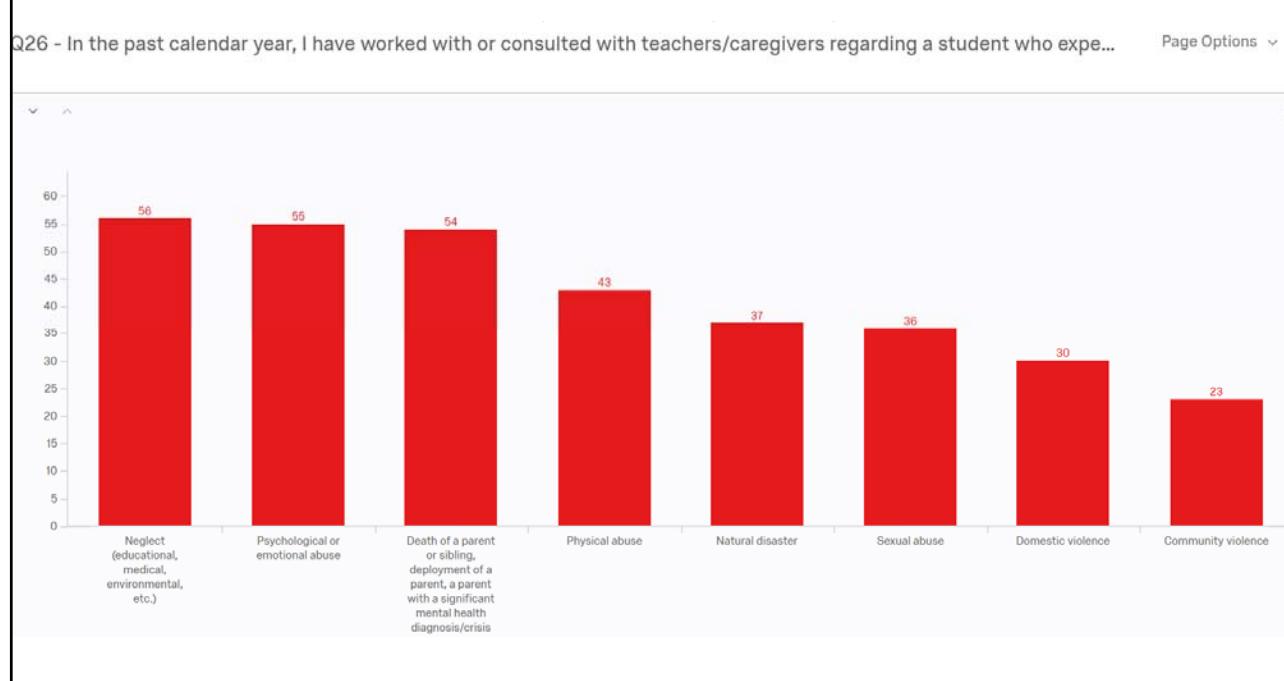
Grade Levels: PreK-12
Audience: Beginner to Advanced
NASP Practice Domains: 2, 4

Road map

- How this training came about
- Background
 - Trauma concepts and definitions
- Impact
- Changing the narrative
 - Available interventions
- The ARC model
 - Conceptualization and assessment
 - Interventions and strategies



How this training came about...



I would rate my education and training in trauma-related service delivery (e.g, direct assessment and intervention) as...



■ None (I have little or no information about this topic) ■ Minimal (I have some exposure)

■ Adequate ■ Expert level (I consider this a mastery/specialty area of mine)

n = 105 total responses to this question

Q32 - I believe that school psychologists should be involved in the following activities related to trauma-informed care:



What would you need to provide trauma-informed care in your school setting?

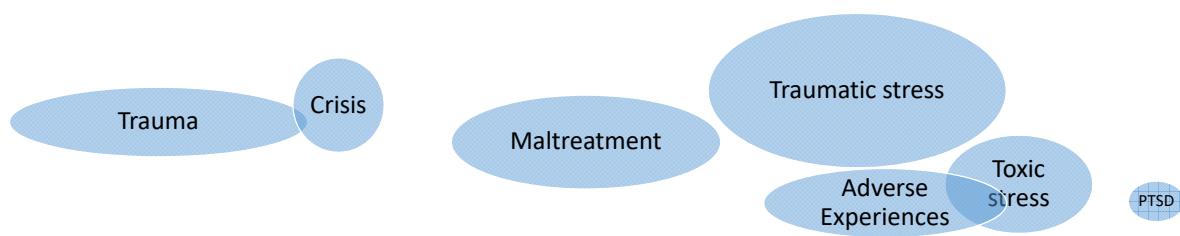
What would you need to provide trauma-informed care in your school setting?

evidence-based
information
resources administrative
educating role funding
teachers
coursework education **time**
techniques training **support**
formal
training
experienced buy-in
allow training Specific providers
responsibilities help counseling
practical families strategies
learn **staff** personnel
Quality **administrators**
interventions
understanding

Background: Trauma Concepts and Definitions



No consensus on definition/terms



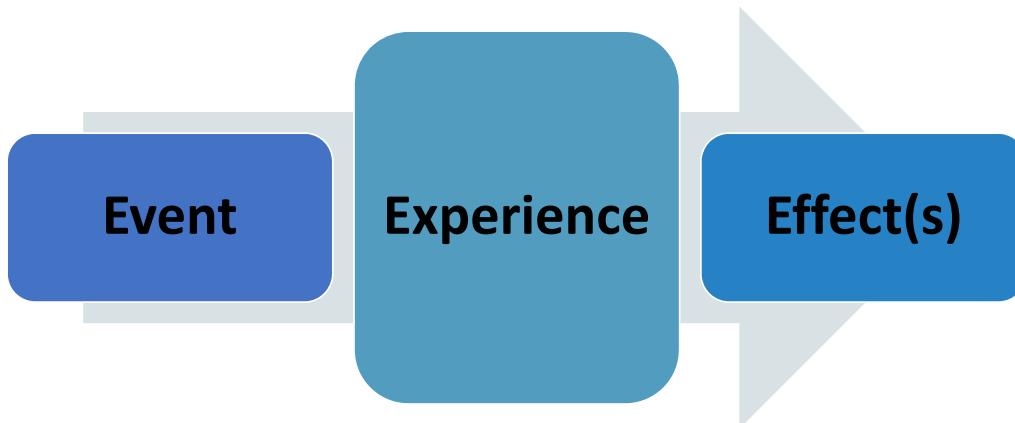
Defining “TRAUMA”: SAMHSA

3 parts:

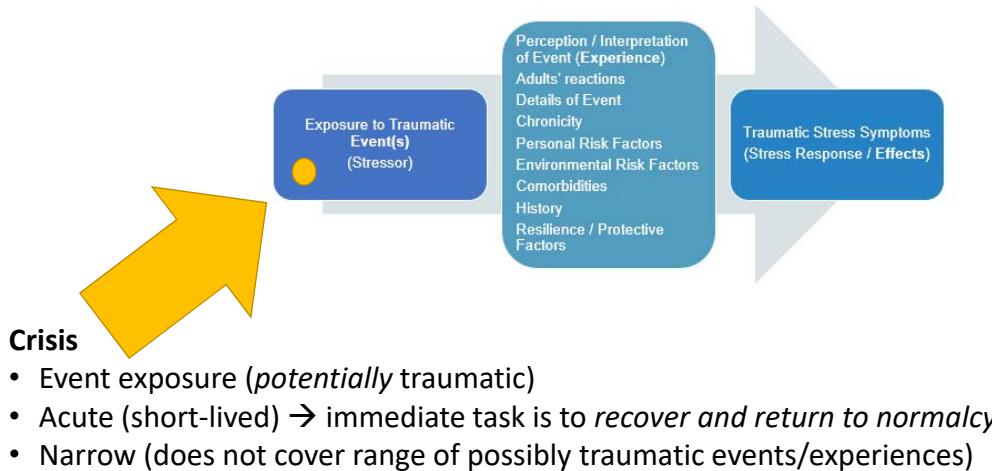
Individual trauma results from an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. SAMHSA's Concept of Trauma and Guidance for a Trauma-Informed Approach. HHS Publication No. (SMA) 14-4884. Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2014. Retrieved from <http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content/SMA14-4884/SMA14-4884.pdf>

Trauma Reactions – SAMHSA’s 3 “E”s



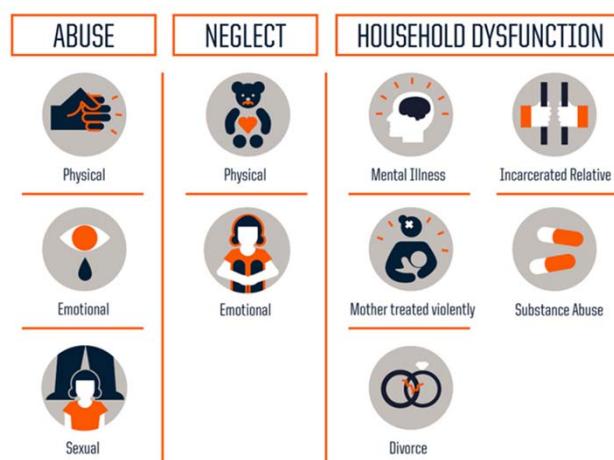
Note: Crisis vs. trauma



Event: ACEs

- Adverse
- Childhood
- Experiences

Three Types of ACEs

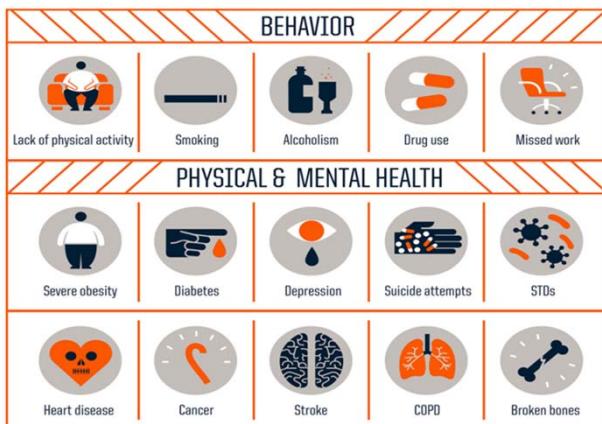


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Credit: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Infographics on this and following ACEs slides are from: <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2015/03/02/387007941/take-the-ace-quiz-and-learn-what-it-does-and-doesnt-mean> - original ACEs study info here: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/about.html>

ACEs increase health risks

According to the Adverse Childhood Experiences study, the rougher your childhood, the higher your score is likely to be and the higher your risk for various health problems later.

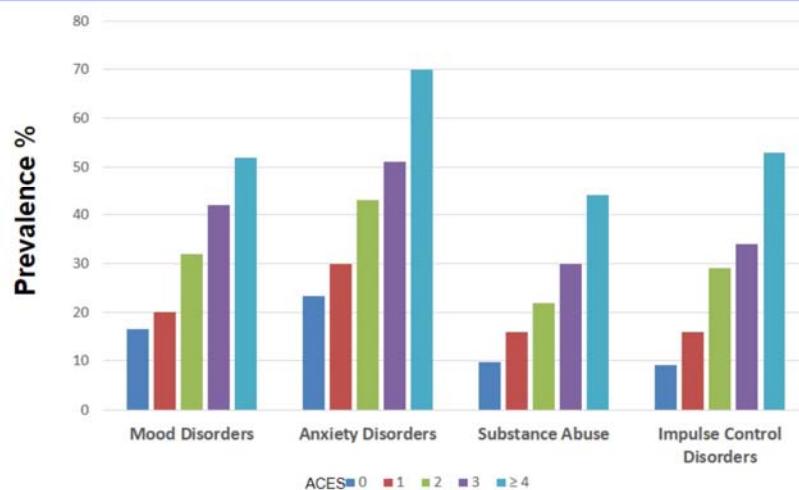


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More info on the ACEs study: <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/acestudy/about.html>

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/childhood-adverse-event-life-expectancy-abuse-mortality/>

Cumulative ACES & Mental Health^{1,2}

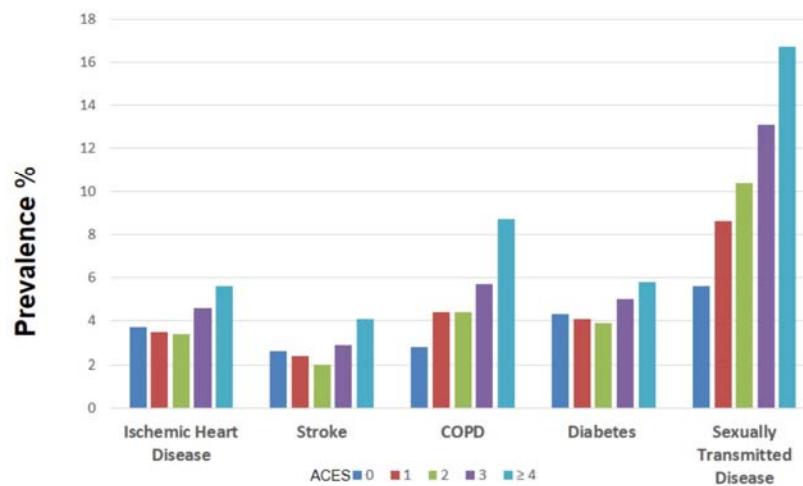


¹Data from the National Comorbidity Survey-Replication Sample (NCS-R).

²Putnam, Harris, Putnam, J Traumatic Stress, 26:435-442, 2013.

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Cumulative ACES & Chronic Disease¹



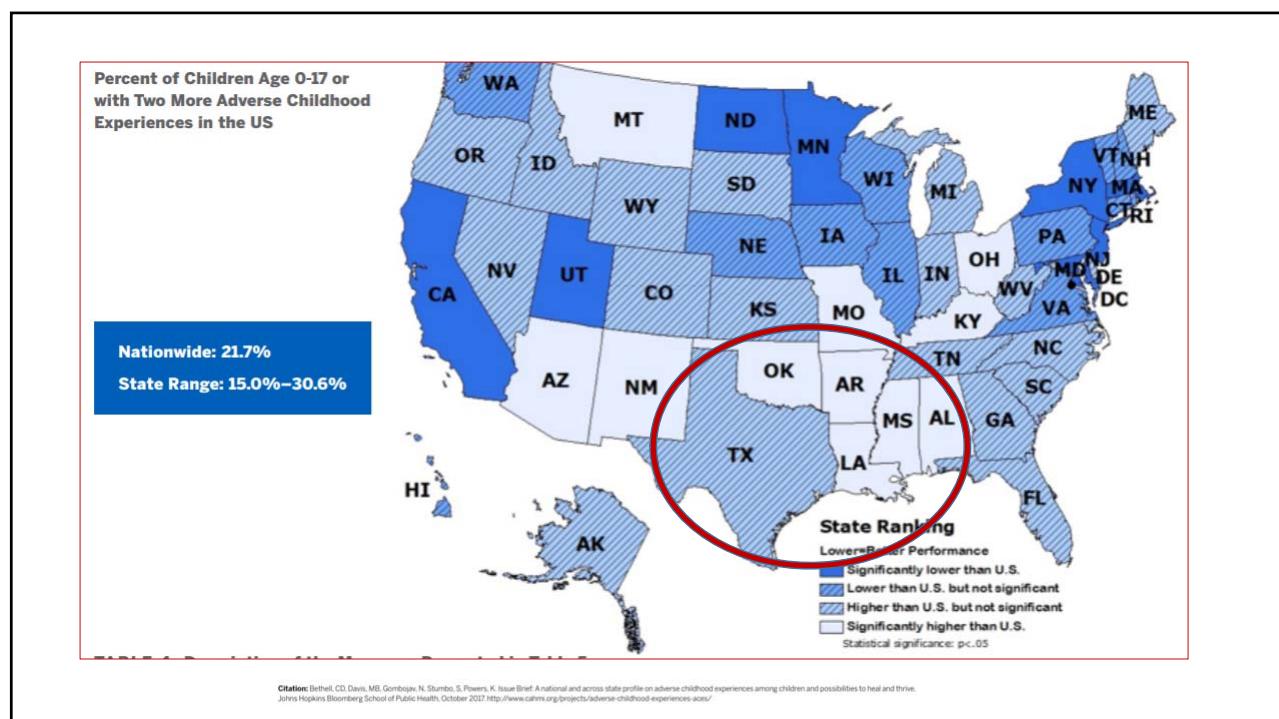
¹Felitti et al., (1998) American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 14:245-258.

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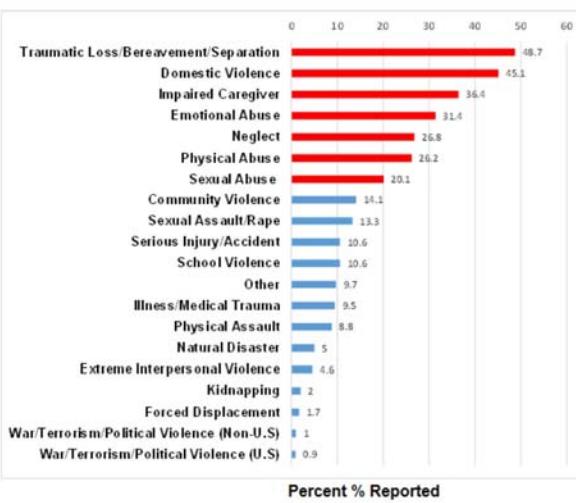
Early death:

- 6+ ACES – 20 years earlier than 0
- 3-5 ACES – about 6 years earlier
- 2 ACES – about 3 years earlier



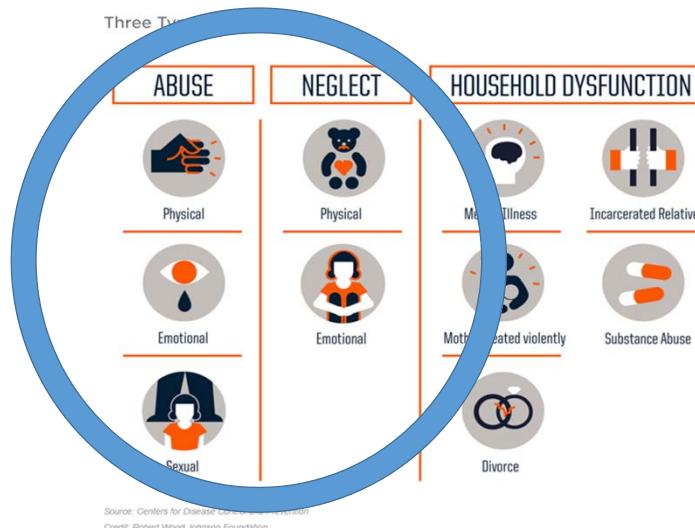
The ACES are Among Many Childhood Traumas and Adversities Measured by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network N=10,991¹

- The original ACES (in red) are among the most commonly reported traumas in studies that look at additional traumas.
- Over 40% of the children and adolescents served by the NCTSN experienced 4 or more different types of trauma and adversity.



¹Pynoos et. al (2014). Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy. 6:S9-S13.

Our focus: Child Maltreatment



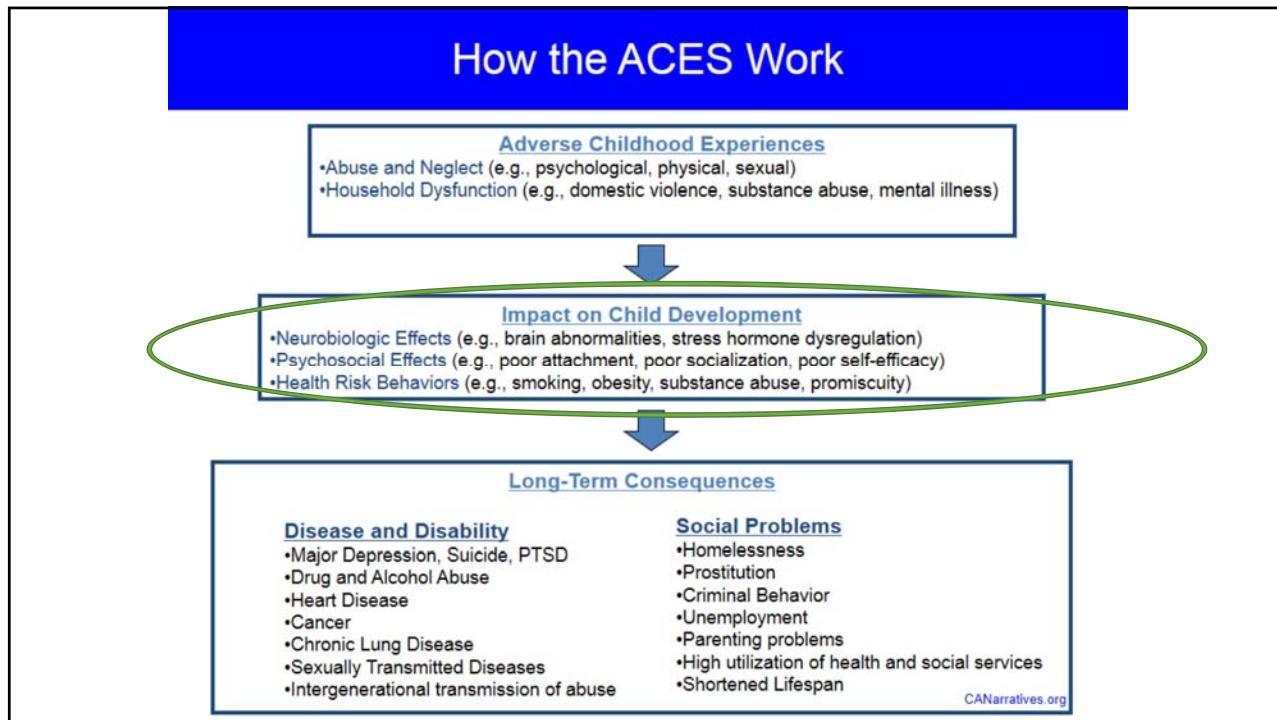
Child Maltreatment

- One of the most impactful:
 - **20 percent to 63** percent in survivors of child maltreatment develop full-blown **PTSD**
 - as many as **80%** of young adults who had been abused met DSM criteria for **at least one psychiatric disorder** at age 21 (depression, anxiety, eating disorders, suicide attempts, etc.)
- Associated with a developmental **cascade** of effects
 - Disrupted **relationships**
 - Disrupted **development**



Gabbay, V., Oatis, M.D., Silva, R.R. & Hirsch, G. (2004). Epidemiological aspects of PTSD in children and adolescents. In Raul R. Silva (Ed.), Posttraumatic stress disorder in children and adolescents: Handbook. (1-17). New York: Norton.
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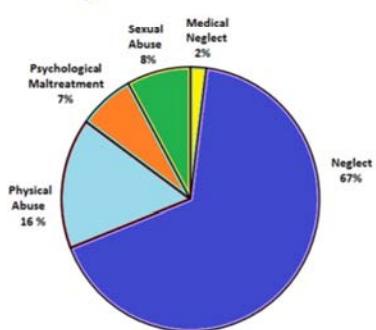
How the ACES Work



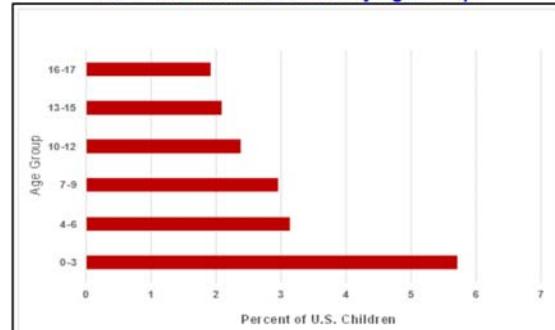
Rates of Maltreatment by Age¹

- Most maltreatment happens to younger children.
- Maltreatment has greater negative effects at younger ages.

Types of Child Maltreatment



Rates of Child Maltreatment by Age Group



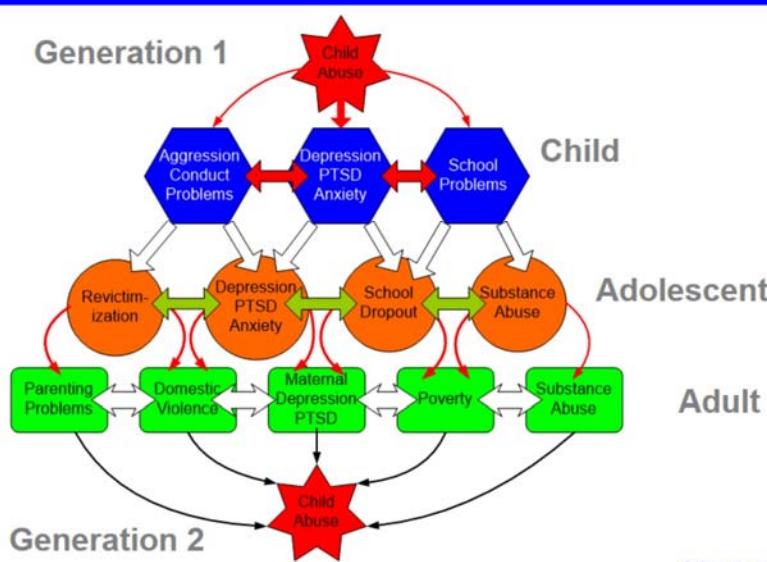
¹Child Maltreatment 2012. Washington, DC: US Department of Health and Human Services; 2014.

Prevalence

- **1 in 4** children suffer abuse or neglect (lifetime).
 - 1 in 7 in the past year
- CPS estimate: 702,000 **confirmed** child victims of abuse and neglect in 2014.

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childmaltreatment/consequences.html>
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2016). Child maltreatment 2014 [online] Available from: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm2014.pdf>

How ACES Cross Generations



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“Complex trauma”

- Event exposure and Experience
 - Early (“developing” years, esp. first 3-5 years)
 - Chronic (vs. acute, single-incident trauma)
 - Caregiving system
- Effects: Developmental cascade
 - Attachment/ relationships (trust; internal working models)
 - Ability to self-regulate (poor models, co-regulation; biological systems)
 - Pervasive across domains of competency



AKA developmental trauma, complex dev. trauma, interpersonal trauma, chronic maltreatment, etc.

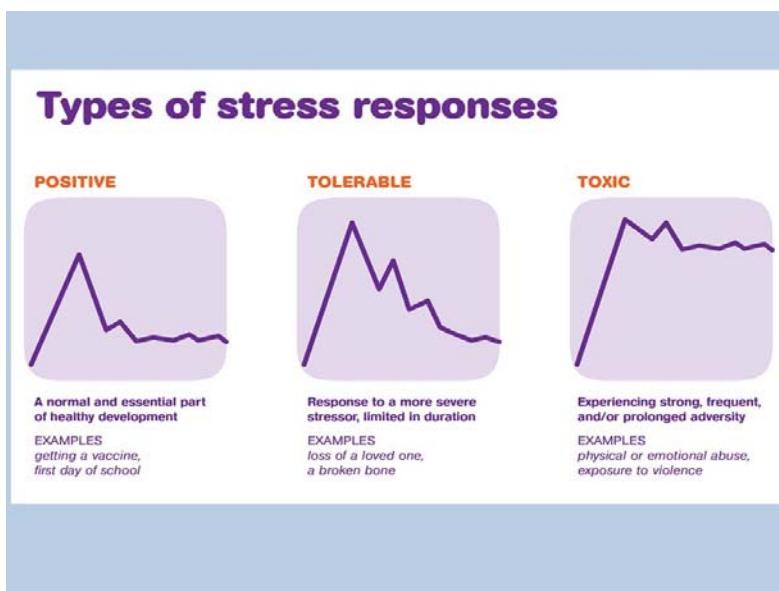
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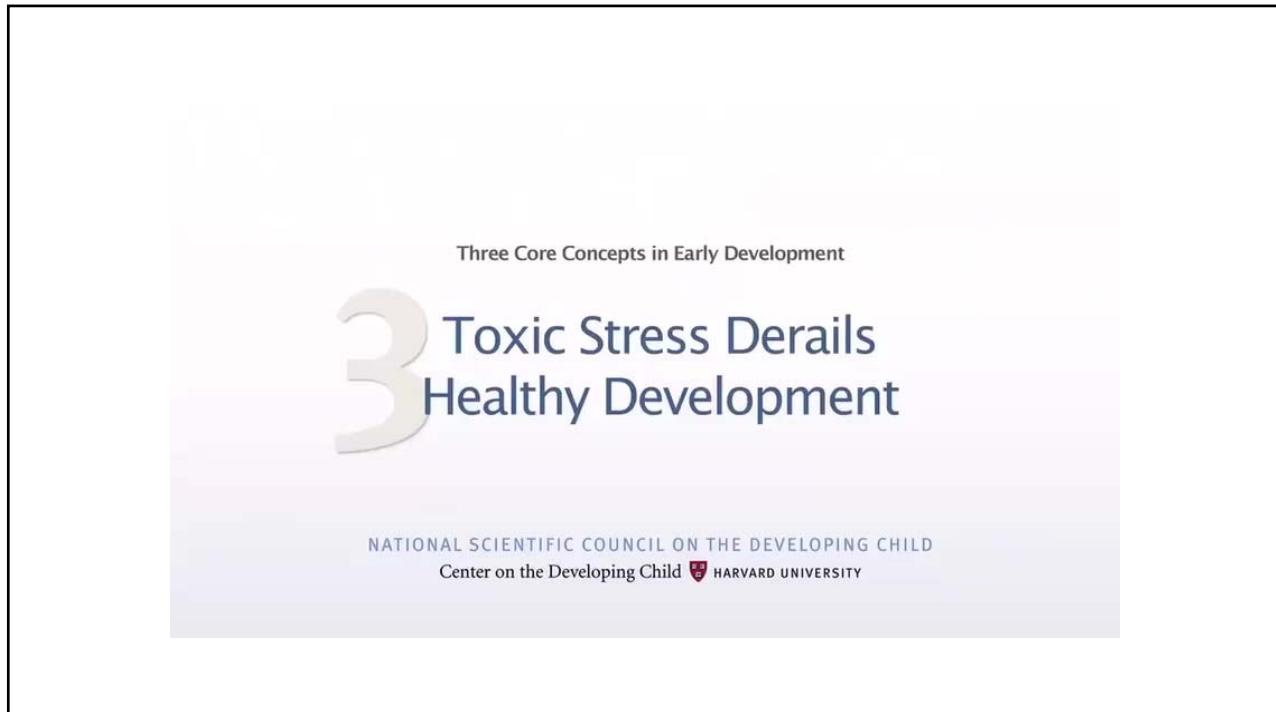


Traumatic stress impacts learning, development, and behavior.



How? Dysregulation in the Stress Response





How?

Stuck “on” or “off”

Stress

Physical, psychological or environmental

The hypothalamus responds to levels of cortisol (reduces CRH if cortisol is high and increases CRH if cortisol is low)

Hypothalamus

Pituitary Gland

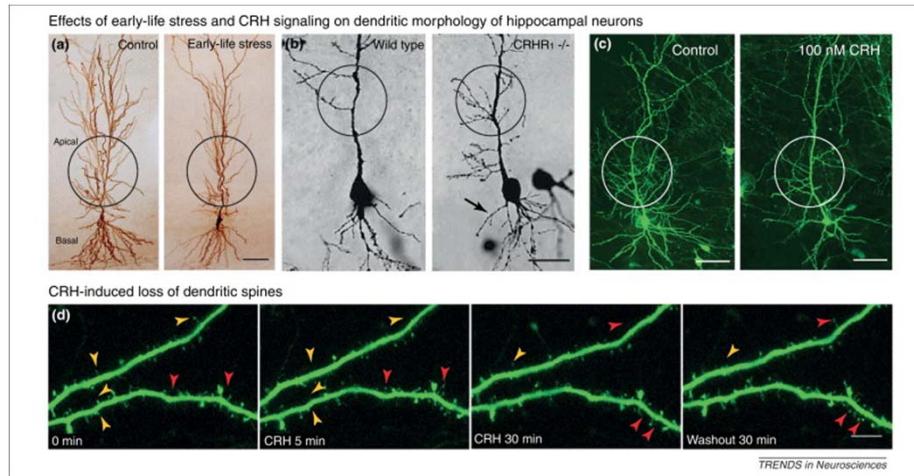
Adrenal Glands (located above kidneys)

Cortisol

Stress & the HPA axis

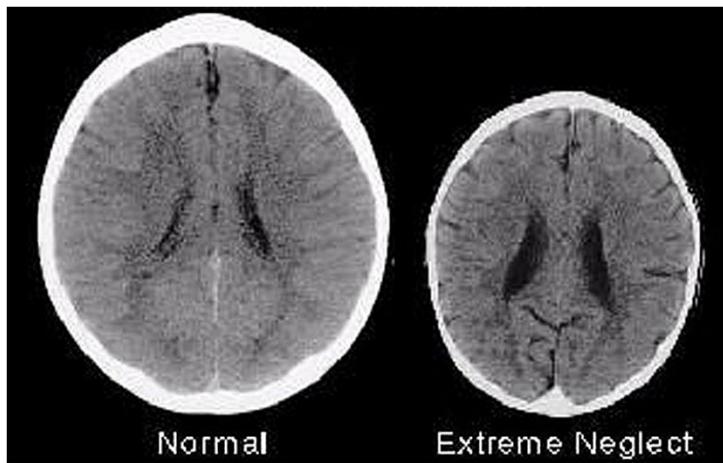
Source: <http://www.total-body-psychology.com.au/stress-response--hpa-axis.html>

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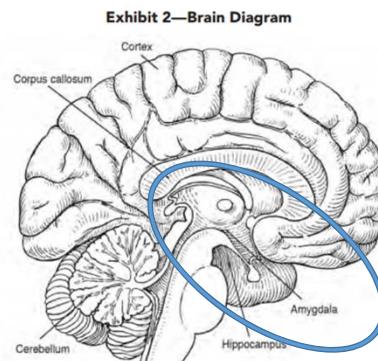
Maras, P. M., & Baram, T. Z. (2012). Sculpting the hippocampus from within: stress, spines, and CRH. *Trends in neurosciences*, 35(5), 315-324.

How?



1. Experience grows the brain...
 - Lack of experience → **lack of growth**
2. AND... Traumatic stress **destroys** it.

MALTREATMENT IS ASSOCIATED WITH...



Credit: Tapert, S. F., Caldwell, L., & Burke, C. (2004/2005).
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Abnormal levels of cortisol and adrenaline

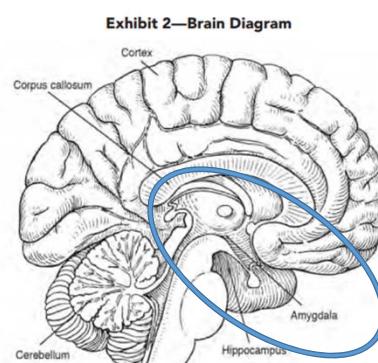
- Emotional/behavioral reactivity, arousal, **stress regulation**

Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2015). Understanding the effects of maltreatment on brain development. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau. Retrieved from https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/brain_development.pdf

MALTREATMENT IS ASSOCIATED WITH...

Overactive/larger amygdala

- Novelty processing (reactivity to new things/changes), threat assessment, memory and recognition for emotional events, stress regulation



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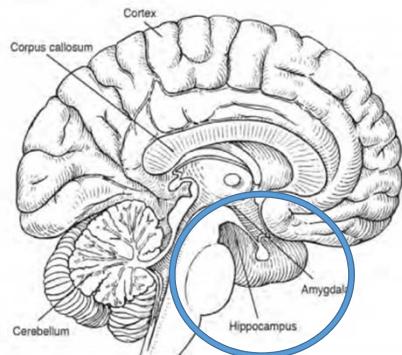
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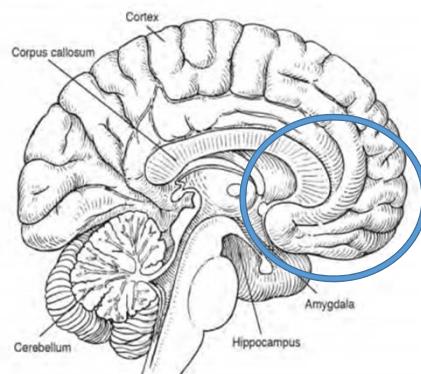
Decreased Hippocampal Volume

- Learning and memory
- “Wikipedia of the brain”

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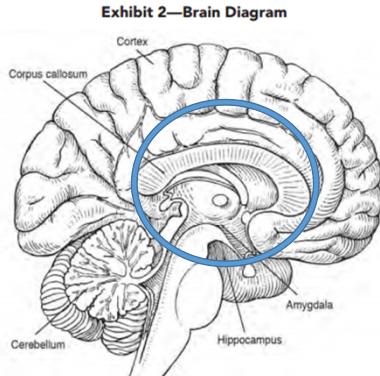
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Decreased Prefrontal Cortex (PFC)

- Executive functioning, attention, decision-making, abstract thought, language, behavior/emotion regulation, etc

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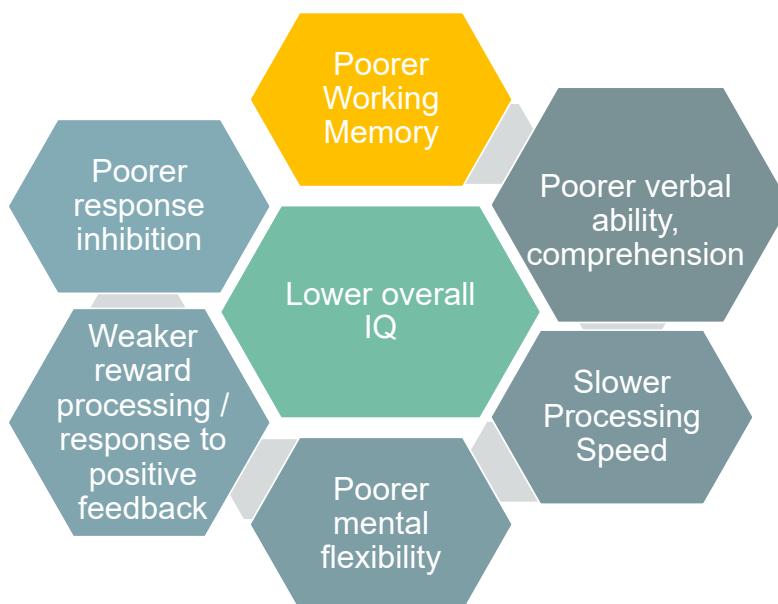
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Decreased...

- connections
- overall electrical activity
- overall brain volume
- speed and efficiency of communication across brain areas

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Cognitive Endophenotypes (scores)



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Meta-analysis of school-related outcomes

(506 studies; 1990-2015)



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Academic

- Engagement
- State standardized tests
- Reading, math scores
- Grades
- Retained
- Absences
- Sped*



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Common moderators: alcohol exposure, PTS symptom severity and type (dissociation and arousal)

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Changing the Narrative: Available interventions





Science...shows that providing stable, responsive environments for children in the earliest years of life **can prevent or reverse these conditions**, with lifelong consequences for learning, behavior, and health.

Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University

Changing the narrative

How terrible! It's so sad. It's a shame.
Changes channel



This is awful. I wonder why no one is working to solve this!
SMH at educators, parents, and the government

This is a big problem, but there are solutions out there.
Gets off couch and does some Googling

Spoiler alert: The tools to do this are already out there!



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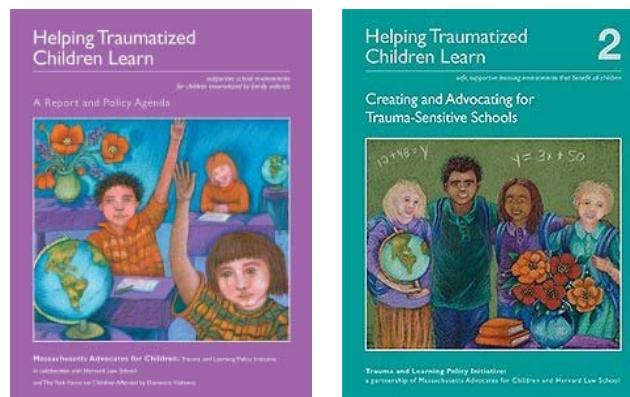
TABLE 1 Examples of multtiered service delivery options to address trauma in schools

Tier	Assessment	Intervention	Practitioner Support
Three	University of California at Los Angeles PTSD Reaction Index (Steinberg et al., 2004) The Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 Child/Adolescent Version (Pymoos et al., 2015) Child PTSD Symptom Scale (CPSS) (Foa et al., 2001) Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Manual (Kisiel et al., 2010)	Trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy (Cohen et al., 2006, 2012a)	Professional quality of life (Stamm, 2010) Employee assistance programs Referrals to outside clinicians
Two	Behavioral rating scale for children (Reynolds & Kamphaus, 2015) Achenbach System of Empirically Based Assessment (Achenbach & Rescorla, 2001) Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (Briere, 1996)	Cognitive behavioral intervention for trauma in schools (Stein et al., 2003) Bounce Back (Langley et al., 2015) Support for Students Exposed to Trauma (Jaycox et al., 2009b) DBT skills groups (Mazza et al., 2016)	Consultations from SMH clinicians NCTSN online professional development (https://learn.nctsn.org)
One	Systematic Screening for Behavior Disorders (Walker & Severson, 1992) Behavioral and emotional screening system (Reynolds & Kamphaus, 2015) Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (Goodman, 1997) Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (Kilgus et al., 2016) Child Trauma Screening Questionnaire (Renardy et al., 2006) Child Trauma Screen (Lang & Connell, 2017)	Social emotional learning curriculums (Durlak et al., 2011) School-wide positive behavior interventions & supports (Sugai & Horner, 2009) <i>Helping traumatized children learn</i> (Cole et al., 2009, 2013) Psychological First Aid in Schools (Brymer et al., 2012)	Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care (Baker et al., 2016) Child Trauma Toolkit for Educators (NCTSN, 2008) Secondary Traumatic Stress: A Fact Sheet for Child-Serving Professionals (NCTSN, 2011) Childhood Adversity Narratives (https://wwwcanarratives.org) (Putnam et al., 2015)

Note. This table contains examples of services to address student trauma across various components of multtiered systems of support (MTSS) in schools and is not intended to represent a comprehensive review of all available options. Inclusion in the table is not an empirical judgment on the quality of the evidence-base nor a blanket practice recommendation. See results section for a more thorough discussion of the example and its fit into MTSS logic.

Reinbergs, E. J., & Fefer, S. A. (2018). Addressing trauma in schools: Multtiered service delivery options for practitioners. *Psychology in the Schools*, 55(3), 250-263.

Tier I: Trauma Sensitive Schools



- 6 attributes: <https://traumasensitiveschools.org/trauma-and-learning/the-solution-trauma-sensitive-schools/>
- 6 elements – operations: <https://traumasensitiveschools.org/trauma-and-learning/the-flexible-framework/>

Tier I: <https://traumaawareschools.org/>

Trauma Responsive Schools

Meeting the needs of trauma-exposed students is best accomplished by a holistic, school-wide approach. The TRS-IA is a quality improvement tool designed to support schools and districts working to enhance their trauma responsive programming.

> Learn More
> Trauma Resources

 Trauma Responsive School Implementation Assessment

Education Professionals

Educators are often the first line of defense for students coping with traumatic events. Access information to better support students, including SSET, an evidence-based intervention for school staff to help students exposed to traumatic events.

> Learn More
> Education Resources

 Support for Students Exposed to Trauma

Mental Health Professionals

Mental health professionals are essential to supporting students exposed to traumatic stress. Access information to help clinicians better support traumatized students, including CBITS, an evidence-based intervention for traumatized students.

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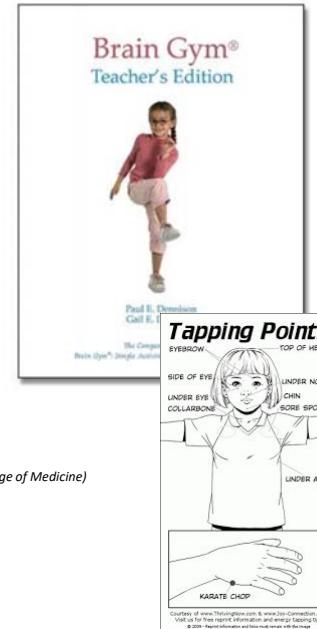
Represents a theory-based, trauma-informed, evidence-supported, whole culture approach that has a clear and structured methodology for creating or changing an organizational culture.

Caveat



“Not all things that sound good are effective.”

—Christopher Greeley, MD, MS, FAAP (TCH & Baylor College of Medicine)



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Coercive Restraint Therapies: A Dangerous Alternative Mental Health Intervention

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Abstract and Introduction

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Abstract

Physicians caring for adopted or foster children should be aware of the use of coercive restraint therapy (CRT) practices by parents and mental health practitioners. CRT is defined as a mental health intervention involving physical restraint and is used in adoptive or foster families with the intention of increasing emotional attachment to parents. Coercive restraint therapy parenting (CRTP) is a set of child care practices adjutant to CRT. CRT and CRTP have been associated with child deaths and poor growth. Examination of the CRT literature shows a conflict with accepted practice, an unusual theoretic basis, and an absence of empirical support. Nevertheless, CRT appears to be increasing in popularity. This article discusses possible reasons for the increase, and offers suggestions for professional responses to the CRT problem.

Tier II: Evidence Based Intervention Programs



Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools



Bounce Back
An Elementary School Intervention
for Childhood Trauma



Evidence Ratings

- ✓ Trauma- and Stress-Related Disorders and Symptoms
- ✓ Anxiety Disorders and Symptoms
- ✓ Social Competence
- ✓ Non-Specific Mental Health Disorders and Symptoms
- ✓ Self-Concept
- ✓ Depression and Depressive Symptoms
- ✓ Educational Achievement
- ✓ Self-Regulation

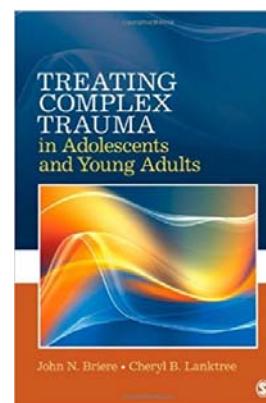
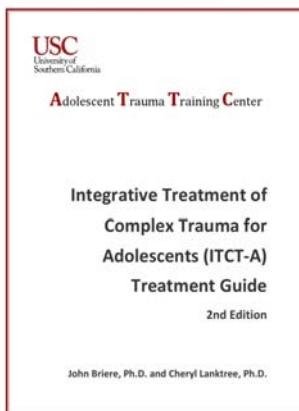
Evidence Ratings

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- ✓ Non-Specific Mental Health Disorders and Symptoms



<https://nrepp.samhsa.gov/ProgramProfile.aspx?id=205> and SSET <https://nrepp.samhsa.gov/ProgramProfile.aspx?id=170>

Evidence Based Intervention Programs



- Download (free) Manual here: <http://keck.usc.edu/adolescent-trauma-training-center/wp-content/uploads/sites/169/2016/06/ITCT-A-TreatmentGuide-2ndEdition-rev20131106.pdf>
- http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/ITCT_general.pdf - An NCTSN Empirically Supported Treatment/Promising Practice

Tier III: Evidence Based Intervention Programs

The screenshot shows the homepage of the TF-CBT Web 3.0 website. At the top left is the MUSC logo. A navigation bar includes links for HOME, INTRODUCTION, RESOURCES, CONTACT US, REGISTER, and LOGIN. Below the navigation is a photo of a young girl. To her right is the title "TF-CBT Web 3.0 | A course for Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy". Below the title are two columns of course modules:

Foundations of TF-CBT	Trauma Narration and Processing I
Psychoeducation	Trauma Narration and Processing II
Parenting Skills	In Vivo Mastery
Relaxation	Conjoint Parent-Child Sessions
Affect Identification & Regulation	Enhancing Safety & Future Development
Cognitive Coping	

To the right of the modules is a vertical list of checked boxes representing treatment outcomes:

- Depression and Depressive Symptoms
- General Functioning and Well-Being
- Non-Specific Mental Health Disorders and Symptoms
- Social Competence
- Trauma- and Stress-Related Disorders and Symptoms
- Anxiety Disorders and Symptoms
- Cognitive Functioning
- Disruptive Behavior Disorders and Symptoms

Logos for Allegheny Health Network, Rowan Medicine CARES INSTITUTE, and NCTSN are at the bottom.

Evidence Based Intervention Programs



Scientific Rating:
1
Well-Supported by Research Evidence
See scale of 1-5



Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT)
<http://www.tcit.org/research/>

Disruptive Behavior Disorders and Symptoms
 School Climate

(Selected) NCTSN Core Intervention Components

- *Motivational interviewing (to engage clients)*
- **Psychoeducation** about trauma reminders and loss reminders (to strengthen coping skills), and about posttraumatic stress reactions and grief reactions (to strengthen coping skills)
- Teaching **emotional regulation** skills (to strengthen coping skills)
- Maintaining adaptive **routines** (to promote positive adjustment at home and at school)
- Parenting skills and **behavior management** (to improve parent-child relationships and to improve child behavior)
- Teaching **safety** skills (to promote safety)
- **Advocacy** on behalf of the client (to improve client support and functioning at school, in the juvenile justice system, and so forth)

Source: NCTSN <http://nctsn.org/training-guidelines>

But, but, but...

- What if I don't have the time/\$/support/role to implement manualized intervention protocols in my school?
- What if my school isn't "trauma-informed" yet?
- How can I do this in a way that is...
 - Flexible...
- But still evidence-informed (i.e., effective and not harmful)?

Break ☺

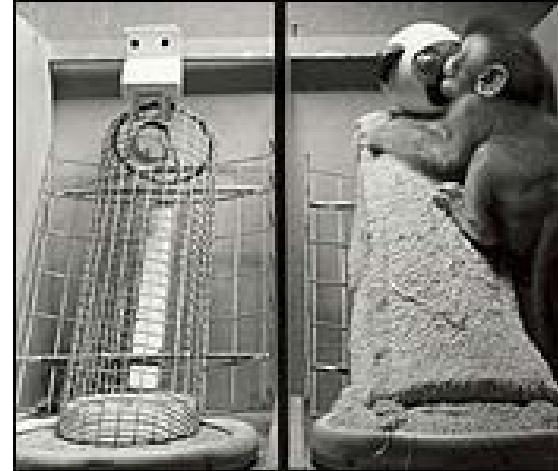


The ARC Model



ARC Theoretical/empirical basis

- Attachment theory
- Empirical literature:
 - child development
 - traumatic stress impact
 - factors promoting resilience

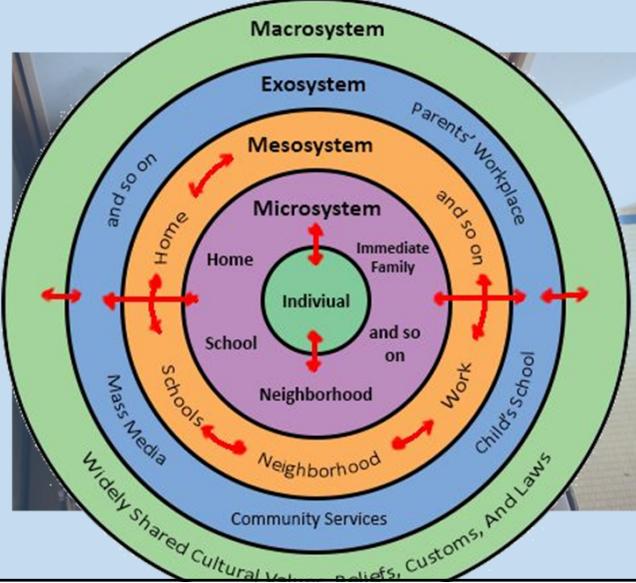


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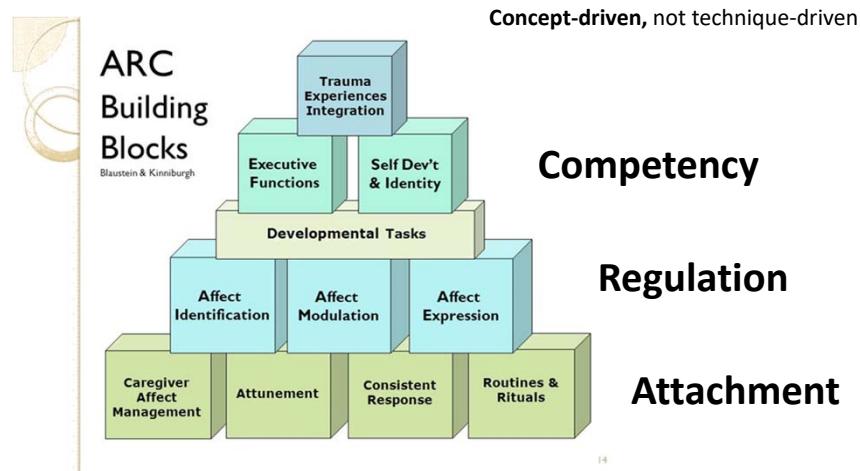
Building a nest around the child



Building a nest around the child



Attachment, Regulation, & Competency (ARC) Model

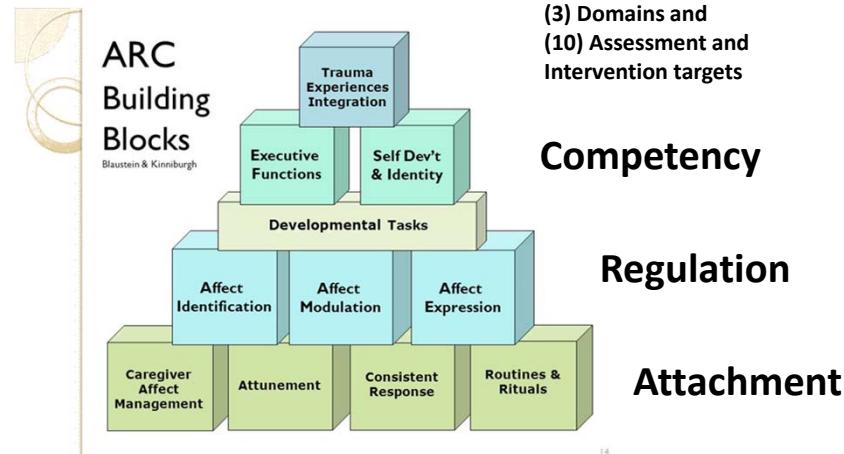


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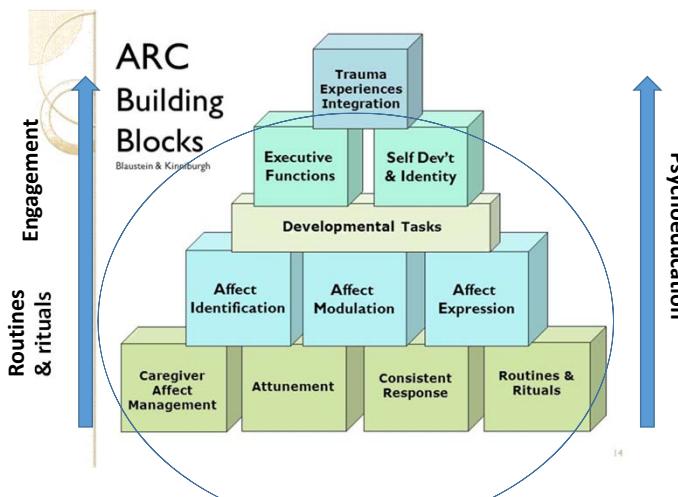
Skills and competencies shown to be **negatively impacted** by traumatic stress and caregiver disruptions...

which, when addressed, predict **resilient outcomes**



<http://arcframework.org/what-is-arc/>

Attachment, Regulation, & Competency (ARC) Model



ARC Evidence Base



¹ Hodgdon, H. B., Kinniburgh, K., Gabowitz, D., Blaustein, M. E., & Spinazzola, J. (2013). Development and implementation of trauma-informed programming in youth residential treatment centers using the ARC framework. *Journal Of Family Violence*, 28(7), 679-692.

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⁴Bartlett, J. D., Barto, B., Griffin, J. L., Fraser, J. G., Hodgdon, H., & Bodian, R. (2015). Trauma-informed care in the Massachusetts child trauma project. *Child maltreatment*, 1077559515615700.

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Source: <http://arcframework.org/what-is-arc/research/>

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ARC: Evidence Base

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) “Promising Practice”
- California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CBEC) not enough evidence yet to rate (2016)

RCT currently underway (outpatient therapy)

http://www.traumacenter.org/research/ARC_Randomized_Controlled_trial.php

ARC Pros and Cons

- ✓ **Flexible/adaptable** (not manualized, not \$\$\$)
- ✓ Specifically for **complex** trauma
- ✓ Translatable to a range of systems (including **schools**)

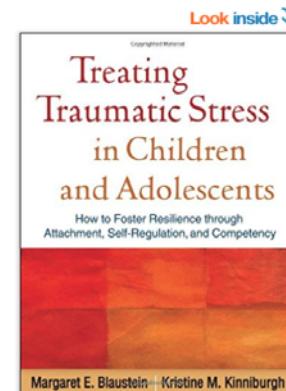
- Cons:
 - A longer-term treatment framework.
 - Evidence base for full-scale implementation, and applications to schools, still emerging.

Adapted from: NCTSN ARC Factsheet http://nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/arc_general.pdf

ARC Resources

<http://www.traumacenter.org/research/ascot.php>

<http://arcframework.org/>
**specific school providers forum*



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ARC framework applied in schools

1. Integrate ARC **concepts** into understanding of child's needs (assessment)
2. Apply ARC **strategies** to working with child, teachers, and families (intervention)

Source: <http://arcframework.org/what-is-a-provider/what-are-arc-informed-agencies/>

ARC-guided case conceptualization and assessment



What would your school do with this child?

Demographics Sam

- Age 12
- White
- Male but identifies as female
- From rural Southern town

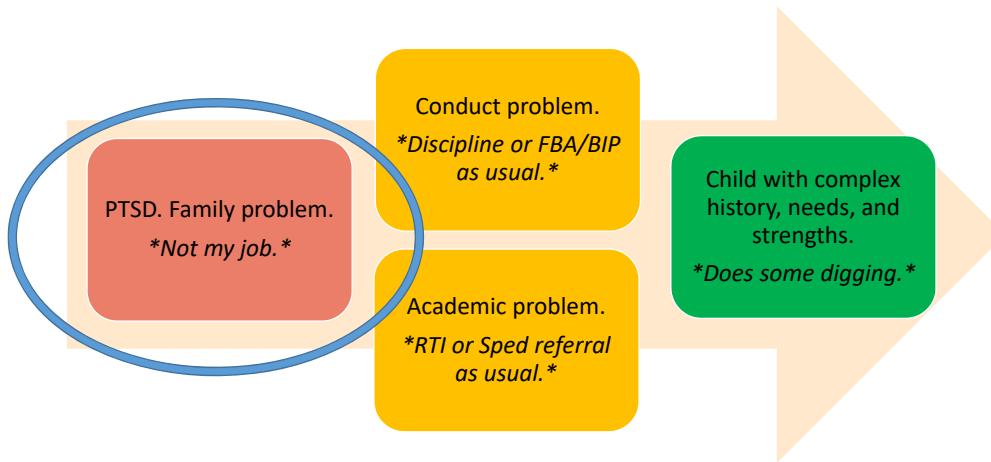
Learning

- Ds and Fs across all subjects
- Identified SLD in Reading but recent testing shows math difficulties, as well
- Statewide standardized test scores "Below Basic" in math and reading, "Proficient" in SS and Sci

Behavior

- 19 discipline referrals since he transferred here in Oct (it's now Jan.) – 8 warnings, 5 ISS, 6 OSS
- Disruptive in class (mostly ADHD-related symptoms, e.g., talking, pacing, fidgeting)
- **Female students complain he makes sexual comments toward them**
- Recently caught with a male student's penis in his mouth in the bathroom at school

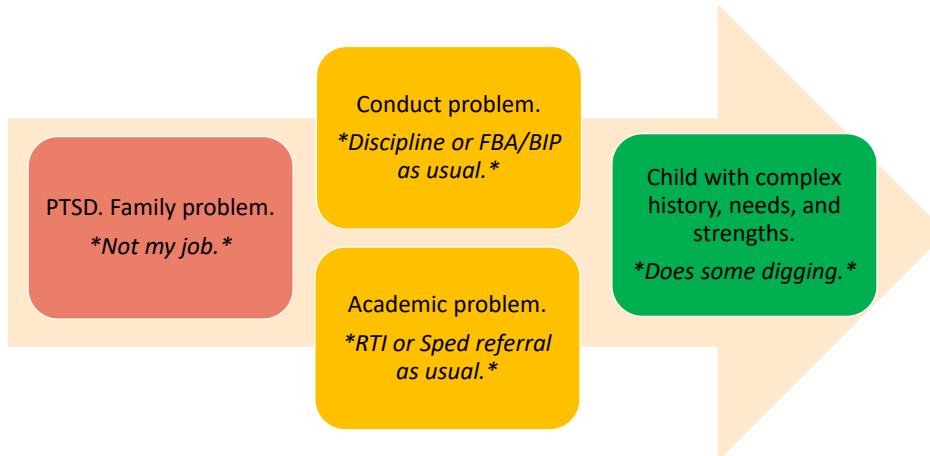
Common response



Sam: A little more information...

- Sam's biological father dressed him as a girl and repeatedly raped and molested him until age 6.
- Sam entered state custody after his father was arrested for sexual abuse charges and was adopted at age 7.
- At age 8 his adoptive family relinquished custody to the state due to Sam's problematic sexual and acting out behaviors).
- In the past 4 years, Sam has been in 9 different foster homes, 3 residential treatment centers (for 6-18 months at a time), and 2 inpatient psychiatric care facilities.

Changing the Narrative



What would your school do with this child?

Demographics

Andre

- Age 7
- Black
- Male
- Resides in large urban area

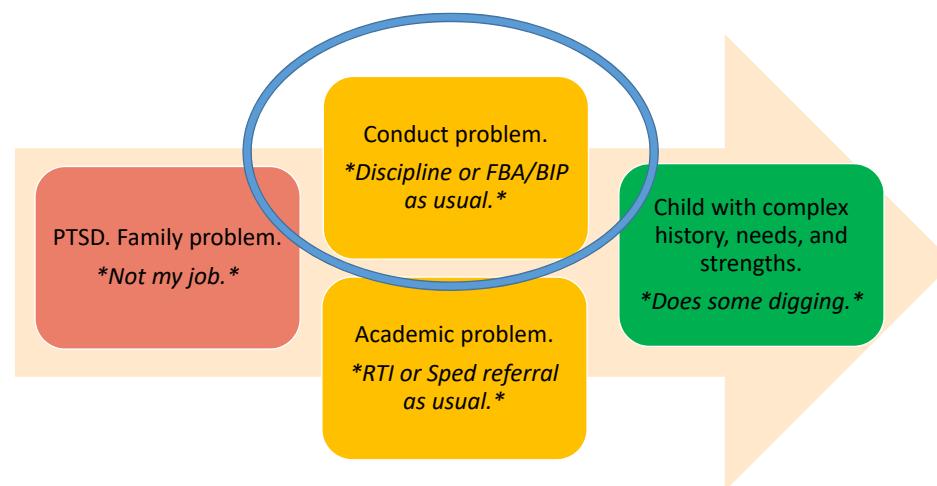
Learning

- Has significant speech and language delays
- Is "forgetful," and has difficulty following directions, dressing himself, brushing his teeth independently, etc.
- Last year's state test scores all "Below Basic"
- GAL has requested the school conduct an evaluation, but behavior/expulsions have delayed this.

Behavior

- Previous diagnoses of ADHD, ODD, and Mood Disorder NOS
- Disruptive at school – walks out of class, runs down hallways, knocks over desks, hides under furniture, threatens others
- Expelled from at least 2 previous schools and recently expelled from home school for kicking a teacher in the abdomen
- **At alternative school, hit and kicked two teachers and punched another child; when teacher tried to intervene, attempted to choke teacher**

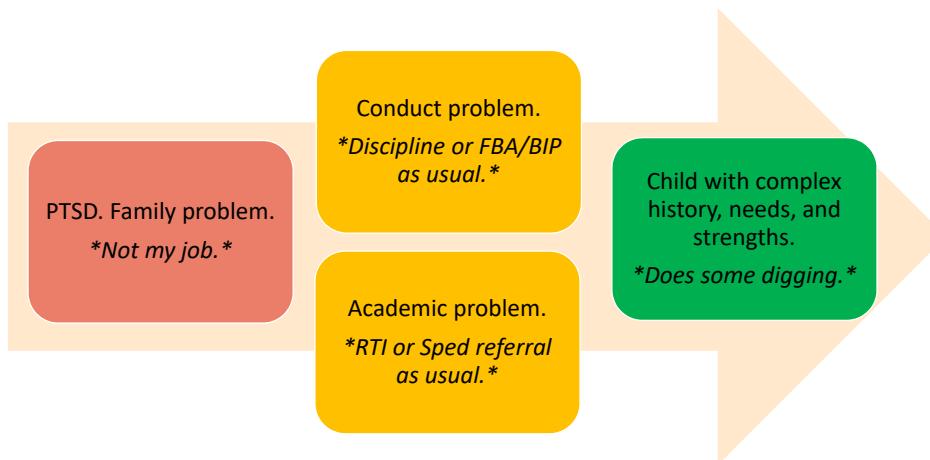
Common response



ANDRE: A little more information...

- Andre and his 4-year-old brother entered custody several months ago due to allegations of environmental neglect, lack of supervision, and physical abuse. Teachers at a previous school had seen bruises and scratches in various stages of healing on his back. CPS investigation revealed additional bruises, welts, and large scars all over his body. It was discovered that his mother had been beating him with an extension cord and other household implements for several years.
- Andre's mother, who is low-functioning and has depression, has a long history of domestic violence with three different boyfriends (all putative fathers of Andre/his siblings). Before entering custody, he reportedly witnessed one boyfriend pour liquor over his mother and attempt to stab her and set her on fire.
- Visits recently resumed with Andre's parents. When his mother is present, he stays in the corner and "shuts down" when asked questions.
- Andre's mother has reportedly told him he doesn't have to go to school or learn to read. Prior to entering foster care last year, it is unclear whether he was ever in formal school.
- Several of the aggression incidents at Andre's various schools occurred during reading classes (i.e., when he was asked to read aloud). During the last incident, a principal threatened to use corporal punishment with Andre and he "exploded."

Changing the Narrative



What would your school do with this child?

Demographics Louisa

- Age 5
- Bi-racial
- Female
- Resides in large urban area

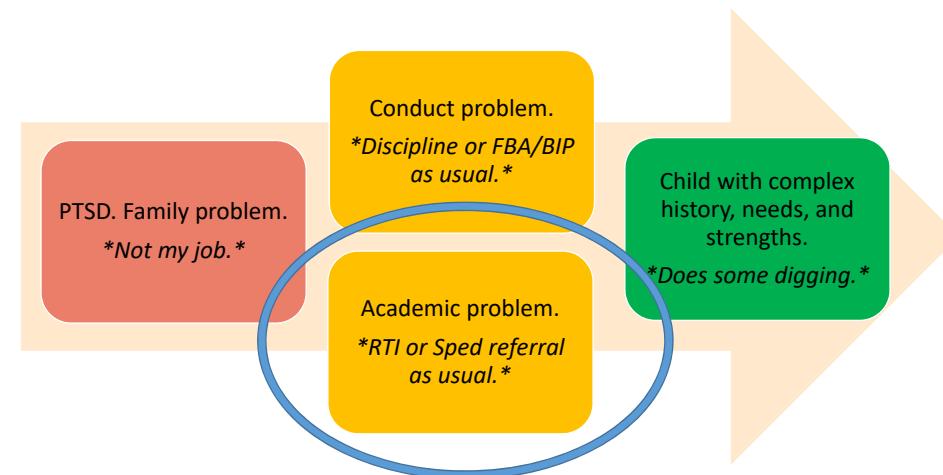
Learning

- Speech articulation difficulties and limited verbal communication skills (i.e., one-word sentences)
- Delayed developmental milestones (walking, etc.)
- **Delayed early academic skills**, despite instruction in a full-day special education PreK classroom

Behavior

- Frequently in time-out at school for inattention, noncompliance, and aggression toward other children
- Last week, hit another student and cursed at a bus driver

Common response



Louisa: A little more information...

- Louisa has a history of severe environmental neglect, nutritional and medical neglect, and drug exposure
- At age 5, this is Louisa's second time in state custody (foster care). During this episode, she and her 3- and 4-year-old siblings have moved through 4 foster homes and 2 relative caregiver placements in less than 2 years. The 3 siblings are now separated into two different foster homes.
- Louisa's mother has diagnoses of Depression, Borderline Intellectual Functioning, and Mood Disorder NOS and her father tested positive for THV and pain pills (no prescription) when the children entered custody. Neither parent is employed, and they have lived with various friends and relatives over the past 10+ years.
- Their 90-day Trial Home Visit (THV)with their biological parents is scheduled to begin in the next month, and the children have recently begun visiting with their parents. The parents' attendance has been inconsistent, and there were reports from one visit that the father hit and cursed at one of the children during a visit. (The children's other 7 siblings have already had their THVs and been returned to the mother and father.)

Question #1.

**What is this
child's history?**

History “digging”

- Record review
 - *Beyond* grades, referrals, standardized test scores
 - Who do they live with? For how long? Any moves (school or home address changes)?
 - Seek out additional providers and get records (with appropriate ROI)
 - Counselors, therapists, medical providers (medication)
 - In foster system? (school *should* have letter on file)
 - Contact case worker
- Interviews (teacher, caregiver, child)
 - Informal first
 - If necessary, screen for trauma exposure
 - If exposure already known, consider assessing traumatic stress symptoms

Exposure

NSLIJHS TRAUMA HISTORY CHECKLIST AND INTERVIEW

Date: _____

Interviewer: _____

Eval #: _____

"Sometimes things happen to people that are extremely upsetting, things like being in a life-threatening situation. I'd like to ask if any of these kinds of things have happened to you at any time during your life. You don't need to give me a lot of details."

Place "Y" or "N" before each item. Write notes to the right and list the most significant trauma at the bottom of this sheet. Provide details only for A1. traumas as defined by the DSM-IV criterion for PTSD. Include information regarding age of onset and duration of trauma. It is not necessary to include detail about items endorsed if they were not traumatic. Include information that others may consider to be traumatic, even if the adolescent does not view it as such.

INCLUDE DETAILS HERE:
(include age of onset & duration)

Please DESCRIBE any significant DETAILS for each A1 Trauma:

1. Have you ever been in a major natural disaster, like a hurricane, earthquake, or flood?
2. Have you ever been directly affected by a terrorist attack like 9/11?
3. Have you or anyone in your family been involved in or affected by a war?
4. Have you ever been in a fire?
5. Have you ever been in a serious car accident?
6. Has there ever been a time when you were seriously hurt or injured?
7. Have you ever been in the hospital or undergone treatment for any serious or life-threatening illness or injuries?
8. Have your parents or sibling(s) ever been in the hospital or undergone treatment

- Available here:
<http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/coe/tfcbt/workbook/Assessment/NSLIJHS%20Trauma%20History%20Checklist%20and%20Interview.pdf>

Question #2.

- If exposure is known (or highly suspected)...

**Is this child experiencing
symptoms that could be
related to traumatic stress?**

Symptoms

Name or ID#: _____ Date: _____

CPSS - V

Sometimes scary or upsetting things happen to kids. It might be something like a car accident, getting beaten up, living through an earthquake, being robbed, being touched in a way you didn't like, having a parent get hurt or killed, or some other very upsetting event.

Please write down the scary or upsetting thing that bothers you the most when you think about it:

When did it happen? _____

0 Not at all	1 Once a week or less/a little	2 2 to 3 times a week/somewhat	3 4 to 5 times a week/a lot	4 6 or more times a week/almost always
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These questions ask about how you feel about the upsetting thing you wrote down. Read each question carefully. Then circle the number (0-4) that best describes how often that problem has bothered you IN THE LAST MONTH.

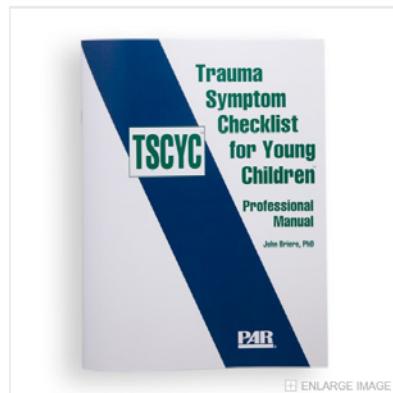
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| 1. 0 1 2 3 4 | Having upsetting thoughts or pictures about it that came into your head when you didn't want them to |
| 2. 0 1 2 3 4 | Having bad dreams or nightmares |
| 3. 0 1 2 3 4 | Acting or feeling as if it was happening again (seeing or hearing something and feeling as if you are there again) |

- Available here:
- <http://www.afcbt.org/materials/Downloads/CPSS-V%2003-15-17.pdf>

Symptoms

(TSCYC) Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children

By John N. Briere, PhD



[\(TSCYC\) Trauma Symptom Checklist for Young Children](#)

BENEFITS Provides a standardized, broadband trauma measure for very young children

AGES 3 to 12 years

ADMIN TIME Less than 20 minutes

FORMAT Behavior rating scale completed by caregiver

SCORES Scale scores plus a summary score for PTSD

NORMS Based on a stratified national sample of 750 children; presented separately for males and females in three age groups (3 to 4, 5 to 9, and 10 to 12 years)

PUBLISH DATE 1999

QUALIFICATIONS Level C required.
[About Qualification Levels](#)

- Also available: TSCC for ages 8-16 years
- <https://www.parinc.com/Products/Pkey/461>

*Traumatized
students are often
focused on survival,
which hampers
their ability to learn,
socialize, and
develop the skills
needed to thrive.*

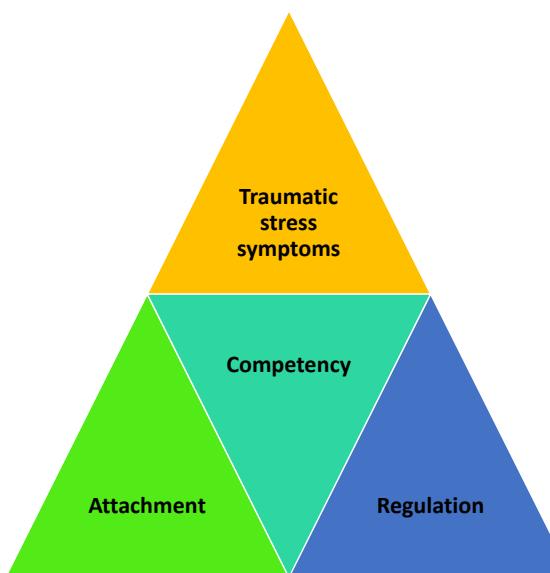
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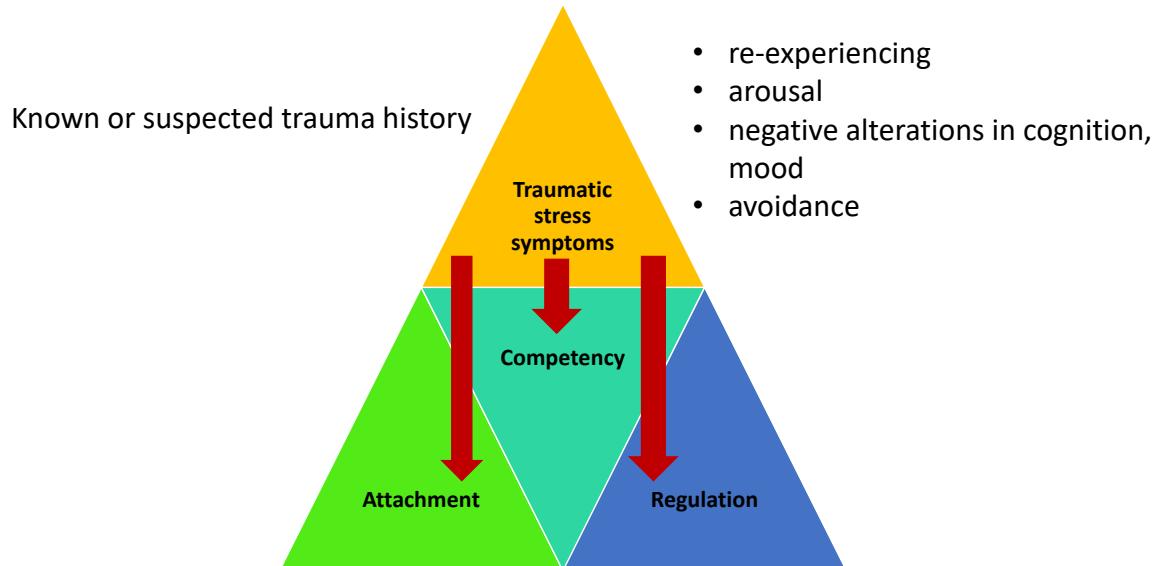
- If exposure is known (or highly suspected)...
- And child is experiencing symptoms (even if no “PTSD”)...

How might this child's **history** (exposure) and **symptoms contribute** to the observed academic, social, emotional, and/or behavioral difficulties?

Can you reframe the child's difficulties?

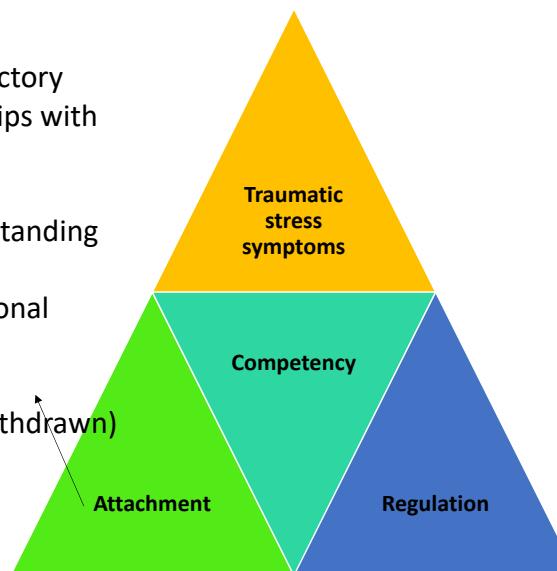


Can you reframe the child's difficulties?



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- “Impaired ability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers”
- “Deficits in developing, maintaining, and understanding relationships”
- “Deficits in social-emotional reciprocity”
- Poor boundaries
- Attention-seeking (or withdrawn)



Assessment: Attachment problems



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A RADical Idea: A Call to Eliminate "Attachment Disorder" and "Attachment Therapy" From the Clinical Lexicon

Brian Allen

ABSTRACT

"Attachment disorder" and "attachment therapy" are common terms used in applied clinical practice. However, these terms are not typically employed in research settings or published scientific papers. In this article, the author reviews the theoretical tenets and empirical research of attachment theory and discusses how these two terms fail to coincide with the scientific knowledge. The historical development of these phrases is considered, as well as the potential impact they have on clinical practice. The ultimate conclusion is that the "attachment disorder" and "attachment therapy" constructs are hindrances to evidence-based clinical practice and should be eliminated from the clinical lexicon.

Assessment: Attachment problems

"...given

- (a) the current definition of RAD,
- (b) the relatively low prevalence of the condition in **even severely neglected children**, and
- (c) the finding that RAD has not been documented in **any** children after a period of time living in a normative caregiving environment..."

Even in Eastern European orphanages ("grossly pathogenic care"), only **4.6%** showed inhibited, **31.8%** disinhibited "RAD" criteria (Gleason et al., 2011)

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"...the safest conclusion is that RAD is an unlikely clinical presentation that will **rarely, if ever**, be encountered by most mental health professionals."

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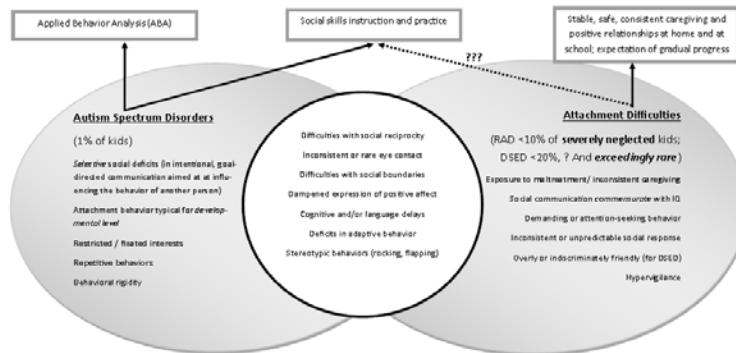
Assessment: Attachment problems

"Even in the unlikely circumstance that a child does present with RAD, the diagnostic nature of the DSM raises the concern that the condition will be viewed in a '**disorder-within-the-child**' manner"

"describing a child as displaying an attachment disorder, including RAD, unfortunately **focuses clinical attention on the child and not the system**"

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Assessment: Attachment problems



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I	Parent or caregiver—NSLIHS Trauma History Checklist and interview	Developmental history (age at symptom onset?); screen for trauma exposure; current living situation, relationships, culture of the home/family
O	Structured observations during social interactions with familiar and unfamiliar teachers and/or caregivers; unstructured time with other children	Evaluate quality and consistency of social interactions; attention-seeking, checking-in, and comfort-seeking behaviors; reactions to others' coming and going
T	Child PTSD Symptom Scale (CPSS), UCLA PTSD Index Teacher Relationship Problems Questionnaire (RPQ) (?) Cognitive, language, and adaptive measures	Exposure to possibly traumatic events; traumatic stress symptoms Quality of relationships and social interactions/responses *Note: Children with maltreatment histories but NO ASD commonly receive elevated scores on ASD rating scales (ASRS, SRS, GARS, etc.) Global vs. specific deficits in language/communication, intellectual functioning, socialization

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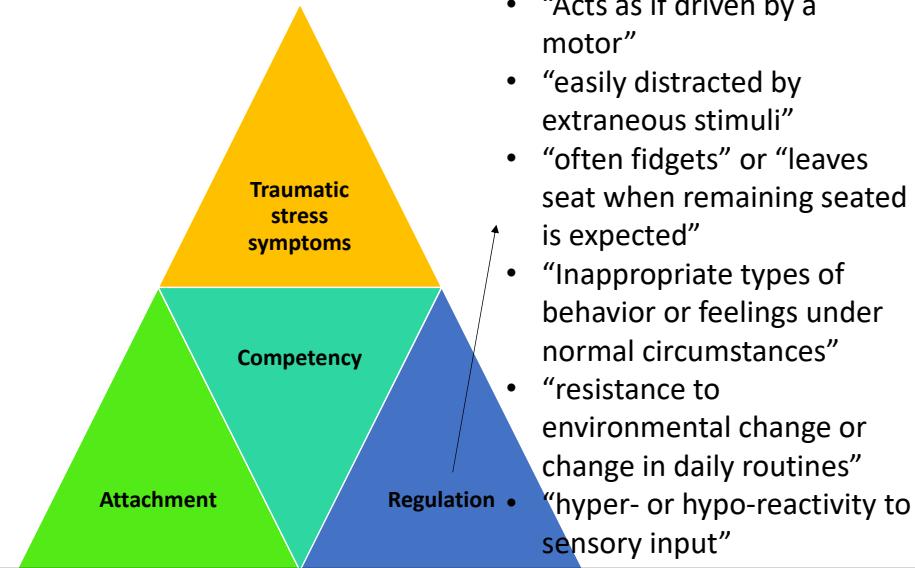
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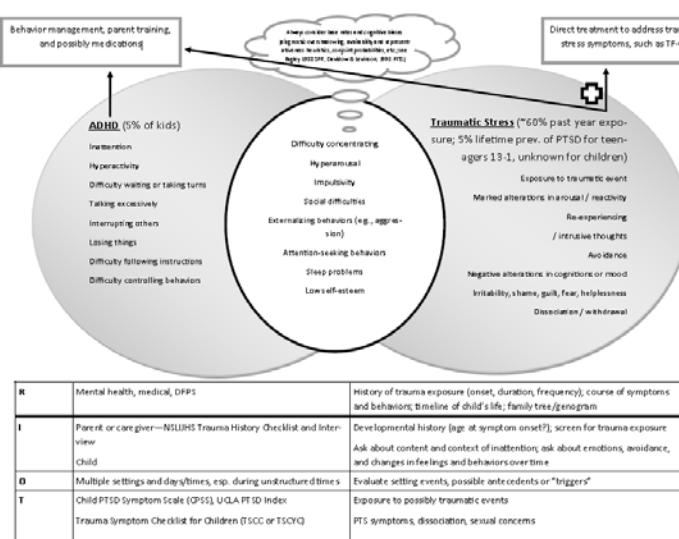
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Sources: DSM-5; National Center for PTSD; NCTSN; Davidson et al., 2015 RIDD; Perfect et al., 2016; Weinstein, Staffelbach, & Biaggio, 2000

Can you reframe the child's difficulties?



Assessment: Self-Regulation problems



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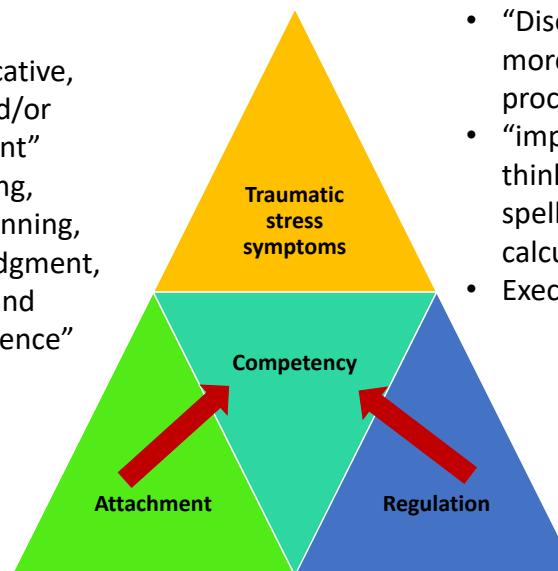
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I	Parent or caregiver—NSLIJHS Trauma History Checklist and Interview Child	Developmental history (age at symptom onset?); screen for trauma exposure Ask about content and context of inattention; ask about emotions, avoidance, and changes in feelings and behaviors over time
O	Multiple settings and days/times, esp. during unstructured times	Evaluate setting events, possible antecedents or “triggers”
T	Child PTSD Symptom Scale (CPSS), UCLA PTSD Index Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (TSCC or TSCYC)	Exposure to possibly traumatic events PTS symptoms, dissociation, sexual concerns

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Can you reframe the child's difficulties?

- “delays in physical, cognitive, communicative, social emotional, and/or adaptive development”
- “Deficits in...reasoning, problem-solving, planning, abstract thinking, judgment, academic learning, and learning from experience”
- “Disorder in one of more...basic psychological processes”
- “imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations”
- Executive function deficits



Assessment: Competency

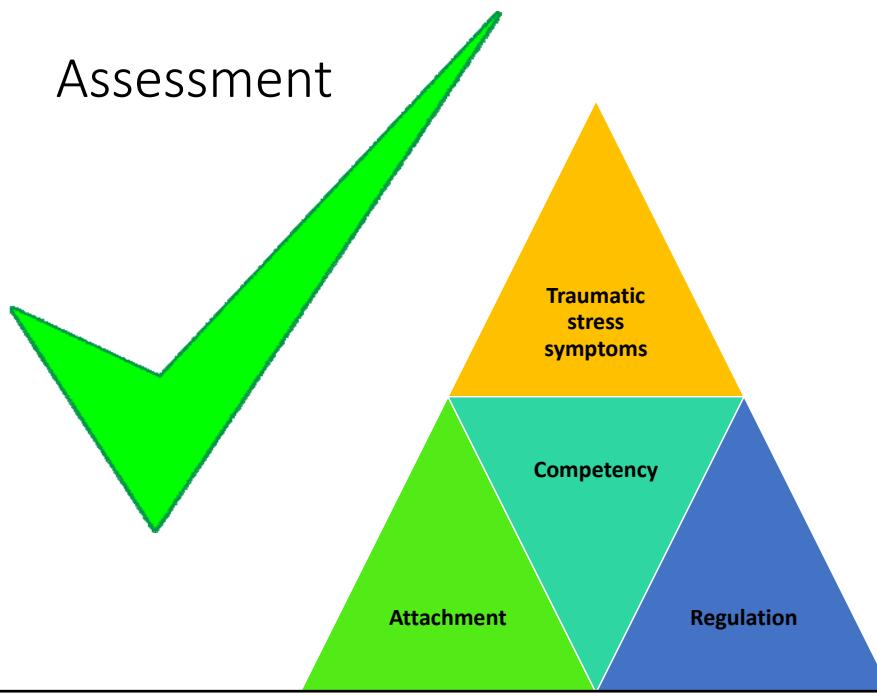
- This is the stuff you already know how to do!
 - Developmental domains
 - Adaptive skills (ABAS, Vineland)
 - Achievement (grades, work samples, state tests, WJ, KTEA, etc.)
 - **Social skills** (SSIS, observations)
 - **Executive skills** e.g., inhibition, planning, goal setting, making choices, problem solving, flexibility, self-monitoring, etc. (ESQ, BRIEF, CEFI, etc.)
 - **Strengths** (records, interviews, inventories/questionnaires)

Assessment: Competency

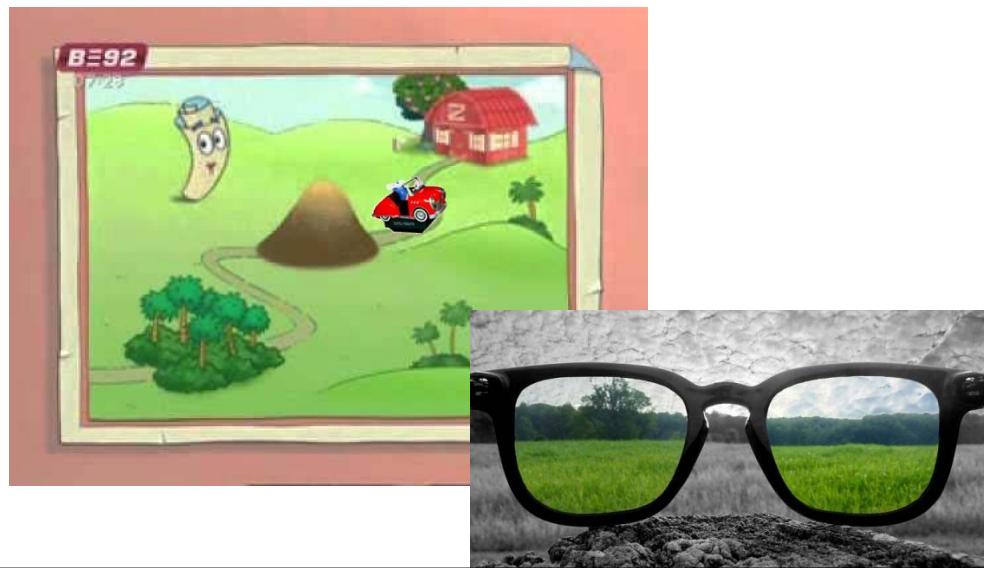


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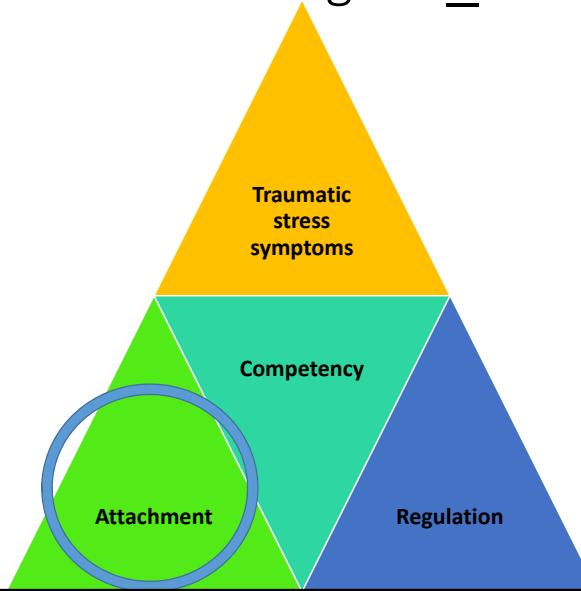
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ARC-informed interventions and strategies



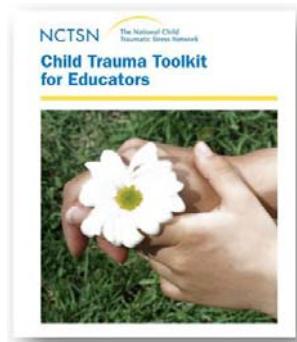
Interventions and strategies: Attachment



Psychoeducation about trauma's impact, child's history

- Help teachers understand:

Behavior is the language of trauma



<http://www.nctsn.org/resources/audiences/school-personnel/trauma-toolkit>

Build teacher's awareness of their own emotional reactions to child behaviors



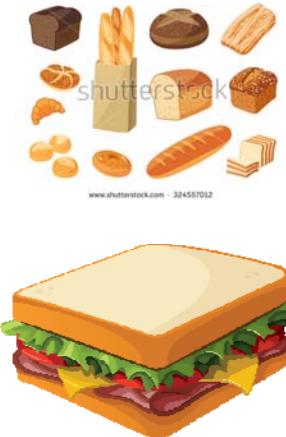
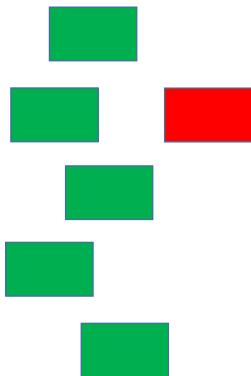
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Help teacher with attunement

- AKA antecedent awareness ☺
 - “Tuning in” to the child’s cues (needs, subtle signals)
 - Anticipating student’s needs and possible triggers



Help teachers build relationships with (even difficult) students



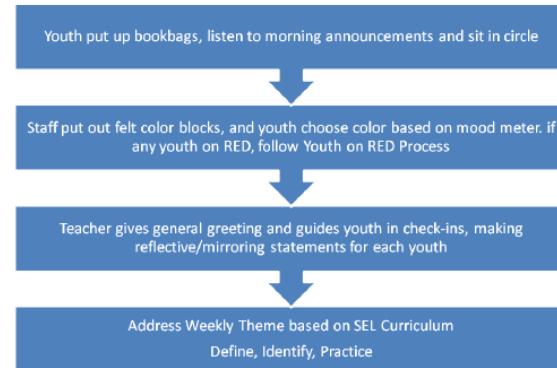
Teacher/staff buddy or mentor

A screenshot of the ARC (Attachment, Regulation and Competency) website homepage. The logo 'ARC' is at the top left, followed by the text 'Attachment, Regulation and Competency'. A navigation bar includes links for 'HOME', 'ABOUT ARC', 'FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS', 'FOR KIDS AND TEENAGERS', 'FOR PROVIDERS', and 'CONTACT US'. A large image shows a young child with curly hair being held by an adult in a plaid shirt. To the left of the image is a quote: 'In study after study of children at risk, the single strongest predictor of resilient outcome is a positive, lasting relationship with a supportive adult.' A 'PROVIDER LOGIN' button is located in the top right corner of the header area.

Source: <http://arcframework.org/>

Routines and rituals – Consistency, Predictability

Morning Meeting Structure



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Based on Attachment, Regulation and Competency (ARC) – Blaustein & Kinniburgh, 2010; Kinniburgh & Blaustein, 2005

Predictability, Structure



Consistent (effective) response



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What to do when a youth is “on Red”?

Our goal is to help youth to “reset” and move out of the red zone with as little intervention and time spent out of the classroom and disruption as possible. Please follow the steps below when responding to a youth “on red.” Start with first step of intervention and only move to second step if the prior intervention was not effective in helping youth to calm down their system enough to return to the classroom activities.

1) Paraprofessional Intervention

2) Calm Down Corner

3) Send youth to talk to staff member with strong relationship

4) Visit Counselor or Social Worker

5) SST Visit/Consultation

6) Opportunity Room

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Train (and support) all teachers and staff

- Trauma’s impact on learning, behavior
- Recognizing signs
- Consistent and **effective response**
- **Self-care!**



Built-in time for relationship building



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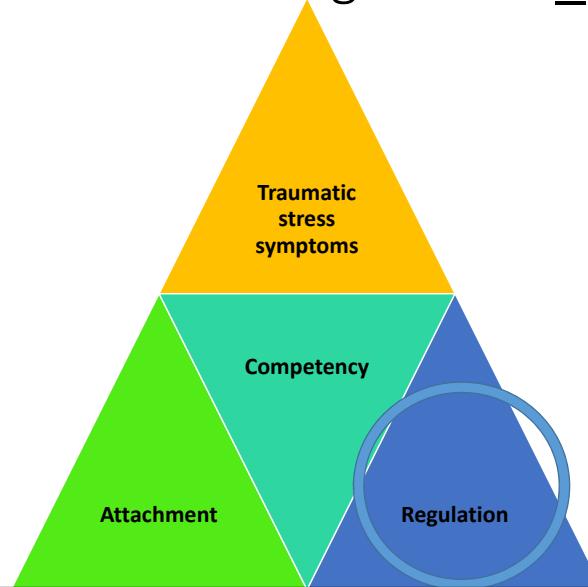
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Strong family-school
communication and collaboration

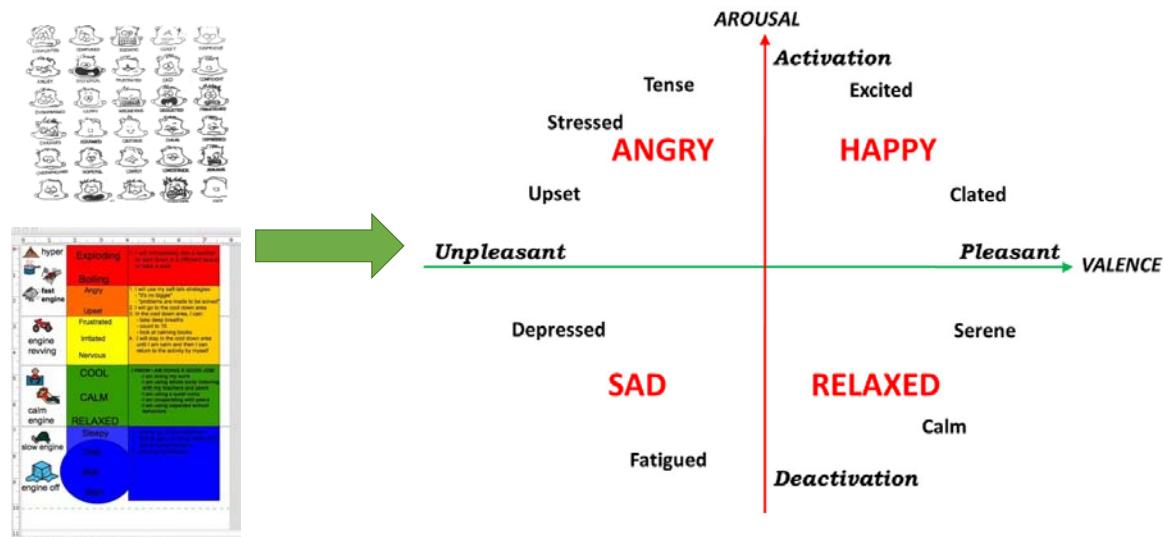


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Interventions and strategies: Self-Regulation



“Affect” and granularity

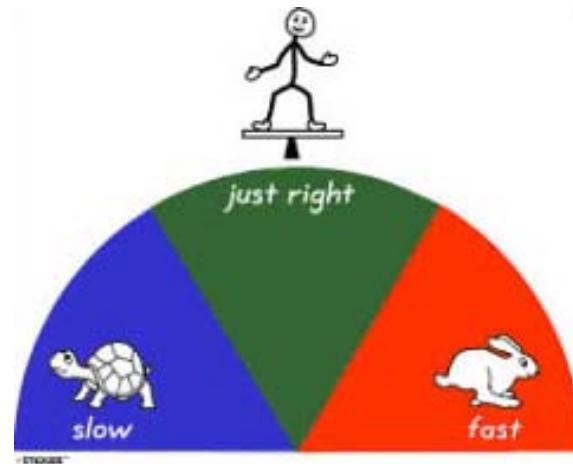


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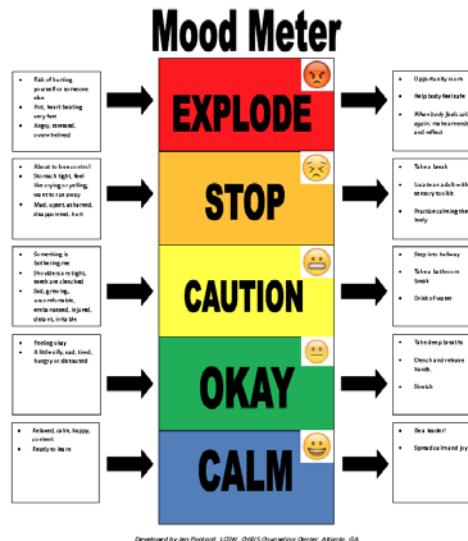


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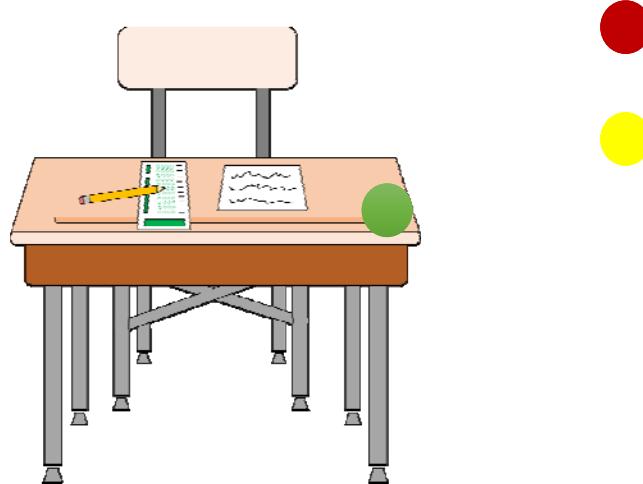
Regulating arousal



Include coping skills for high arousal + high negativity



Help teachers cue and reinforce appropriate responses



Individual counseling

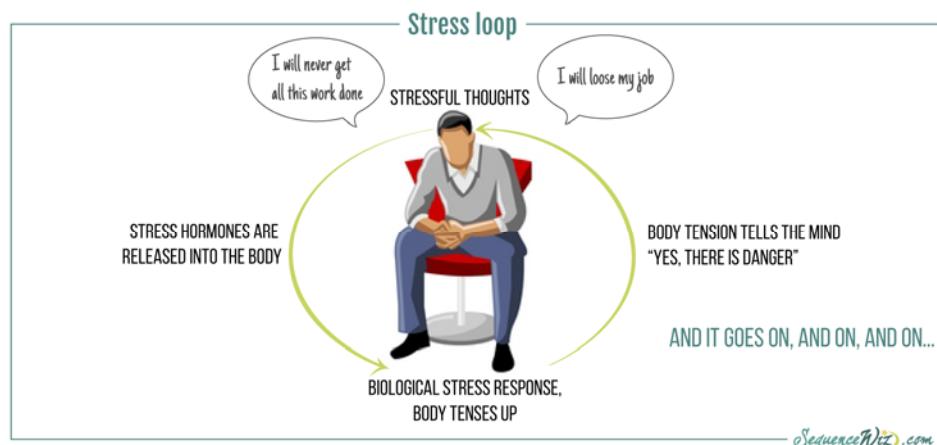
Cognitive Behavioral approaches

- Psychoeducation (e.g., about the stress response)
- Stress management, relaxation, and coping skills
- Caregiver involvement



http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/effective_treatments_youth_trauma.pdf

CBT techniques



CBT techniques

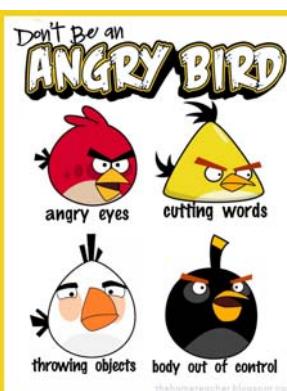
What I Can Control in My Life



Relaxation, stress management skills – In the moment:

Grounding Exercise

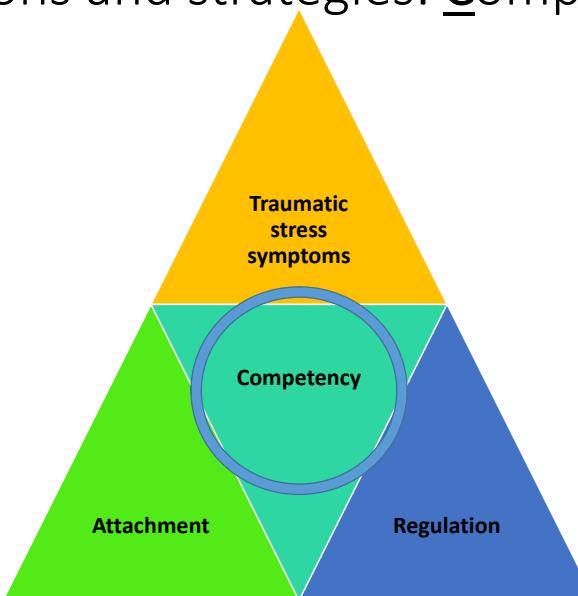
Name 3 things



Relaxation, stress management skills – regular practices (“flossing”)



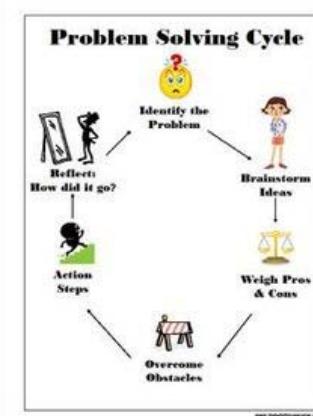
Interventions and strategies: Competency



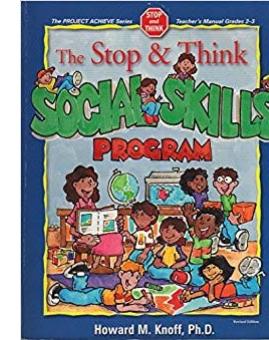
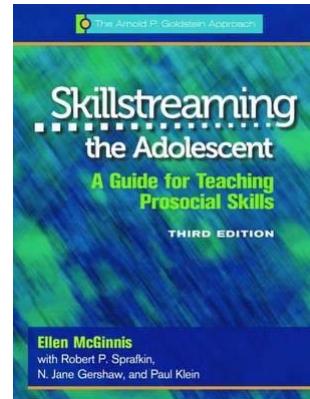
This is the stuff you already know how to do!

- Targeted interventions for skills deficits...
 - Developmental domains
 - Adaptive skills
 - Achievement (reading, math, writing – SLD)
- Teach (and cue and reinforce)...
 - **Social skills** (SEL, groups) – including safety, problem solving, conflict mgmt
 - **Executive skills** (coaching, individual, classwide)
- Identify and use strengths, interests
 - Extracurriculuar activities

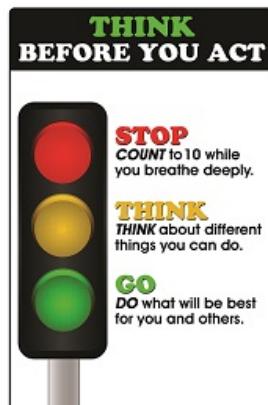
Teach social skills



Teach social skills



Teach executive skills



8 Ways to Support Your Students' Flexibility

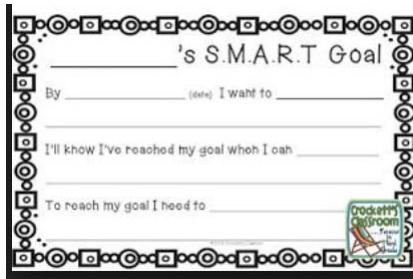
Tips for supporting students with autism without autism

- Help students problem-solve.** When a student's refusing to do a task or complete a request, uncover the root cause of the behavior and work with your student on a solution.
- Teach flexibility explicitly during everyday lessons.** Example: "The bulb is burned out on the overhead projector. I'm going to be flexible and give you each your own worksheet instead."
- Support self-advocacy skills.** Show your students that it's okay to advocate for the accommodations and modifications they need.
- Use a high ratio of praise to corrections.** Students supported through positive reinforcement perform better than students who experience a steady stream of consequences and corrections.
- Respect students who love routines.** If a student can maintain a favorite routine (as long as it isn't harmful), she'll be better equipped to handle changes in other areas.
- Give them a heads-up as change happens.** Let them know exactly what's going to happen, and frame it as a great opportunity to "show how flexible we are."
- Build collaborative partnerships with students.** Treat your students as active partners in their education and offer more choices and options whenever possible.
- Know yourself.** Reflect on when you tend to become most rigid in the classroom. Understanding your own behavior patterns will help you select and apply flexibility strategies.

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Teach executive skills



How did you do at Daily 5 today?

Did you...	1	2	3
Get right to work?	I did not get right to work.	It took me a few minutes to get to work.	I got right to work.
Stay focused and work the whole time?	I did not stay focused the whole time.	I was a little unfocused, but remained focused most of the time.	I was completely focused the whole time.
Complete quality work?	I did not complete quality work.	I completed some quality work.	I completed quality work.
Speak about Daily 5 academically, not socially?	I spoke socially by accident a few times, but spoke academically most of the time.	I spoke academically the entire time.	I spoke academically the entire time.

Read to Someone _____ Writing _____ Make Words _____ Score: _____
 Read to Self _____ Listening _____ Reading Group _____ 12

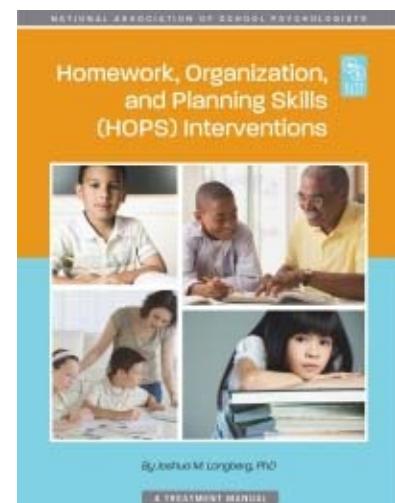
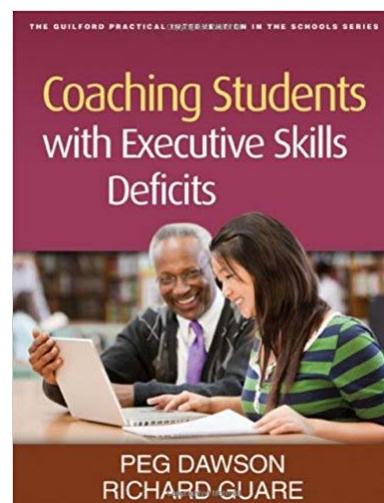
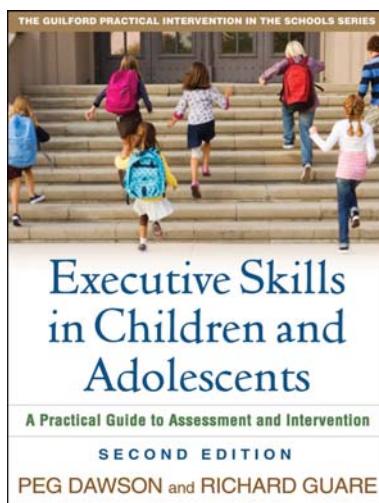
Self-Monitoring Checklist

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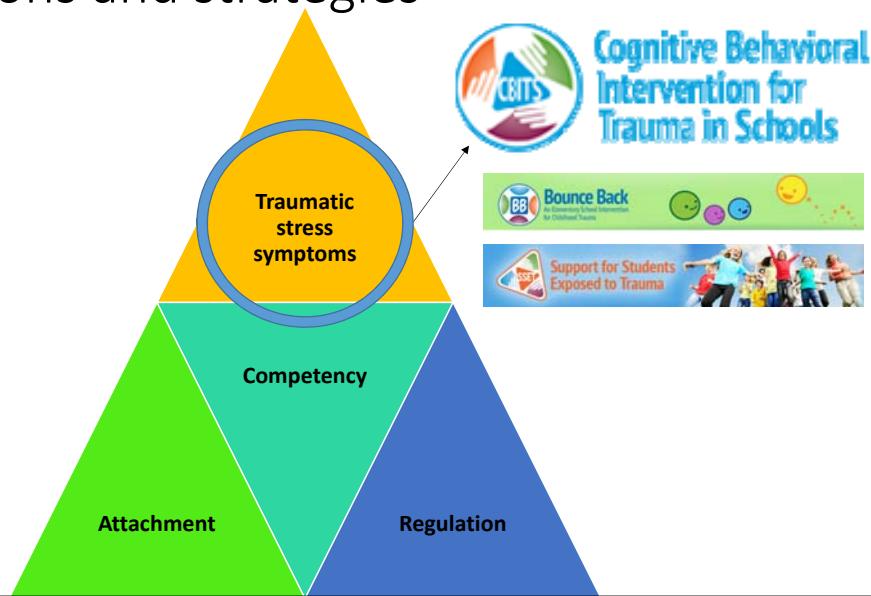
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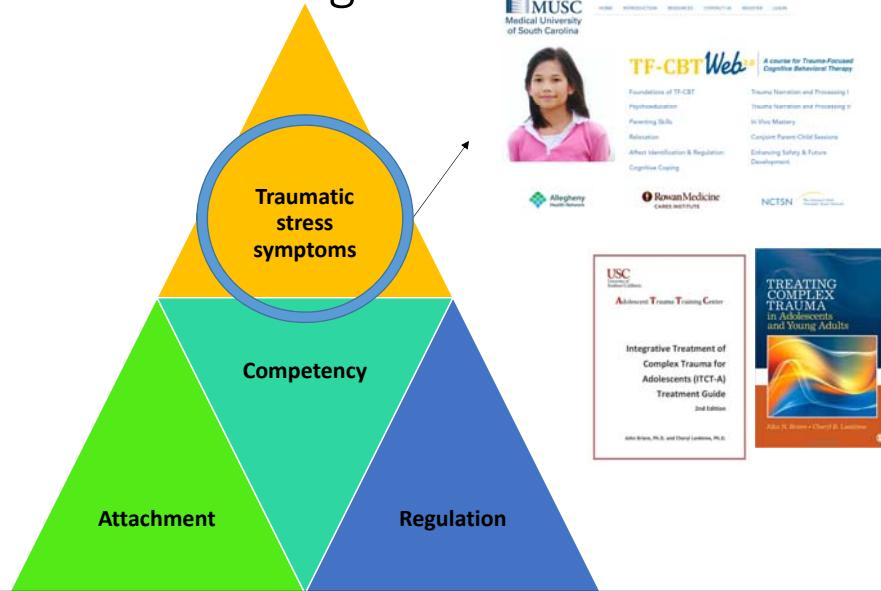
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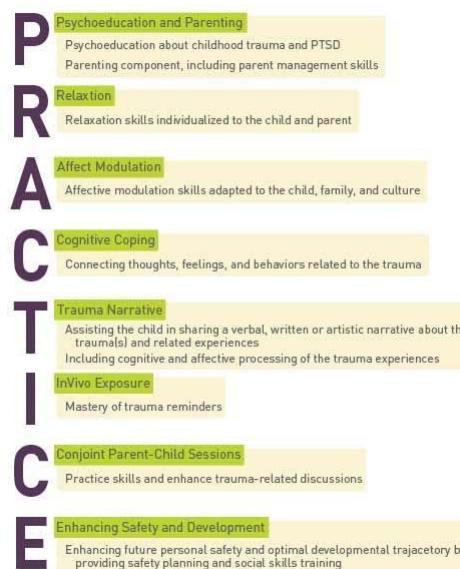
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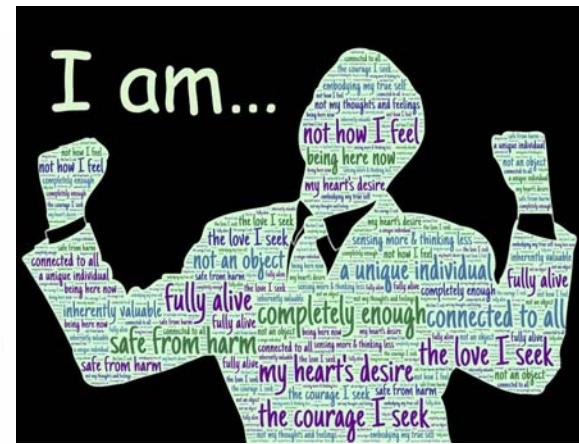
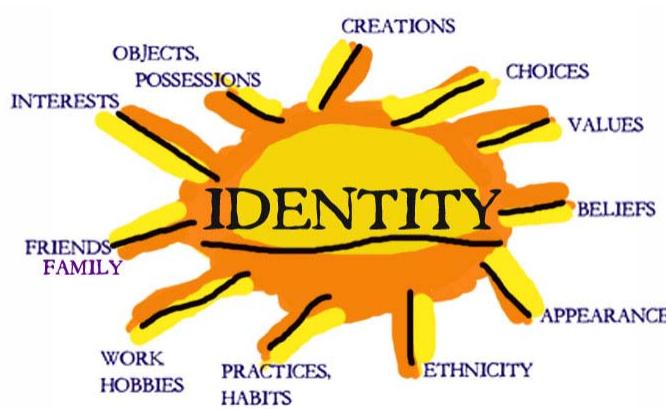


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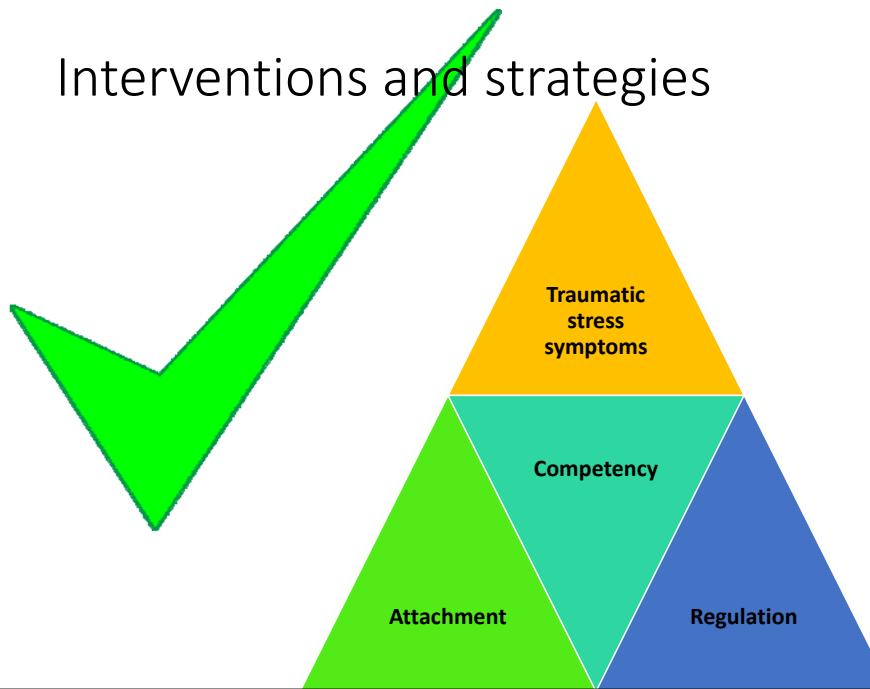


TF-CBT

- Trauma integration
 - Making meaning
 - Identity development (“self”)



Interventions and strategies



Move from “What’s wrong with you” to...

What happened to you?



Thank you!

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