



An Introduction to Child Trauma Melissa Bernstein, PhD

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are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen.

What is Child Traumatic Stress?

- Witnessing or experiencing an event that poses a real or perceived threat
- The event overwhelms one's ability to cope



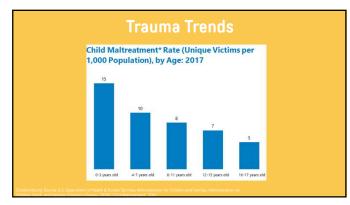
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Types of Trauma Natural Illness Accidents Loss Death Natural Disasters Human Made Violence Abuse

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Which form of child trauma is most prevalent?	
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a. Physical Abuse	
b. Sexual Abuse	-
c. Neglect	
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True or False	
Children are most likely to be abused	
at the hands of a stranger?	
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Which age group is most at risk for maltreatment?	
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a. 0-7yrs	



Who Develops Post Traumatic Stress?

1. Risk Factors

1. Resilience

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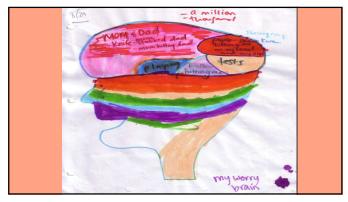


Cognitive Impacts

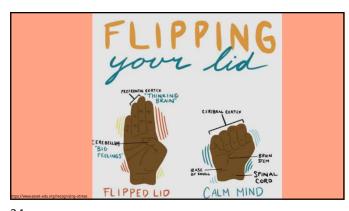
- Inaccurate Beliefs
- Distrust
- Distorted Self-Image
- Negative view of world and future



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Relational Impacts

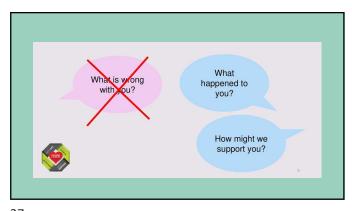
- Isolation
- Trouble developing healthy relationships
- Violence/Aggression
- Sexualized Behaviors

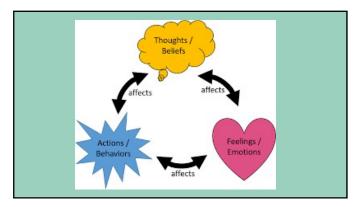


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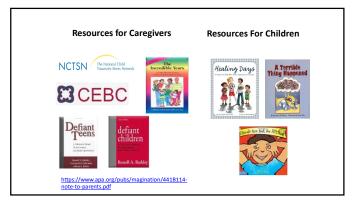




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"As I've been able to go out and share my story I've come to a point in my life that I can say although I would never wish it upon myself, and I certainly never would wish it upon someone else, I'm grateful for what has happened to me, because of what it has taught me because of the perspective its given me, and the empathy I have for others"





