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The Trauma Ties that Bind

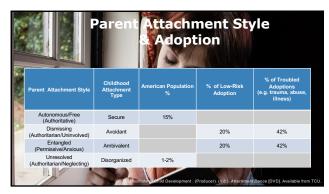




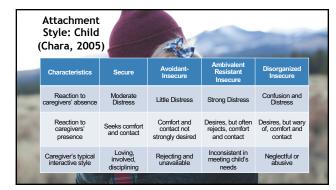


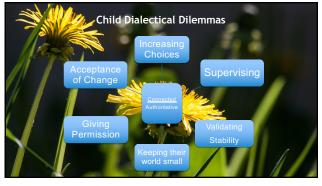












| Attachment Style: Adolescent<br>(Chara, 2005) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1   | Characteristics                                    | Secure                                   | Avoidant-Insecure  | Ambivalent<br>Resistant<br>Insecure  | Disorganized<br>Insecure   |  |  |
|   | Predominant Emotions                               | Optimism; mature<br>emotionality         | Detachment;<br>callousness                                 | Anxiety, anger   | Fear, doubt  |  |  |
|   | Ability to Trust                                   | Desires trust; finds<br>it easy to trust | Indifferent toward<br>trust mistrustful of<br>others       | Desires trust; but<br>mistrustful of others  | Desires, but wary of,<br>trust, suspicious of<br>others                        |  |  |
|   | Ability to be Intimate<br>(mutual self-disclosure) | Desires intimacy;<br>able to be intimate | Avoids intimacy;<br>difficulty being<br>genuinely intimate | Desires intimacy, but<br>doubtful intimacy is<br>sincere; difficulty<br>being intimate | Intimacy desires<br>mixed with fear and<br>doubt; difficulty being<br>intimate |  |  |
| A   | Fear of Abandonment                                | Low; finds security<br>in relationships  | Low; indifference<br>born of self-reliance                 | High; fears being<br>rejected  | High; strong fears of<br>rejection   |  |  |







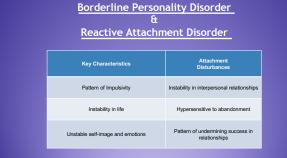
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Targeting the Biosocial Model

#### Sit and breathe

- Wait for any sense of discomfort (e.g. restlessness, an itch) Note the desire to move and resist it
- Notice thoughts that arise. These thoughts are just thoughts. So gently bring your attention back to your breath and bodily sensations. Note the changing position, shape and quality of the discomfort over time. Be interested in feeling it as precisely as you can. Notice how the shape and intensity changes with the cycle of the breath. Is it stronger during the in breath or during the out breath?

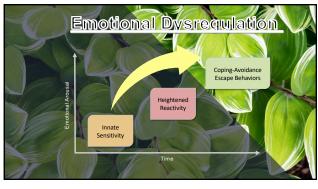
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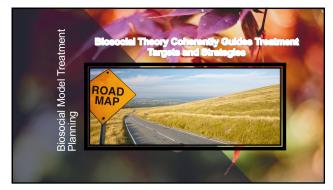
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## The Biosocial Model

- Slow return to emotional baseline
  Over time emotions get sensitized, leading to a "kindling"
- effect This emotionality (and associated invalidation) is associated with many problems (disorders) Emotionality leads to escape and avoidance that leads to







#### **Biosocial Theory Coherently Guides Treatment Targets and** Strategies

# Validation is a primary intervention to: Reduce acute emotionality

- Reduce acute emotionality
  Provide gentle exposure to emotions
  Provide a corrective validating environment (and new learning)
  Create a bridge to learning self-validation
  Open the client up to change interventions
  Emotion regulation is taught to:
  Understand how emotion happen
  Reduce vulnerability to intense emotions
  Increase opportunities for positive emotions
  Assist in stepping out of ineffective mood-congruent behaviors



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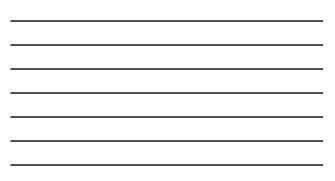
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- Reduce amplifying emotions Reduce escape and avoidance of emotions Create qualitatively different and effective experience of

- emotions Distress Tolerance is taught to:

- needed Use the theory to conceptualize the purpose of the interventions used

| Universal Buotions and Puration<br>(Adapted from Lincher, 2014) |  |                             |  |  |  |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Emotion   | Function   | Action Urge                 |  |  |  |
| Anger   | Boundary, Identity, Injustice                          | Attack, Define a boundary   |  |  |  |
| Disgust   | Protect from<br>contamination/influence                | Reject, Separate            |  |  |  |
| Envy  | Obtain something not currently<br>possessed            | Obsess, Aspire              |  |  |  |
| Fear  | Survival, Life Threat                                  | Survival Defenses           |  |  |  |
| Guilt   | To signal a threat to personal<br>morality             | To make amends or apologize |  |  |  |
| Нарру   | Connect with pleasure                                  | Maintain                    |  |  |  |
| Jealousy  | To signal a threat to an important<br>relationship     | Possess, Posture, Protect   |  |  |  |
| Love  | Connect relationally                                   | Connect, Sustain            |  |  |  |
| Sadness   | To signal a loss (relationship or<br>expectation)      | Isolate, Withdraw           |  |  |  |
| Shame   | To signal a threat to social<br>standards/expectations | Hide, Conform               |  |  |  |







| Development of Universal Heads<br>(Adapted from Kesting, 1982) |                       |   |   |                                      |  |  |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Need   | Age of<br>Development | Healthy<br>Development  | Unhealthy<br>Development                    | Key Emotions<br>Impacted             |  |  |
| Survival   | 0-2                   | Emotions  | Threat Response                             | Fear, Happy, Anger                   |  |  |
| Security   | 2-3                   | Self in Relationship  | Diffuse Boundaries                          | Fear, Jealousy,<br>Love              |  |  |
| Pleasure   | 0-3                   | Body-Self<br>Development  | Body Shame                                  | Shame, Disgust,<br>Envy, Love, Guilt |  |  |
| Affection  | 4-5                   | Capacity for love,<br>sense of love and<br>belonging,<br>worthiness | Inhibition from<br>autonomous<br>connection | Love, Anger, Envy,<br>Jealousy       |  |  |
| Esteem   | 5-6                   | Recognition,<br>Acknowledgement,<br>Self-Acceptance                 | Lack of trust in self                       | Sadness, Shame,<br>Guilt             |  |  |
| Control  | 3-7                   | Choice  | Compulsion,<br>Impulsivity                  | Jealousy, Anger,<br>Fear             |  |  |
| Power  | 7+                    | Intention   | Invulnerability                             | Envy, Guilt, Fear                    |  |  |

