





Implementing trauma informed practice in your service

Key points underpinning the learning

Neurosequential development

Repetition builds brain and body

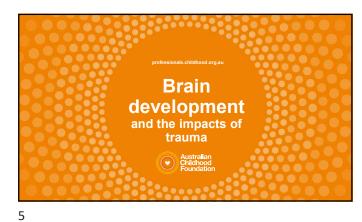
Relationships are key

Trauma is overwhelming and threatening Safety, calm and regulation all connect

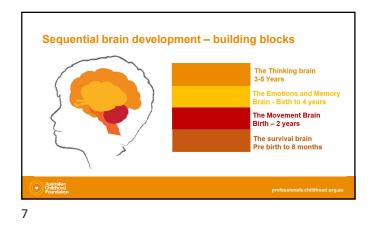
Behaviour is a story

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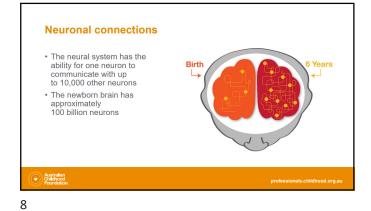
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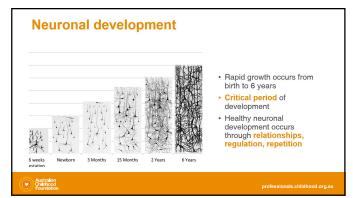


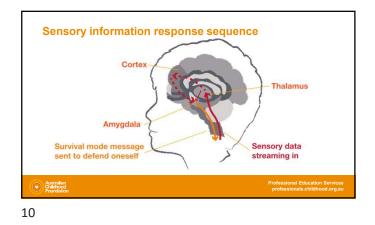
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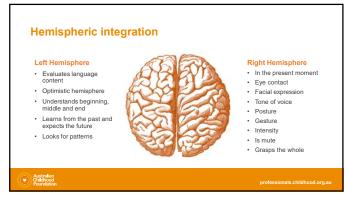








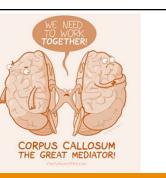




Corpus Callosum

- Integration examples: Enables individuals to apply words to
- Finance interview of the experiences that build the memory routines required to ride
- a bike Combines the experiences of interpersonal
- Combines the experiences of interperson-exchanges over time that equates to the experience and feeling of trust
 Uses rehearsal to know how to act in a peer group, how to remember the six times tables and whether or not to be frightened of snakes

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Integration is key

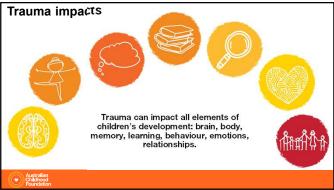
- The brain develops through the creation of neural pathways which connect different regions of the brain together.
- Neuronal connections are strengthened best when an individual repeats an experience over and over. If the experience is not repeated, the connection will disappear.
- These neural pathways in the brain enable each individual to efficiently interpret the world, their reactions to it and prompt relevant responses. The brain establishes these pathways as templates to be able to quickly compare a new situation with memories previously stored and ultimately interpret the next steps or actions that will be taken
- Integration of neuronal networks shapes the thoughts, feelings and actions of children and young people. The greater the number of pathways, the more the functions of the brain become integrated.

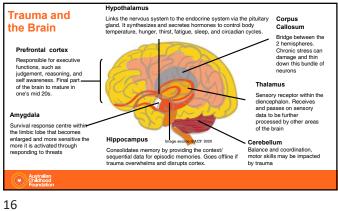
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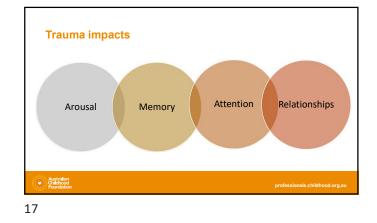
Lateral Brain development

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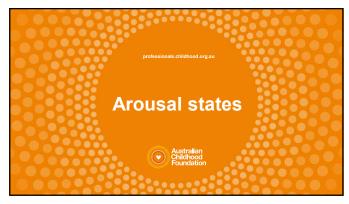


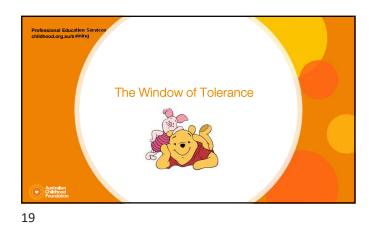




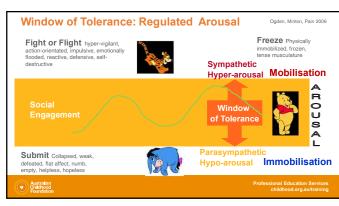




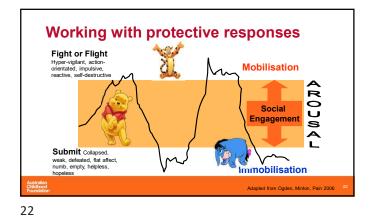








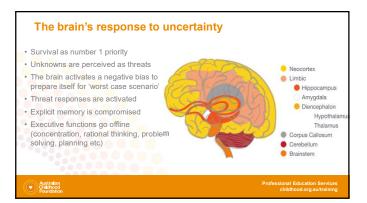




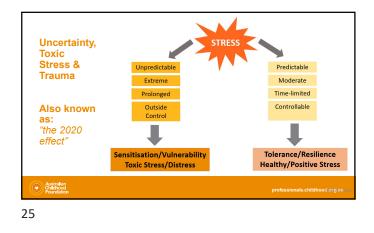




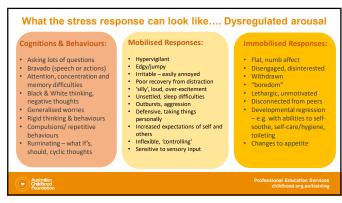






















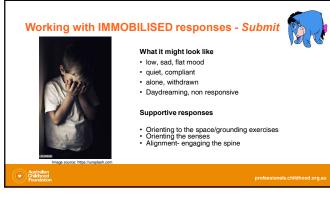
Working with MOBILISED responses - Flight What it might look like

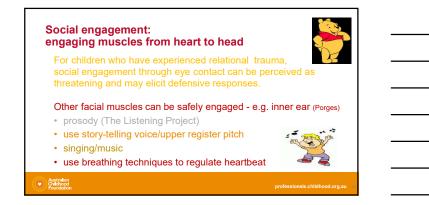


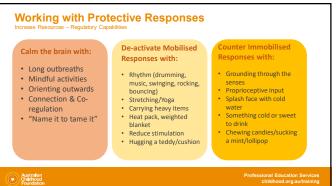
- Anxious, silly, manic · Running away, hiding, disruptive
- · Difficulty with free play, silly voices, distracting Supportive responses
- Be kind and patient when "finding" or collecting me · Offer me an easy task/chore to do
- Help me settle my body weighted blankets, heat packs Engage senses
- Encourage me to hang/swing/carry something heavy

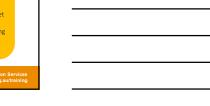


- · Stomping, jumping on the spot, drumming

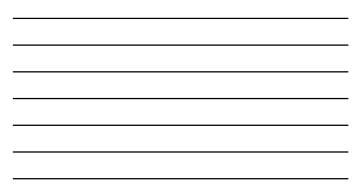


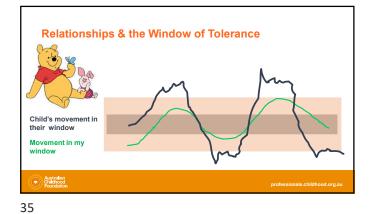










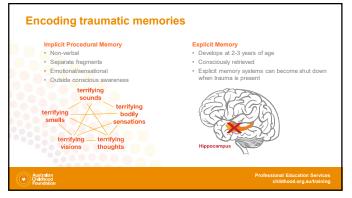












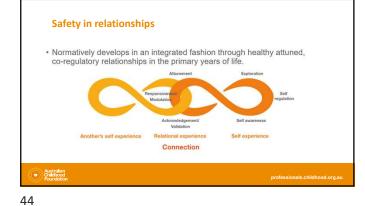






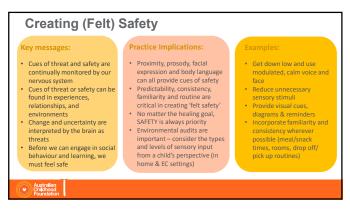




















Trauma and relationships

As we know a secure relationship is central to the development of:



- a positive sense of self • empathic and sensitive interaction
- adaptive and flexible emotional regulation skill.

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Two hands for parenting – Kim Golding Hand One: provides warmth and nurture, and allows:

- Child appropriate autonomy matched to their developmental age.
- Hand Two: provides structure, and boundaries:
- Connection before correction
- No correction without understanding
- Avoid lectures and delay problem solving
- Avoid punishing with the relationship
- Adult takes responsibility for relationship repair

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P.A.C.E Approach

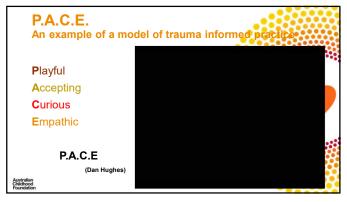
- Playful light, open, hopeful, spontaneous.
- Accepting unconditional acceptance of the experience of the child (feelings, emotions and thoughts).
- Curiosity non-judgemental, active interest in the child's experience, as well as behaviours to learn what is triggering them.
- Empathy about past hurts and present challenges. A 'felt' sense of the child, which is actively experienced and communicated.





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Dan Hughes (2009)





Trauma informed in early childhood settings

- Similar to other child and family-serving organizations, being trauma-informed in early childhood settings means being informed about and sensitive to trauma, and providing a safe, stable, and understanding environment for children, parents and staff.
- Trauma informed approaches represent a holistic approach to shaping organizational culture, practices, and policies to be sensitive to the experiences and needs of traumatized children, families and communities
 A primary goal is to prevent re-injury or re-traumatization
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Importance of working with parents

Young children who have been traumatized also benefit when early childhood practitioners simultaneously focus on child and parental well-being, using a two-generational approach:

- By creating a positive alliance with parents and other caregivers,
- Identify and build on parent and family strengths,
- Recognize and respect thei family's values,
- Encourage them to participate in their child's development
- Engage family members in planning to make progress toward child's goals.

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Consider the parents history

- Many of the parents will have their own trauma histories.
- Whether trauma is a past experience, a current reality, or both, it can shape a parent's behaviors, feelings, and decisions.
- The more we learn about trauma, the more we can modify our practices and communication to support and engage parents
- Develop respectful; attunement communication
 Co-regulate

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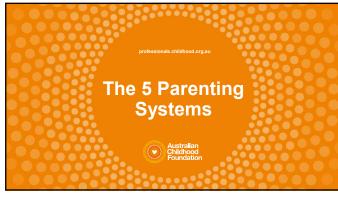


Parents own trauma

- Parent may not understand the role of trauma in child development, symptoms, behaviors, functioning for themselves and also their child
- Their attention may be on what they perceive as their most immediate need- housing, safety,
- income.
- Competing needs
- Child becomes the issue/problem
- Parents feel passive participants in the trauma



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Blocked care

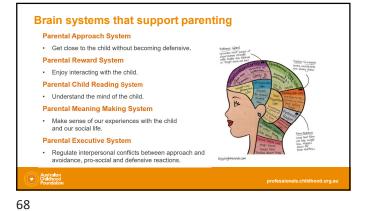
- Blocked care is a way of describing the suppression of carers' potential to nurture a child, especially if the child is slow to reciprocate warmth and love.
- Unmanageable stress associated with the experience of parenting, and often related to the parent's own attachment history, is the primary source of interference with caregiving.

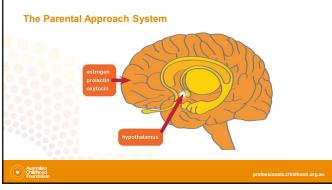


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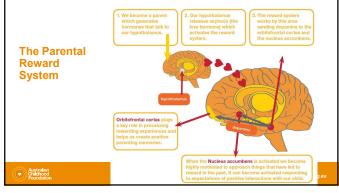
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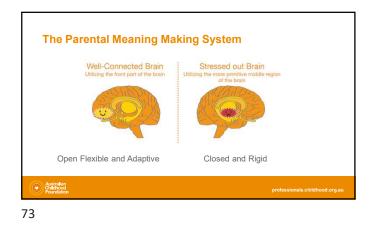
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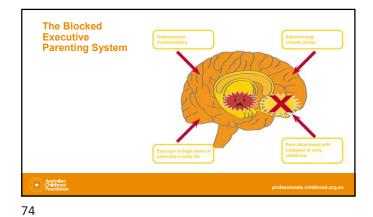










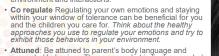






Communication skills

Creating safety – safety in relationships, the environment and interactions.





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Attuned: Be attuned to parent's body language and nonverbal behaviors. These nonverbal indicators can help you determine how a child may be feeling or how they may be affected by the current activities or overall environment.

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Reflective communication

- Attuned reflective communication is perhaps the most powerful tool that you can use with parents. Good communication helps to inform, reassure, and engage parents.
- A single conversation, positive or negative, can set the tone for a family's opinion of staff, so it is essential to develop effective communication skills.
- Child's developmental needs are anticipated and responded to (e.g. access to other services, safe and attuned responses

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Listening to parents Attuned listening is the foundation of effective communication. When you are atuned to another, you get more understanding and information about children and their families. You also get the full benefit of parents' in-depth knowledge of their children. And you show parents that you value their experience, ideas and opinions and take their concerns seriously. Here are some ideas for attuned listening

Here are some ideas for attuned listening : Let parents know you're listening and interested by having eye contact, nodding and ensuring you are fully engaged and attuned to the person. Quieten your own thoughts and stories Let parents finish what they're saying before you speak. Then summarise what parents have said, and check that you've understood correctly.





 In this narrative, effective parenting is the objective, and the ultimate goal is to change parents' attitudes, behaviours and practices.



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Changing our narrative

- Another strategy is to focus attention on the importance of healthy child development; effective parenting in this narrative is the means to achieve improved developmental outcomes for children.
- The difference between these two master narratives is subtle: one is about making people better parents and one is about achieving healthy developmental outcomes
- Instead of evaluating specific parenting practices, communication then draws attention to the conditions that shape people's ability to parent and explain how improving those conditions will enable more positive parenting practices.

Changing narratives

- Find and share the positives about a child's learning, behaviour and experiences. ...
- Be open and honest. ...
- Think before you speak, especially when you're talking with **parents** about difficult or sensitive issues.
- Ask for parents' input. ...
- Let parents make the decisions.



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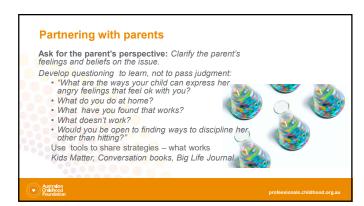
Partnering with parents

- Truly collaborate with parents
- Develop positive attuned relationships with parents Improving a child's outcomes means supporting
- parents in building child's development
- In every interaction with parents, one of your goals is to strengthen your partnership with them. You're more likely to achieve this goal if you consistently speak to parents in a clear, respectful
- and considerate way

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Communicating with diverse families

- No family is the same. For example, families with vulnerabilities, rainbow families, blended families and culturally and linguistically diverse families all have different support and communication needs.
- In general, a family-centered approach can help you better understand what different families need.
- Different families are likely to respond to your communication strategies and support in different ways too.
- If you're unsure how cultural differences might affect the way you communicate, you can ask others or do some research online or in books. lian Department of Social Services







Psychoeducation

- Provide resources to children, families, on trauma, its impact, and treatment options. Build on the strengths of children and families impacted by trauma.
- Address parent and caregiver trauma.
 - Use different modalities to educate parents: social media, newsletters, focus day or week.
- Collaborate across child-serving systems to coordinate care.



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