

The AMBIANCE (227)

assessment of atypical caregiver behaviors

Research findings show that the role of caregivers as attachment figure may be the most influential role in predicting socio-emotional outcome for children. Empirical evidence suggests that brief, focused interventions aimed at improving caregivers' responsiveness to children's cues and signals may be far more effective in promoting sensitive responsiveness in the caregiver and/or secure attachment in the child, than long-term, insight-oriented, broad based interventions.

toelichting in het nederlands

Centraal in het werk van Diane Benoit staan de gehechtheidstheorie en trauma. Zij heeft een instrument ontwikkeld, de AMBIANCE, waarbij op grond van de observatie van de ouder-kind-interactie uitspraken gedaan kunnen worden over kenmerken van desorganisatie van de ouder. Uit gehechtheidsonderzoek is inmiddels duidelijk dat een gedesorganiseerde gehechtheid bij de ouder een groot risico vormt voor de ontwikkeling van het kind. Dit wordt ook wel genoemd: de overdracht van trauma van de ene naar de andere generatie.

trainer

Diane Benoit, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, Project Investigator in the Research Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children, and Staff Psychiatrist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Ontario. Her research, educational and clinical activities focus on:

child-caregiver attachment relationship;

impact of violence / abuse / neglect on children;

trauma-focused and attachment-focused assessments and interventions;

caregivers' perceptions and subjective experience of their children and relationship with them.

Benoit has published in peer-reviewed, scientific publications and other publications, and has made numerous presentations related to these various topics across North America.

objectives

The purpose of this two-day workshop is to focus on the assessment of specific caregiver behaviours, by means of the AMBIANCE, that are associated with various types of insecure attachment in the child, including disorganized attachment.

who should attend

Child psychologists, child psychiatrists, Infant Mental Health (IMH) specialists and other professionals involved with victims of violence, abuse and neglect. Knowledge about early attachment and IMH issues and clinical experience with parent-infant work is required.

program

synopsis of attachment in infants;

attachment in caregivers: disorganized attachment, affective communication errors, role/boundary confusion, disorientation, intrusiveness/negativity, withdrawal;

General principles of intervention;

videotaped vignettes of actual interactions between caregivers and children are used extensively throughout the workshop to allow participants to practice their observation skills.

note

Diane Benoit will also provide a two-day workshop The Working Model of the Child Interview and the one-day workshop Modified Interaction Guidanc.