



PCIT for TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN
Inclusion & Exclusion Criteria

INCLUSION:

Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a funding source to serve the family
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child is between the age of 2 and 8 years
Placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child resides with the caregiver that will receive PCIT services Or • The child will reside with the caregiver that will receive PCIT services within eight to ten weeks of initiating treatment and the caregiver has liberal visitation to practice the skills until reunification occurs
Behaviors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child is exhibiting difficult to manage behaviors according to referring party (i.e. school authorities, social worker, self-referred parent, pediatrician, therapist, etc.)
Standardized Assessments*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of standardized assessments of child behavior problems (ECBI, CBCL) indicate symptoms in clinical significant range (e.g. T > 60) and/or • Results of standardized assessment of parenting stress (PSI) indicate Parent Distress, Dysfunctional Parent-Child Relationship, or Difficult Child Behaviors in the clinical range (e.g., > 85%ile)
Behavioral Observation*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results of the 15 Minute Behavioral Observation (DPICS) indicate that the child's behaviors are difficult to manage

* **Defensive reporting:** Caregiver may report lower scores and/or child behavioral problems during clinical interview, pre-measurements and behavioral observation which may reflect defensive reporting (i.e. involvement with CPS, custody issues, court ordered treatment, fear that child may be removed from home, etc, or, the parent and child would benefit from PCIT even though the measures are not elevated).



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Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child does not meet any of the criteria above (i.e. age, unstable placement, low behavioral problems, etc.)
Clinical Interview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the clinical interview, the caregiver indicates an inability to consistently participate in PCIT (i.e. medical problems, transportation difficulties, day care arrangements of other children, etc.) • The child has a diagnosis that contraindicates a referral to PCIT (e.g., psychosis, severe mental delay, severe developmental disorder, physical limitation to participate in play activities, etc.) • The caregiver has a diagnosis that contraindicates the decision to provide PCIT (e.g. active chemical dependency, psychosis, severe mental delay, personality disorder, severe depression, physical limitation to participate in play activities, etc.) • Background history or clinical interview indicates that the child is a victim of sexual abuse and the caregiver is the alleged perpetrator, or if non-offending caregiver does not support/believe the sexual abuse allegations. • Other mental health treatment interventions are being recommended prior to initiating PCIT.