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TRAINING COMPETENCIES FOR CLINICIANS

ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS OF PCIT

- Standardized pre/post treatment measurement – ECBI/DPICS
- Inclusion of CDI and PDI
- Coding interactions with the DPICS
- In vivo coaching of the parent-child dyad
- Inclusion of the PRIDE and selective attention/ignoring concepts
- Use of homework
- At least 50% of session spent coaching
- Agency provides appropriate space and equipment, and allows therapists to participate in ongoing training and consultation.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A PCIT THERAPIST

- Trainee must: 1) have a master’s degree or higher in the mental health field and must be actively working with children and families and 2) be licensed or supervised by a person trained in PCIT. Graduate students enrolled in a master’s or doctorate program may participate in training within the context of their overall training program.
- 40 hours didactic training with role-play (including completion of PCIT-TC web course).
- Read revised or updated training handouts, training curriculum, PCIT book (McNeil & Hembree-Kigin, second edition, 2010), and selected research articles.
- Meet PCIT training Competencies for Therapist/Coach (UCDMC CAARE Center, 2000)
- Administer, score and interpret pre/post measures (ECBI, PSI, CBCL, TSCYC and 15-minute observation with DPICS scoring)
- Supervision and case consultation through the course of treatment for one PCIT case.
- Remain current with PCIT research and advancements by attending regional meetings, annual PCIT conferences and other resources (i.e. PCIT Listserve, etc.)
- Complete two PCIT cases through the full course of treatment.
## PHASE II: FUNDAMENTAL AND SKILL-BUILDING

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<td>Complete 10 Hour PCIT–TC Web Course</td>
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### Evaluation of Web Course Knowledge

- Meet Mastery Criteria for Child-Directed Interaction (CDI) Skills in five-minute role-plays (10 labeled praises, 10 reflections, 10 behavioral descriptions with 3 or less questions, commands, critical statements)
- Code parent-child interaction using DPICS 3 with 80% accuracy
- Develop Objectives & Goals using information from clinical interview, pre-measures and behavioral observation
- Role-Play CDI Teaching Session – shows understanding of process
- Role-Play CDI Coaching Skills – shows understanding of process
- Role-Play PDI Teaching Sessions – shows understanding of process
- Role-Play PDI Coaching Skills – shows understanding of process
- Role-Play Preparing for Graduation – describes requirements & considerations for graduation

## PHASE III: EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING

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<td>Utilize standardized behavioral measurements (CBCL, ECBI, PSI, TSCYC) in assessment and treatment planning</td>
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<td>Conduct Structured Behavioral Observations (Dyadic Parent-Child Interaction Coding System; DPICS) as a component of the assessment process</td>
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<td>Code 5-minute CDI parent-child interactions with 80% accuracy using DPICS (10 times: check off below)</td>
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### Child-Directed Interaction Didactic

- Teach and demonstrate behavioral play therapy skills (PRIDE)
- Teach and demonstrate use of selective attention/ignoring
- Teach and demonstrate avoidance of questions, commands, and critical statements

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<th>Explain and provide rationale for completing daily homework</th>
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### Child-Directed Interaction Coaching Sessions

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<th>Model CDI Skills during all interactions with parent and child from the outset of contact to termination of session</th>
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<td>Use ten-minute check-in phase of therapy to build rapport and briefly review progress/concerns/completion of homework</td>
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<td>Code parent on PRIDE skills during 5-minute behavioral observation</td>
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<td>Coach easier-to-master skills (e.g., description, reflection, imitation) before more difficult skills (labeled praise, avoiding questions &amp; commands)</td>
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<td>Coach CDI skills by modeling, prompting, and explaining the concepts using all levels of coaching</td>
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<td>Progress from directive to less directive coaching by praising/reinforcing appropriate parent verbalizations (e.g. give more praise than correction)</td>
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<td>Effectively coach concepts of ignoring and differential attention</td>
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<td>Coach qualitative aspects of parent-child interaction (e.g., physical closeness/affection, eye contact, vocal and facial expression, developmentally sensitive teaching, task persistence, frustration tolerance, sharing, polite manners, and generalization of positive behavior to other settings.)</td>
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<td>Provide five minutes of positive feedback to parents on their mastery of skills and discuss homework plan</td>
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<td>Document parent and child progress, strengths, concerns, and track skill mastery on frequency chart</td>
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<td>Demonstrate ability to structure the opening and closing of sessions so that feedback, homework, and review of child/parent progress occurs</td>
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<td>Demonstrate ability to teach parent and use “Skills to Manage Behavior” in coaching sessions.</td>
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### Mid-Treatment Assessment

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<th>Use five-minute coding sessions to assess readiness for transition to Parent-Directed Interaction phase of treatment</th>
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<td>Administer standardized measures for re-assessing treatment goals</td>
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Develop treatment goals specific for PDI phase of treatment

**Parent-Directed Interaction Didactic Session**

- Provide rationale for teaching discipline skills to parents and emphasize the importance of continuing to use PRIDE skills
- Teach and demonstrate rules for giving effective commands (BE DIRECT)
- Teach and demonstrate importance of praise for compliance (COMMAND-COMPLY-PRAISE)
- Role-play ‘practice-minding’ and use of progressively more difficult commands
- Teach and demonstrate time-out warning and time-out process
- Teach consistent process for managing time-out refusal

**Parent-Directed Interaction Coaching Sessions**

- Continue to model CDI Skills during all interactions with parent and child from the outset of contact to termination of session
- Use ten-minute check-in phase of therapy to briefly review progress/concerns/completion of homework
- Code parent on PRIDE skills during 5-minute behavioral observation
- Coach ‘practice-minding’ before ‘real life’ or more challenging commands
- Code parent on BE DIRECT/Discipline sequence (3/4 commands given directly with correct follow-up sequence.)
- Progress from directive to less directive coaching by praising/reinforcing appropriate use of PRIDE skills, BE DIRECT skills, and time-out warning and procedures
- Coach ‘real life’ directions and develop plan for implementing time-out procedures in other settings
- Accurately explain the House Rules procedure
- Accurately explain Behavioral Management/Public Behaviors procedures
- Provide five minutes of positive feedback to parents on their mastery of skills and discuss plan for carefully selecting necessary commands to practice applying skills at home
- Document parent and child progress, strengths, concerns, and track maintenance of PRIDE skill mastery on frequency chart
Assess readiness for treatment termination with parent based on level of compliance at home, school, and session, willingness to cooperate with time-out

**Post-Treatment Assessment**

Assess need for further therapy (e.g., trauma-focused therapy, social skills group) or adjunct services (e.g., home-based services, school consultation, medication assessment)

Administer 15-minute behavioral assessment to measure parent’s achievement of skill acquisition and child’s compliance.

Administer standardized behavioral measures (CBCL, ECBI, PSI, TSCYC, and TAI) to assess achievement of treatment objectives.

Provide parent and child with certificate verifying achievement of skill

Document progress/objectives achieved and discharge plan

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**Verification of Training Completion:**

________________________________________  ______________________________
UCDMC PCIT Trainer                        Date

________________________________________  ______________________________
PCIT Trainee                               Date
## PCIT for TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN

### GENERAL COURSE OF TREATMENT

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<td>Parent completes standardized assessments &amp; 15-minute behavioral observation.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>1 session</td>
<td>PRIDE Skills teaching session.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>6 – 8 sessions</td>
<td>Parent reaches mastery.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Up to 1 session</td>
<td>Parent completes ECBI &amp; PSI. Optional to complete other measures and 15-minute observation.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>1 – 2 sessions</td>
<td>Parent learns how to give effective commands and a PCIT timeout.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>1 session</td>
<td>Role-play giving effective commands and PCIT timeout with Mr. Bear.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>6 – 8 sessions</td>
<td>Parent masters giving direct commands and time out with the child. Child’s compliance improves</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>1 – 2 sessions</td>
<td>Parent gives effective commands and manages behavior in different settings. Completes standardized assessment measures, TAI, &amp; 15-minute behavioral observation.</td>
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Program Development

PCIT Referrals

Treatment Coordination Meeting

Intake Session (1 – 2 hours)

CDI Teaching – PRIDE/Selective Attention (1 hour)

Coaching PRIDE/Selective Attention (6 – 8 hours)

Mid Treatment Assessment (Up to 1 hour)

PDI Teaching – BE DIRECT/Strategies to Improve Compliance (1 – 2 hours)

Coaching BE DIRECT/Strategies to Improve Compliance (6 – 8 sessions)

Prepare for Graduation (1 – 2 hours)
Program Development

- Outfit and safety-proof the play room (toys, cabinets for toys)
- Outfit the observation room (cabinets for video, & forms)
- Purchase measurements
  - ECBI, PSI, CBCL, TSCYC
- Create case folders
- Create pre- & post-measurement packets
- Create packets of information for teaching PCIT components
- Xerox PCIT Log Sheets - to use a temporary data base
- Schedule room
- Keep supply of ear batteries and DVDs
- Post handouts in PCIT observation room
  - 15-minute observation
  - Lead-in for 5-minute observation
  - Mastery Criteria
- Develop video taping consent form

PCIT Referrals

(Indicate on referral: PCIT only/PCIT adjunct to other treatment)

- Referrals from within agency will contact:

- Referrals from outside agency will contact:

Treatment Coordination Meeting

- Assign Case to Therapist
- Input data in database
- Transfer case file to therapist

Intake Session (1 - 2 hours)
Clinical interview
Consent to video tape
Pre measurements completed and interpreted
  - ECBI, PSI, CBCL, TSCYC
15 minute recorded observation (after obtaining video release)
Develop treatment goals using ECBI/Coaching words list

CDI Teaching - PRIDE/Selective Attention
(1 hour)

*pre-measurements must be completed prior to the PRIDE Training*
- Teach the pride concepts/Selective attention
- Emphasize practicing to "mastery" (Skill Acquisition Profile)
- Provide packet of handouts to parent
  - PRIDE
  - Ways to Praise!
  - Selective Attention
  - Toys List
  - Daily HomeFun Sheet

Coaching PRIDE/Selective Attention
(6 – 8 hours)

- 10 minute check-in
- 5 minute coding at beginning of every session-video tape
- 30 minutes of coaching
- 5 minute of session review and homework assignment
- Coach parent to Mastery*: Skill Acquisition Profile

Mid Treatment Assessment
(Up to 1 hour)

Assess whether parent is at Mastery*
* 10 Labeled Praises
* 10 Reflections
* 10 Behavioral Descriptions
* 3 or fewer critical statements/questions/commands
Reassess treatment objectives and goals by completing ECBI and PSI
Conduct 15-minute behavioral observation (as needed)

**PDI Teaching -**

**BE DIRECT/Strategies to Improve Compliance**

(1 - 2 hours)

Teach Strategies to Improve Compliance concepts using Mr. Bear for role play
Give parent handouts
- Skills to Manage Behaviors
- Giving Effective Commands
- Giving Effective Time-Outs
- Strategies to Improve Compliance
- Daily Home-Fun Sheet

**Coaching BE DIRECT/Strategies to Improve Compliance**

(6 - 8 sessions)

- 10 minute check-in
- 5 - 10 minute coding at beginning of every session-video tape
- 30 minutes of coaching
- 5 minute of session review
- Coach parent to Mastery*
  - *command > comply > praise
  - *Following time out process
- Introduce house rules, automatic time-out, and skills to use in public
  - Practice to Mastery
  - Make home-visit or public visit as needed
- Coach to Graduation*
  - *75% of parent's commands must be effective
  - *Child's ECBI intensity score must be lower than 114

**Prepare for Graduation (1 - 2 hours)**

- Assure that all post measurements are completed
- Complete 15-Minute Recorded Observation
- Refer family to other treatment as needed
- Complete PCIT Log Sheet
When selecting toys for your session, think about your client and what you want to accomplish. The toys you choose will help you achieve your goals.

- Think about how old children are, their motor coordination, and their taste in toys. You may also consider whether a toy poses a safety hazard (e.g., choking).
- Think about whether you want the parent and child to play together or to play apart.
- Think about whether parents need a really fun toy to keep children interested in playing with them.
- Think about whether the child might have a meltdown or require a time out.

While it is all right to use other toys, the toys listed below have traditionally been successful for PCIT sessions.

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<td>Foam blocks</td>
<td>Pop-beads</td>
<td>Small Legos</td>
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<td>Little People toys</td>
<td>Duplo blocks (large Legos)</td>
<td>Gears (building gears)</td>
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<td>Play-Doh with molds, shapes, &amp; cutters</td>
<td>Megga blocks (giant Legos)</td>
<td>Magnetix</td>
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<td>Play food, dishes, pots, &amp; pans</td>
<td>Ring stacker with sounds</td>
<td>Tinker Toys (plastic)</td>
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<td>Potato Heads (at least two so that both parent &amp; child can play)</td>
<td>Xylophone, or other musical instruments that do not go in the mouth</td>
<td>Matchbox or Hotwheels cars</td>
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<td>Wooden train &amp; track</td>
<td>Pop-up toy</td>
<td>Kid Kinex</td>
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<td>Plastic play figures with terrain/play mats: farm animals, dinosaurs, jungle animals</td>
<td>Toys with a small amount of sound, music, or lights</td>
<td>Motorworks (cars to build)</td>
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<td>Bristle Blocks (Krinkles brand with wheels and figures)</td>
<td>Soft toys, or small plush animals</td>
<td>Marble Toy</td>
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<td>Washable crayons and paper</td>
<td>Sorting blocks, nesting toys</td>
<td>Simple, non-directive arts and crafts</td>
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You may also consider selecting the following toys to give you more options in coaching around trauma, and in PDI:

- Games like Candy Land or Chutes & Ladders, or puzzles to help build frustration tolerance and improve turn-taking
- Baby dolls and accessories
- Play family figures, all ages and ethnicities
- Fischer-Price school house and playground
- Play furniture, with beds, toilets, and bathtubs
- Cars and trucks, esp. police cars, ambulances, and fire trucks
