

## Translating Research to Practice

**PCIT Research Updates** 

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#### Research & Practice

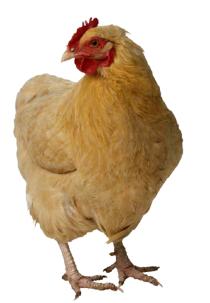
- PCIT has "core components"
- Are rules or no rules in CDI critical to PCIT effectiveness?
- So far, we have opinions based on our perceptions about how things work but little evidence
- Understanding how things work gives us new ideas about how to better serve children and families.





## NOW FOR SOME NEW AND EXCITING UPDATES....





....of our study of the usefulness of Rules vs. No Rules in the Relationship Enhancement Phase of PCIT!!

#### RULES VS. NO RULES: A Brief Description

#### **INCLUDE**

#### DIDACTIC

PRIDE skills, selective attention

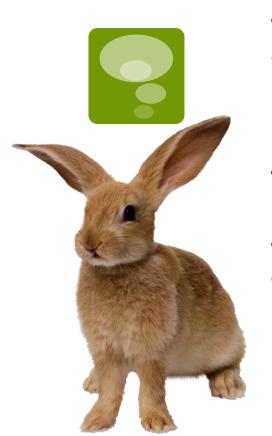
### TOY CHOICE & PLACEMENT

•3 different toys placed on table or shelf

#### **OMIT**

- Rules for special playtime
- When-then statements
- Prompting during active ignore

 Any instructions to clean toys up



#### RULES VS. NO RULES: A Brief Description

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#### **OMIT**

#### SITTING AT THE TABLE

Place chairs & booster seats at the table

 Rules for sitting at the table

#### 5-MINUTE CODING

 Tell Cgvr you are going to stay quiet for 5 minutes and code as Cgvr plays with the child  Rules for Special Playtime



#### RULES VS. NO RULES: A Brief Description

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#### **OMIT**



 PRIDE skills, selective attention using redirection, enthusiastic play with toys to elicit child's interest in playing appropriately

#### **WRAP UP**

 Warn the caregiver when it is close to the end of special playtime.

- When-then or if-then statements to elicit appropriate behavior
- Prompting during active ignore

 Any instructions to clean toys up



#### **Procedure**

- Randomly assigned all new PCIT cases at the CAARE Center to Rules or No Rules.
- Cases (families) were assigned to their PCIT condition before the CDI didactic.
- The study would last for 7 sessions. At the 7<sup>th</sup> session, we collected the following information:
  - Weekly check-in (special questions)
  - ECBI
  - 5-minute coding- coded parent verbalizations and parent-child emotional availability (EA).



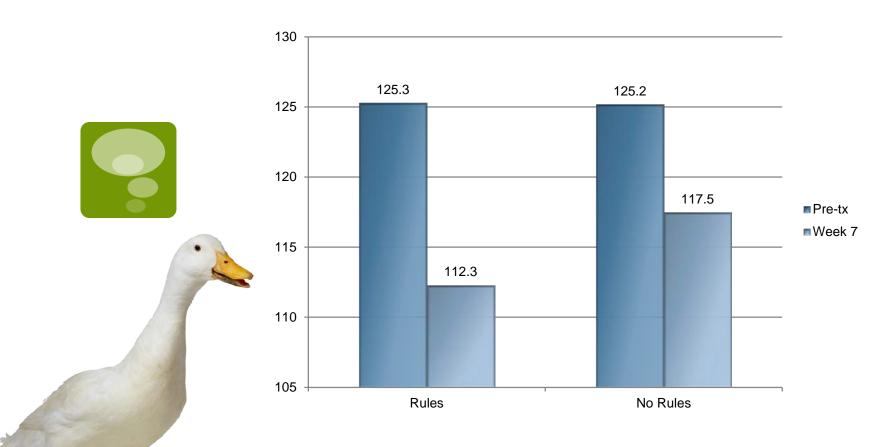


#### Summary of Findings

- 158 caregiver child dyads randomly assigned to RULES (N=66) or NO RULES (N=68) before the CDI didactic
  - No demographic or risk differences between groups
- 66 completed 7-weeks of PCIT and 2 assessments
  - 31 in RULES group (53%)
  - 35 in NO RULES group (48.5%)
- Averaged 128 days to Mid-treatment

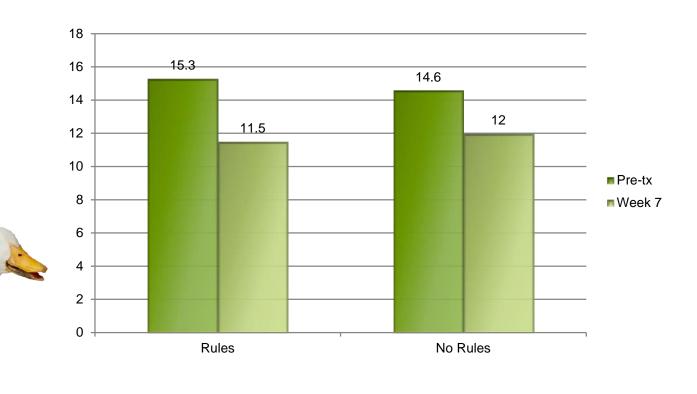


## Comparing changes in the intensity of child behavior problems: ECBI Intensity scale



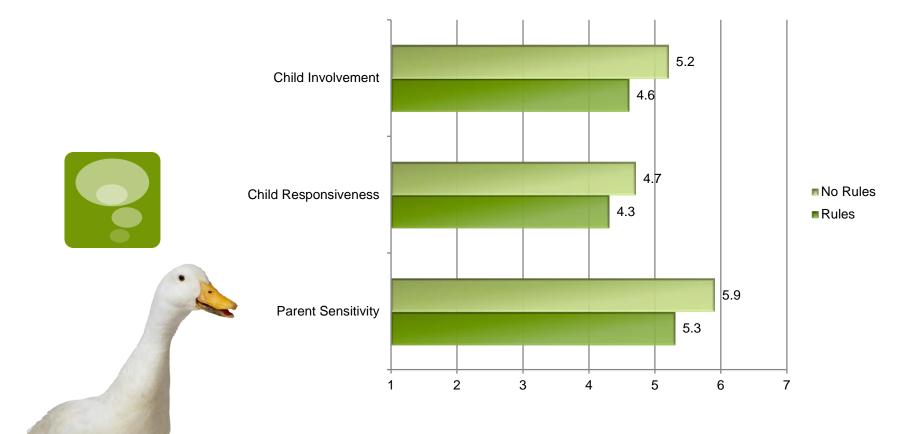
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## Comparing changes in number of child behavior problems: ECBI Problem scale



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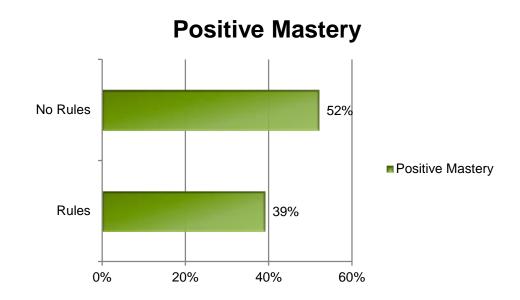
## Comparing parent and child Emotional Availability at week 7



 At week 7, parents in No Rules are significantly more sensitive than those in Rules. Children in No Rules involve their parents more in play.

## Comparing mastery rates for increasing positive verbalizations





At week 7, parents in No Rules tend to be closer to mastery than those in Rules (p≡.08).

## Comparing mastery rates for reducing negative verbalizations

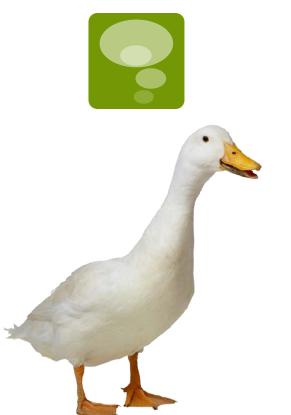


# No Rules No Rules No Rules No Rules Negative Mastery Negative Mastery Negative Mastery

At week 7, there are no significant differences between groups in rate of reducing negative verbalizations.

#### **Summary**

- No differences in time to mid-tx
- No differences in number completing 7 weeks
- No differences in intensity and number of behavior problems
- Differences in parent sensitivity, child involvement (EA)
- Tendency for No Rules parents to be closer to positive mastery by week 7



## How important is Emotional Availability?



#### Parent Sensitivity

Lower intensity of behavior problems

Lower numbers of behavior problems

Higher rate of positive mastery

## Child Involvement

Lower intensity of behavior problems

Lower numbers of behavior problems

Higher rate of positive mastery

#### **Discussion**

- Findings suggest some advantages of No Rules.
- Sample is small, results are not powerful.
- Whether to use rules or no rules may not be simple decision. It may depend on characteristics of the caregiver or child.
- We still don't really know what those characteristics are.
- We need more discussion...





