

PCIT Session Pause: When Trauma Needs & Court Orders Take Center Stage

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Therapy with Traumatized Children

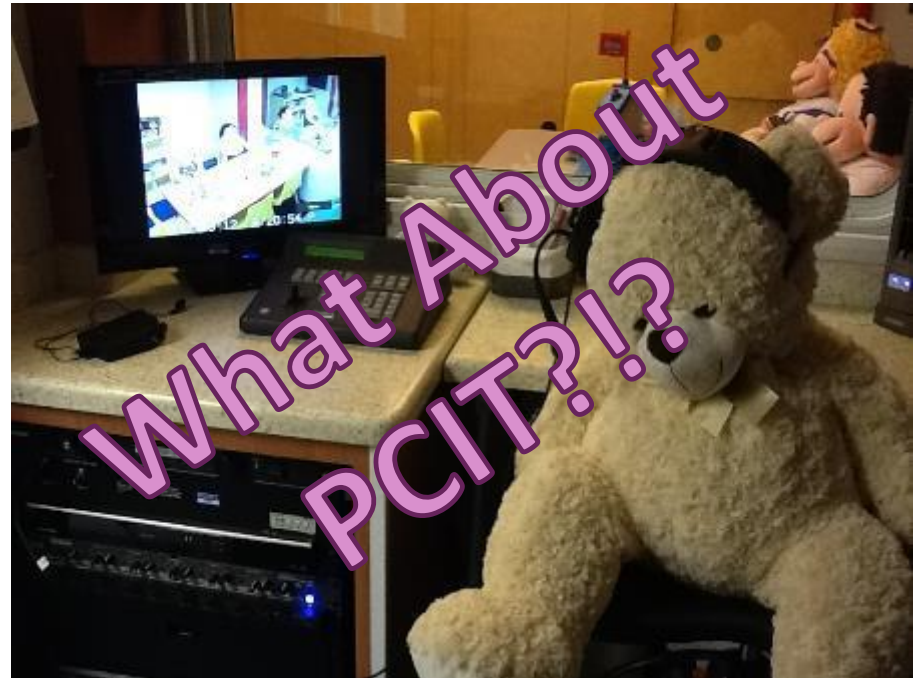
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Meet George

- 3 year old male
- Removed 2x bio parents
 - 3months: broken femur
 - 18months: DV/neglect
- Kinship placement
- Limited Verbal Expression
- Active in PCIT

Situation

- No contact with bio dad since 18 months old
- Court ordered visitation to be held at correctional facility
- Transportation to and from visit by DCFS



Preparation

- Collaboration with DCFS worker:
 - Who is transporting
 - Time of visit
 - Location of visit
 - Phone
 - Family room
 - Uniform color
- Visual Aides Ready
 - Building size
 - Waiting room
 - Phone stalls
 - Entry & exit

PRIDE Skills & Preparation

- Use of the PCIT Lab:
 - One way mirror
 - Client in observation room
 - Set stage for rehearsal
 - Use your PRIDE skills
 - BD's
 - LP's
 - RF's

The Power of Orientation

- When court orders take the lead, a PAUSE in the PCIT session to orient a child to the upcoming event makes theoretical sense.
- In PCIT we orient children to therapy
 - Tell them why they are coming to see us
 - The reason, why and how PDI will occur
- Use these same skills for court ordered interruptions to treatment

Outcomes

- George did absolutely fantastic during and after his visitation.
- One session of PCIT on Pause and right back to PDI phase the following week.

Caregiver Reaction

“I knew you guys were teaching me good things, but honestly it was after this that I was really like WOW they really know what they’re doing. Now I’m happy to do my (PCIT) homework and know this is exactly where we need to be.”

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