







# **Coaching in a Child's Natural Environment**

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Understand the challenges and benefits of in home/in room coaching with PCIT and PC-Care
- 2. Learn about adaptations that can be made for in room coaching and when it may be appropriate
- 3. Hear about the effectiveness of in room coaching
- 4. Practice in room coaching

#### Let's talk about in home & in room PCIT & PC-Care



How does it differ from traditional or in clinic?

Why would someone choose to do in home PCIT or PC-Care?

What do you think the benefits are?

What might the challenges be?

#### **Benefits of In Home Coaching:**



- Higher Attrition Rates
- Gain a more complete picture of child and family
- Better able to help generalize skills

#### **Possible Challenges**



- Environmental Distractions
- Coaching When Child Can Hear
- Swoop and Go and Time Out Limitations

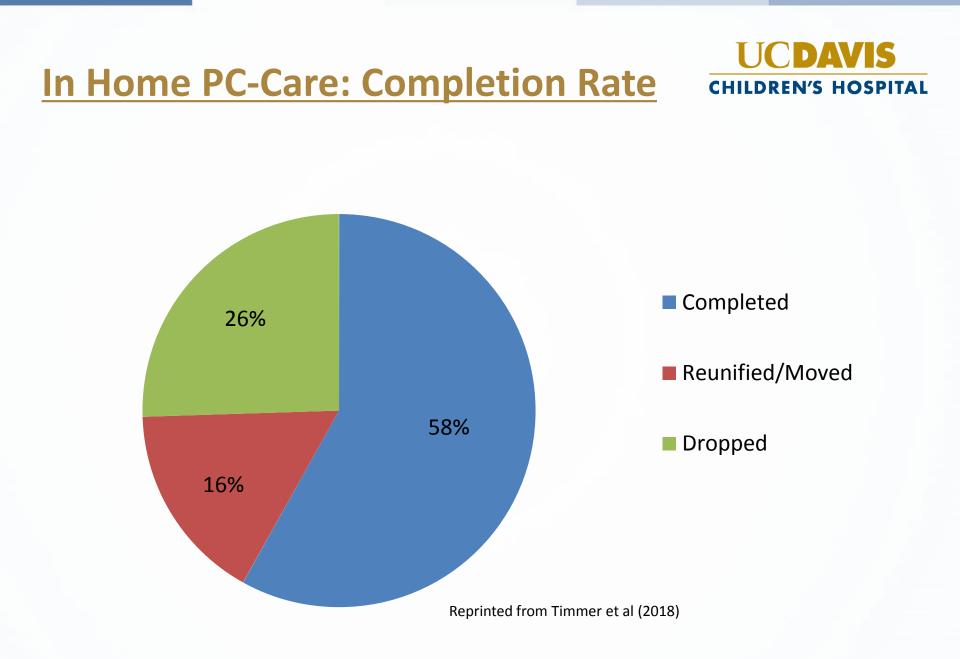


## What does the research show?

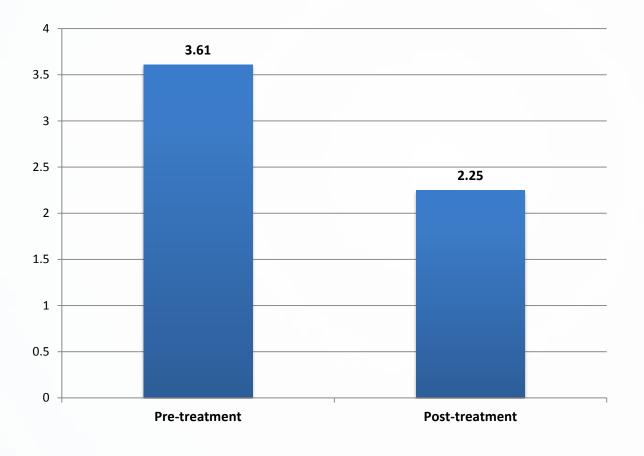
Is it even effective?

Timmer et al (2018)

Ware et al (2008)



# In Home PC-Care: Trauma Symptoms CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



Mean trauma symptom severity scores pre- and post-PC-CARE, as measured by the Early Childhood Traumatic Stress Screener (N=28). F(1, 28)= 10.52, p=.003,  $\eta^2$ = .28, Power= .88

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#### **In Home PC-Care: Behavior Problems**



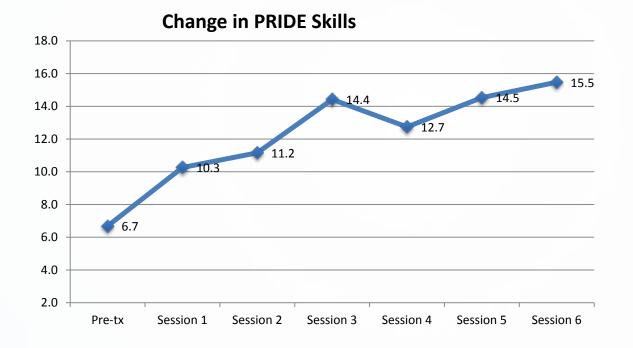
WACB Intensity Score

Results of the analysis showed a significant linear decrease in the intensity of behavior problems for treatment completers (N=19) from Session 1 to Session 6 (F(1, 18)=3.66,  $\eta$ 2= .17, observed power= .91).

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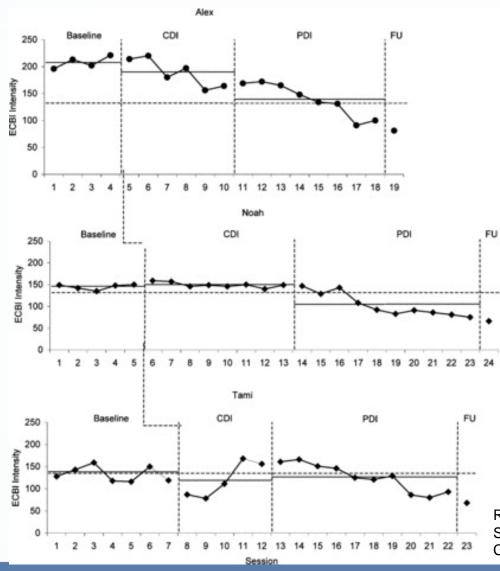
#### In Home PC-Care: Positive Parenting



The change in parents' observed use of positive parenting (PRIDE) skills significantly improved from pre-treatment to the final session (F(1, 18)= 28.4,  $\eta$ 2= .63, observed power= 1.0).

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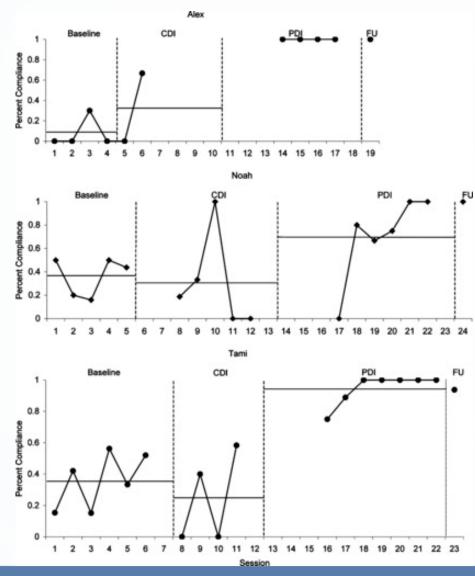
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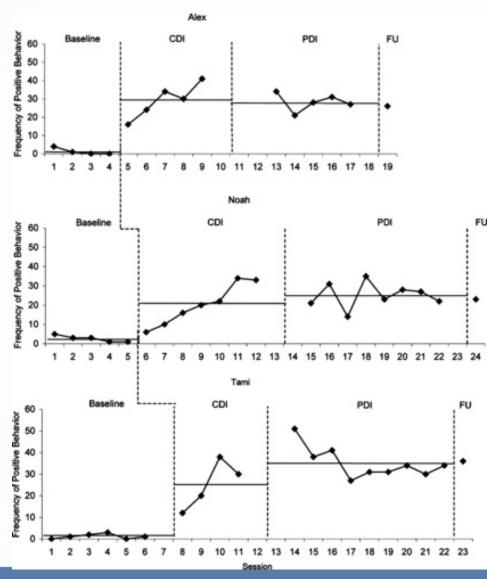
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### **What About...Creating a Space**

- Work with Caregiver to Create
- Think Peace and Quiet
- Consistency is Key
- Be Flexible

### **What It Could Look Like**









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### What about...Coaching



- Less Level 1 Coaching, More Level 3 Coaching
- Careful Choice of Wording
- Discuss goals of session during check-in (if possible)
- Save General Feedback for Checkout



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#### What about...Coding



- What if child attempts to engage with you?
- What if caregiver attempts to ask you a question?
- What if sibling is present?
- What if another family member intrudes?



# What about...Toys

- Child's Toys
  - Keeping with Natural Environment
  - May or may not be appropriate
  - May not have many (and may want to save those for Daily Care)
- Bringing Toys In
  - New and Exciting; may hold child's attention more
  - Makes therapy time special
  - You take toys with you, what will child's reaction be?



### What about...Safety

- Consider Time of Appointment
- Buddy System
- Set Expectations, including confirmation of appointment, immediate notification of illness or infestations
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Questions to ask prior to first session
  - Parking situation
  - Gate Code
  - Who you can expect to be in the home

#### What about...



# **Community Locations**

- Park
- School
- Shelters
- Multi-Family Home



#### What about...Protocol

#### **Important to Follow!**

#### So...

- PC-Care: Check-In, 10 minute didactics, 4 minute coding, 20 minutes of coaching, Check-Out
- PCIT: Check-In, 5 minute coding, 30 minutes of coaching, Check-Out, mastery is still met
- WACBs & Daily Care, including graphs
- DPICS toys

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#### What about...Handouts

Be Prepared, Think Ahead!

- PC-Care: Didactic Handouts (weekly), WACBs, Daily Care
- PCIT: Didactic Handouts (CDI & PDI), WACBs, Daily Care
- Extras of Daily Care
- Keep copies of House Rules, Removal of Privileges, Time Out Sequence handy
- Don't forget measures



## What about...Time-Outs

- PLAN!
- Safety!
- Containment!
- Back up!

#### What to Remember



- Separate therapy from typical home activities
- Set expectations and routines
- Shadow File
- Be Professional
  - Arrive on time and be prepared
  - Appropriate Attire

### Role Play: Let's Try It Out



Triads: Child, Caregiver, Clinician

Try various seating arrangements

- Sitting Behind
- Sitting Next To
- Sitting In Between
- Child/Caregiver, feel free to move around
- Try with equipment

## **Role Play: Let's Try It Out**



#### Discussion

- What seating arrangement did you like best/find easiest?
- Equipment or no equipment, what did you like more?
- What did you like about the coaching?
- What was difficult?
- Any tips you picked up or other things you noticed?



# WRAP UP &

# QUESTIONS

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# Resources

Timmer et al. (2018). Fostering Secure Transitions for Traumatized Children. Presentation for Evaluations of Community Practice Meeting. July. Sacramento, CA.

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