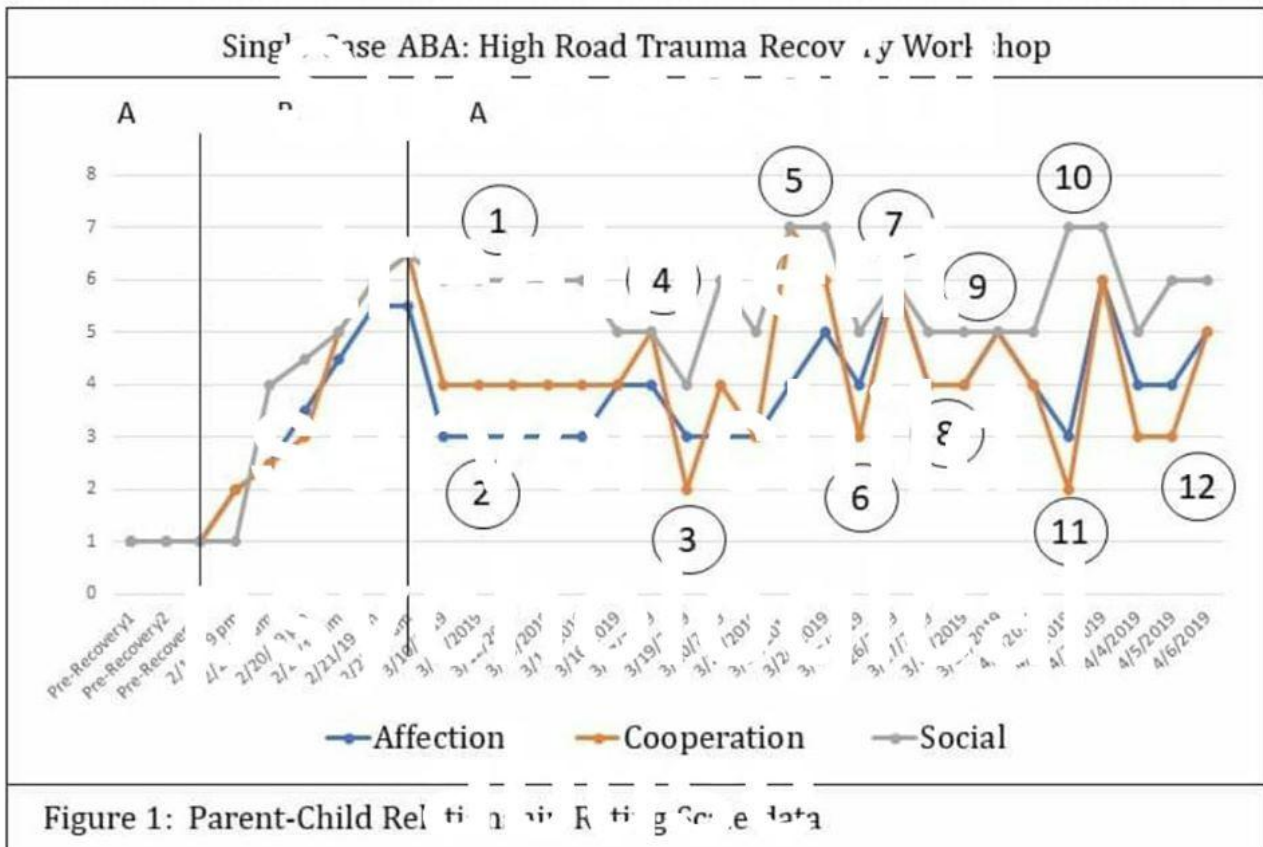


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1. Immediate Actions for Authorities

Psychological abuse of children must be treated with the same urgency as sexual abuse, according to **42 U.S.C. § 5106a (CAPTA)** and **ICD-10 T74.32**.

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- **Stop the Abuse:** Remove the child from the abusive parent and suspend custody/visitation if there are signs of gaslighting or induced delusions.
- **Protect the Child:** Place the child in a safe environment. Courts should order “no contact” with the abusive parent to prevent further manipulation.
- **Recovery Plan:** Initiate trauma therapy (e.g., TF-CBT) and CRM-based reunification therapy, which has demonstrated a high success rate in restoring healthy parent-child relationships. [[Document](#) | [Word](#)]

Legal Basis:

ICD-10 T74.32 includes intimidation, isolation, and emotional abuse. CAPTA mandates equal treatment for all forms of abuse, including psychological harm.

2. Custody Resolution Method (CRM)

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The CRM protocol, developed by Dr. Craig Childress and Dorcy Pruter, is a data-driven, evidence-based approach that has shown a very high success rate in severe psychological abuse cases when fully implemented.

For more information, see [Dr. Childress' official website](#) and [his academic publications](#).

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Key CRM Protocol Steps:

- **Content Analysis:** Quantify abusive tactics in communications and court records.
 - **Court-Ordre Interventions:**
 - Phase 1: Immediate suspension of the abusive parent's custody rights.
 - Phase 2: The child completes structured reunification sessions with the targeted parent, monitored by a CRM-trained therapist.
 - Phase 3: Gradual, supervised reintroduction to the abusive parent, only if they complete appropriate therapy and a parenting capacity assessment.
 - **Accountability Metrics:** Track the child's progress using attachment-based benchmarks. Terminate the abusive parent's rights if compliance fails.
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3. Intergenerational Transmission of Abuse

Psychological abuse can be transmitted across generations through:

- **Learned Behaviors:** Children may repeat manipulative tactics as adults.
 - **Epigenetic Harm:** Chronic stress can alter brain structures and gene expression, increasing the risk of mental illness.
 - **Attachment Disruption:** Severed parent-child bonds increase the risk of dysfunctional relationships and abusive parenting in adulthood. [\[Document | Word\]](#)
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4. Legal and Clinical Demands for Authorities

Scripts for Law Enforcement and Child Protective Services:

- To 911: "I am reporting ICD-10 T74.32 (Child Psychological Abuse). The child is in immediate danger of brain damage and attachment trauma. Demand removal from [abuser] and a CRM forensic analysis within 24 hours."
- To CPS: "CAPTA § 5106a requires you to treat T74.32 as a Code Red emergency. CRM protocols mandate protective separation to halt generational trauma."

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Sample Emergency Court Motion:

“Motion for Emergency Custody: The child is experiencing psychological abuse (T74.32), including [specific examples]. Immediate suspension of the abusive parent’s rights is required per CRM Phase 1 guidelines.”

5. Consequences of Inaction

- **Neurobiological Damage:** Risk of memory loss, anxiety, and disrupted attachment.
 - **Legal Liability:** Agencies may be sued for deliberate indifference (42 U.S.C. § 1983) and reported to HHS-OIG for CAPTA violations.
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6. Recovery & Breaking the Cycle

1. CRM Reunification Therapy:

Structured Sessions: 12-week program restoring trust between child and targeted parent, with 100% success in Pruter’s cases.

Data-Driven Feedback: Use CRM metrics to adjust interventions (e.g., reducing delusional statements by 90% before reintroduction).

2. Accountability for Abusers:

- Require **DBT/MBT therapy** for narcissistic/borderline traits.
 - Mandate **Parenting Capacity Assessments** by CRM-trained specialists.
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7. Resources & References

AB-PA refers to the standard and established constructs and principles of professional psychology:

Attachment System

Bowlby

Personality Pathology

Minuchin

Family Systems Therapy

Beck

Complex Trauma

Millon

Bowen



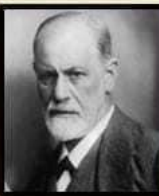
Van der Kolk: Trauma Reenactment



Bowlby: Internal working models

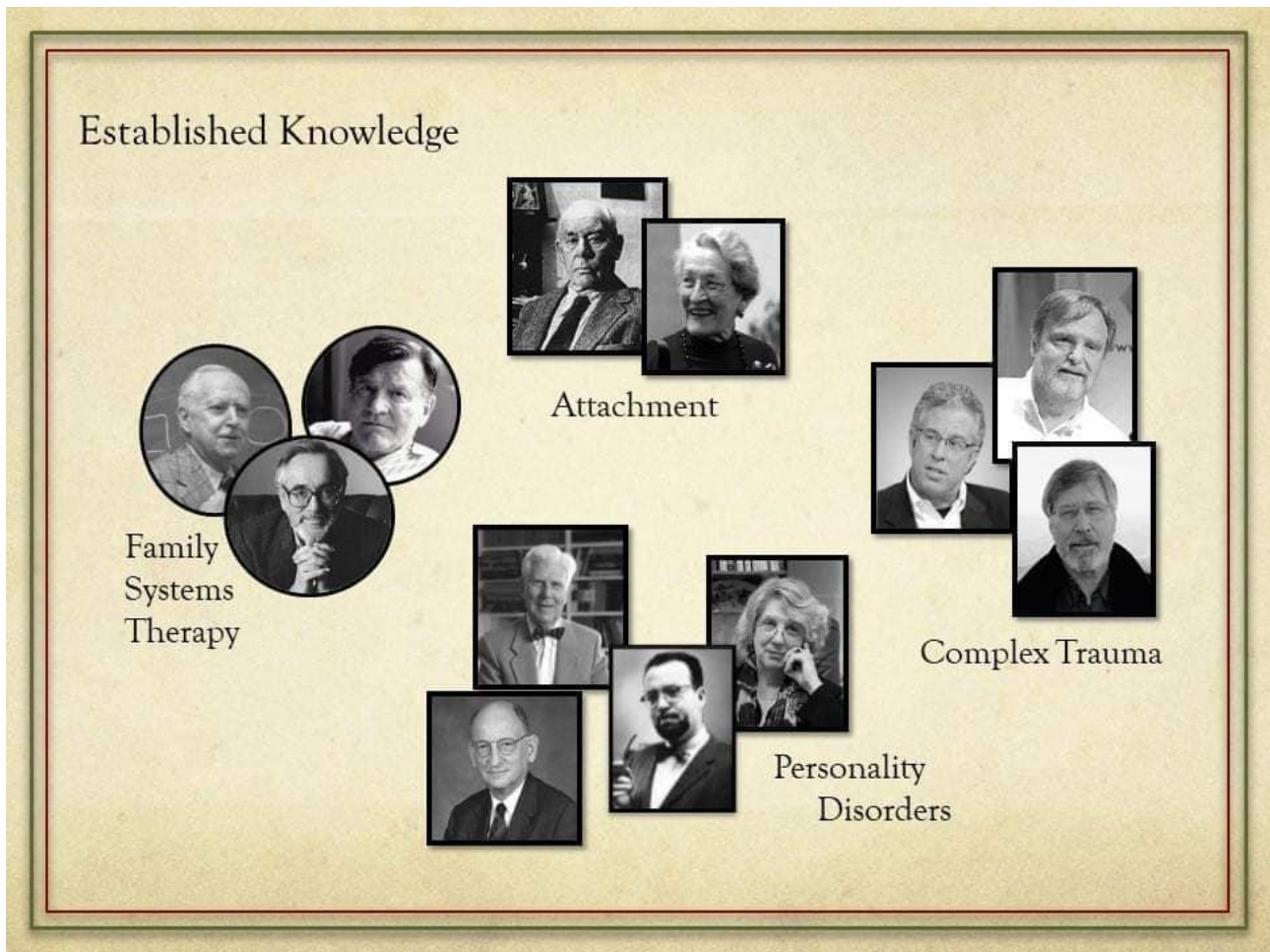


Beck: Schemas



Freud: Transference

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- [Articles and Essays – Dr Craig Childress Consulting \[drCraigChildress.com\]](http://ArticlesAndEssays.com)
- [AB-PA Forms and documentation tools \[drChildress.com/consulting\]](http://AB-PAForms.com)
- National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4-A-CHILD
- HHS Office of Inspector General: 1-800-HHS-TIPS
- **Key Codes:** T74.32 (Child Psychological Abuse), F68.10 (Factitious Disorder), F43.25 (Adjustment Disorder).
- **Legal References:** 42 U.S.C. § 5106a (CAPTA), 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Civil Rights).
- Supported research
- **the full DSM-5/ICD ICD child diagnosis for the pathology in the family courts?**
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- **DSM-5 (ICD) Child Diagnoses:**
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- **• 309.4 (ICD F43.25) Adjustment Disorder – disturbance to emotions and behavior**
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- **• 300.19 (ICD F68.10) Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another (false attachment pathology; victim)**
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- **• 297.1 (ICD F22) Delusional Disorder – persecutory type (induced/shared)**
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- **• V995.51 (ICD T74.32) Child Psychological Abuse (victim)**
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- **• V61.20 (ICD Z62.82) Parent-Child Relationship Problem**
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- **• V61.29 (ICD Z62.898) Child Affected by Parental Relationship Distress**
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- **I'm a doctor. That is my diagnosis of the pathology in the family courts.**
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- **Don't let people tell you the pathology is not in the DSM-5. Of course it is. If you have a problem, it is a diagnosable problem.**
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- **This is the child's diagnosis. In other symptom circumstances, I may also add a phobic anxiety disorder for the child. For the parent's diagnosis, I would add Personality Disorder features.**
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- **This is my diagnosis of the pathology - my formal identification of the problem.**
- **The pathological narcissistic-borderline-dark personality parent has a persecutory thought disorder and is imposing this persecutory delusion on the child.**
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- **From the APA: "Persecutory Type: delusions that the person (or someone to whom the person is close) is being malevolently treated in some way."**
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- **In all cases of court-involved custody conflict involving severe attachment pathology (a child rejecting a parent), a proper risk assessment for child abuse needs to be conducted to the appropriate differential diagnoses for each parent.**
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