Attachment and Intergenerational Cycles of Trauma and Violence

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Intergenerational cycles of trauma and violence: An attachment and family systems perspective.

Reflective functioning

Internal working models
Secure attachment in children and adults
Avoidant attachment in children

Dismissing attachment in adults
Anxious/ambivalent attachment in children

Preoccupied attachment in adults
Disorganized attachment in children

Unresolved attachment in adults
Controlling-punitive children
Controlling-caregiving children
Behaviorally disorganized children
How does attachment contribute to intimate partner violence?
How does exposure to intimate partner violence affect parent-child attachment?
Trajectories of risk

- Early onset of puberty
- Risky behaviors (sexual behavior, substance abuse, teen pregnancy)
- Partner relationships
- Parenting
- Sexual revictimization
- Sexual offending