

Slide 1

**CONNECTING &  
CORRECTING PRINCIPLES**

Empowering Our Children  
Through Healing Attachment  
Relationships

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Slide 2

**All too often ....  
Children from Hard Places**

- ☞ Have dramatic changes in trust, self-esteem, self-efficacy
- ☞ Have confused thoughts & emotions about family & loss
- ☞ Have survived harsh circumstances, creating maladaptive survival strategies & skills
- ☞ Have dramatic changes in ability to process sensory input, in brain chemistry, insulin levels & brain development

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Slide 3

**Behavioral Systems**

- ☞ Attachment
- ☞ Exploratory
- ☞ Fear-Wariness
- ☞ Affiliation

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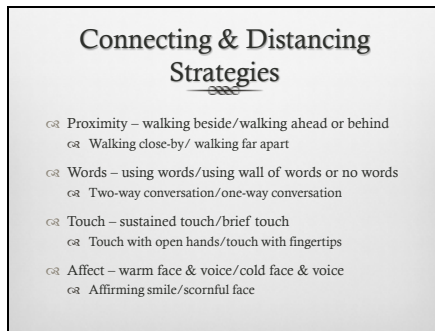
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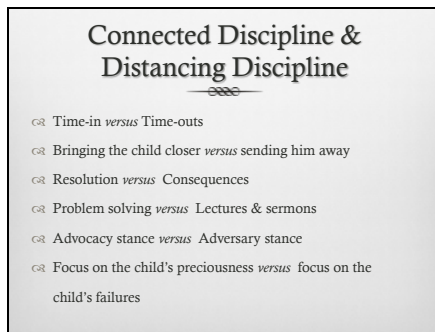
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Slide 13

### IDEAL Response

- ☞ Immediate  
☞ (launched within 3 seconds)
- ☞ Direct  
☞ (with proximity and eye contact)
- ☞ Efficient  
☞ (a measured response)
- ☞ Action-Based  
☞ (opportunity for a re-do)
- ☞ LEVELED at the behavior not at the child!

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Slide 14

### Attachment Ritual



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Slide 15

### Levels of Response: Level I Playful Engagement



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Slide 16

Levels of Response: Level II  
Choices, Compromises, Redirection



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Slide 17

Levels of Response: Level III  
Think-It-Over, Time-In, Re-Do



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When It's Over ...

- ☞ Connecting Strategies Outcomes
  - ☞ Corrected Behavior
  - ☞ Contentment in caregiver and child
  - ☞ Connection between them is deepened
- ☞ Distancing Strategies Outcomes
  - ☞ Deferred behavior waiting to emerge again later
  - ☞ Discontentment in caregiver and child
  - ☞ Disconnection between them is deepened

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**In Sum ...**  
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☞ **Connected Children**  
☞ Learn their strategies from  
☞ **Connected Caregivers**

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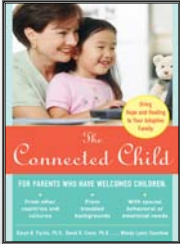
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**The Connected Child**

- [www.child.tcu.edu](http://www.child.tcu.edu)
- Articles for parents & professionals
  - Training
  - Articles
- Resources
  - Sensory Integration
  - Neurochemistry



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Slide 21

**Empowered to Connect**  
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