

Toddler CARE-Index (TCI)

CHAMPION

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TCl with frustration and repair

OVERVIEW

- Task - frustration and repair procedure
- 5min video - boy aged 40m with mother
 - Sydney, Australia, May 2014
- Observations
- TCl Coding
- Dyadic Synchrony/Sensitivity
- Child Strategy
- Assumptions and conclusion

**YOUR INITIAL GUT
REACTION?**

What do we see?

- Hypo-play
- Rote performance
- Hostility? . . . No
- Language not used to clarify feelings
- C was still when not directed to do something
- M displays massive control over her son
 - but did so with positive reinforcement, not threat

- C seems to obey and wait for direction
 - but not to be afraid
- Puzzle pieces piled together was too hard
 - not in his ZPD
- M does not seem natural
- Warm voices, pleasure on faces (but subtle!)
- M helped C to find puzzle pieces in the pile (occasionally)
- M used only demands and positive evaluation
- C displayed high compliance, no play

Frustration and repair

- C tolerated frustration on verbal command only
- C put away the toy without being asked
- C displays tiny frustration that was quickly inhibited when it displeased M
- During F - M asked: 'Are you okay?'
- During R - M asked: 'Are you happy now?'
 - not much about feelings or repair, but there was *something*.
- No repair, just taking up rote activity again

TCI Coding

<u>Facial Exp.</u>	<u>Vocal Exp.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Affection</u>	<u>Turn-taking</u>	<u>Control</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Caregiver						
1 2ab 3ab	4 5ab 6ab	7 8ab 9ab	10 11ab 12ab	13 14ab 15ab	16 17ab 18ab	19 20ab 21ab

Sensitive ___ *Controlling (Covert [a] ___ Overt [b] ___)* *Total* ___ *Unresponsive* ___

<u>Toddler</u>												
1 2 3t 3d	4 5	6t 6d	7 8	9t 9d	10 11	12t 12d	13 14	15t 15d	16 17	18t 18d	19 20	21t 21d

Cooperative ___ *Compulsive (ca_ cg_ cp_ cc_)* *Total* ___ *Threatening [t]* ___ *Disarming [d]* ___

This dyad?

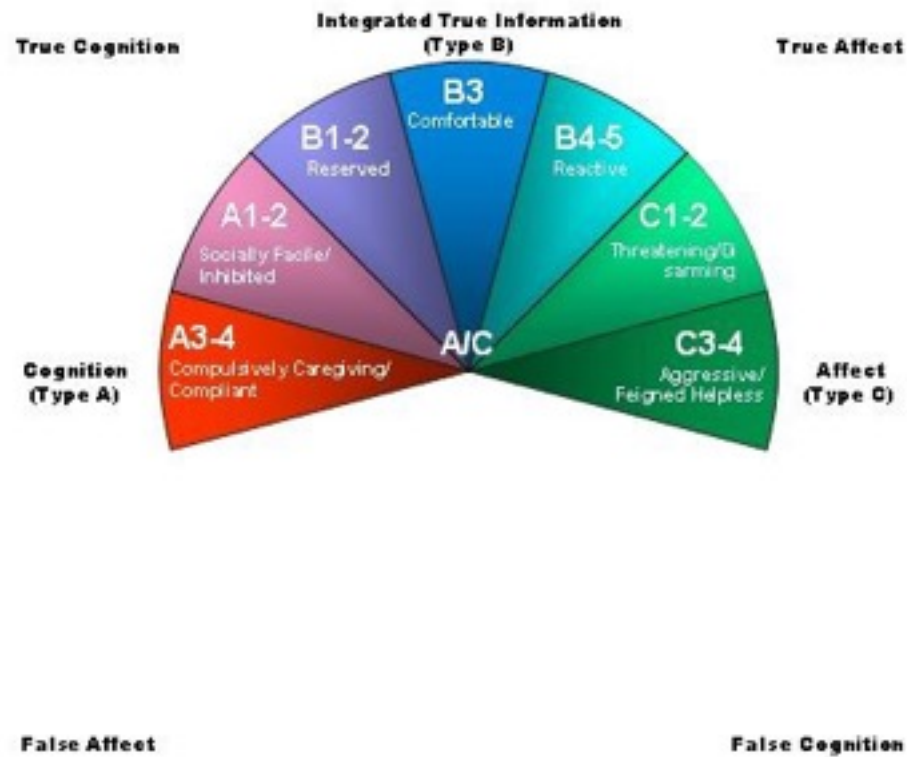
Mother: **Sensitive 2-3**; **Controlling 11-12**; **Unresponsive 0**

Child: **Cooperative 2-3**; **Compulsive 11-12**; **Threatening 0**;
Disarming 0

TCI Synchrony **4-0 HIGH RISK RANGE**

- Lack of warmth with child
- Clear dyssynchrony in arousal of child and adult
- Lack of a shared playful quality (e.g., dull plodding quality to the activity, false cheerfulness, or mocking and teasing of child, etc.).
- Problems are neither addressed, nor repaired
(Probable A3, A4, C3, C4, A+/C+)

A Dynamic-Maturational Model of Patterns of Attachment in the Preschool Years



A4 'Champion'

Type A

- Cognition: Do the right thing
- Affect: close, but not too close

A4 Compulsive Compliance is used to prevent adult hostility or intrusiveness

The function of compliance is to prevent adult aggressive behaviour

Mother's Strategy (AAI)

- Dp?
- Utr(p&dl?) multiple abandonments (including immigration?)
- Utr & l(dl)_{MGM}
- Ul(p&ds)_{many: M, F, war bodies}
- Utr(ds)_{PA?}
- Utr(ds)_{rape?}
- Utr(dp)_{war}

A7 Delusional Idealisation

- Possibly abusive GM, created unlikely (possibly delusional) episodes, e.g., F comes to take her, defer to others, religious prescriptive semantic knowledge, non-agency, misattribution of intent? Delusion of protection? (but not IMs, probably because of the Dp)
- Dp evidence: Futility, ANA, lack of agency

Background

- West African family
 - immigrated to Sydney Australia in 2010 through Salvation Army refugee program
- Two older children (boy 11 yrs & girl 9yrs) born in West Africa - attending local school
- M recently had miscarriage of wanted baby
 - Activation of unresolved loss and trauma
- M enrolled in program with local council to become in-home child carer - paid work

Assumption

M has been attending course with aim to provide in-home child care through local council

Therefore:

- M's positive reinforcement possibly replacing more negative control
 - M's warmth seems genuine (as if allowed out of the 'cage' of angry control?)

NB. Blind coder would not have above information/assumption

Conclusion

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- 5 minute procedure
 - can be filmed at home or clinic setting with hand-held camera
 - with children aged 15 months to 5 years
- Yields
 - dyadic synchrony (adult sensitivity) score
 - child attachment pattern
- TCI validation underway