

Assessment Considerations for Integration of Attachment, Trauma & Child Development

Placement History	<p>Number of Placements? (including child care placements) Age at move? Separation from siblings? Number of Interruptions in caregiving. Age? Duration of each placement? Quality of caregiving from each caregiver? Quality of transitional support? Kinship Care or Fictive Kin?</p>
Medical History	<p>Prenatal: Maternal stress, mother's physical health, nutrition, drug-exposure, mental health, prenatal care, domestic violence, birth complications? Prematurity? NICU experience? Hospitalizations? (including length of stay) Ambulance transport? ER visits? Medical Interventions? Age? Sensitivity of medical staff? Parental separation? Early childhood drug exposure? Lead Exposure?</p>
Developmental Considerations	<p>Sensory Sensitivities? Vision/Hearing? Nutrition/Digestive System/Metabolic Issues? Temperament?</p>
Cultural & Environmental Considerations	<p>Community violence? Poverty & Homelessness? Foster Care/Cultural Placement Consideration? Child care (Quality, Frequency, and Consistency)? Immigration Experience? Toxic Stress (continuously elevated Cortisol levels)? Hunger/Malnutrition? Parental Incarceration?</p>
Relational/Attachment Considerations	<p>Daily Routines? Interactional tone with various caregivers? How does child cue needs? How are they responded to? How does child express distress? What is the response? Ability of primary attachment figure to support the trauma? Death or loss of a caregiver? Neglect or inconsistent caregiving? Physical and mental health of the primary caregiver? Attachment history of the primary caregiver?</p>
Other Traumatic Events	<p>Physical, sexual or emotional abuse? Intergenerational trauma? Child abduction? Natural disaster? War/Terrorism?</p>