

*Parent/Infant affect regulation as a window for early intervention*

Growing evidence from research supports the notion that the quality of a child's relationship with their caregiver affects developmental outcomes even into adulthood. Mental Health Professionals struggle over how to define what is quality of relationship. Using micro-analysis of face to face parent/infant interaction can provide a way to both assess the dyads capacities for the affect regulation and focus intervention. Video tape from The Circle of Security Intervention at Tamar's Children, a residential intervention program for incarcerated pregnant women, will be used to illustrate assessment and intervention.