

Traumatic Bereavement: References and Further Reading

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Bereavement

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Assessment of trauma

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Reactions to Trauma and Traumatic Bereavement

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There is growing evidence that child maltreatment and posttraumatic stress disorder result in numerous neurobiological alterations in children and adolescents, including abnormalities in brain structure and functioning. This article reviews several psychobiological systems with regard to their functioning under normal stress and in the presence of posttraumatic stress disorder, with a focus on recent research findings in children and adolescents, and the implications these findings have on clinical intervention for traumatized children. The importance of early identification and treatment of traumatized children and the need to empirically evaluate psychopharmacological interventions for childhood posttraumatic stress disorder are discussed in detail. Research and policy priorities are also addressed.

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Posttraumatic stress disorder in children and adolescents has been studied only for the past 15-20 years and is the subject of a burgeoning corpus of research. Much research has focused on examining whether children and adolescents have the same responses to trauma as those experienced by adults. Many of the research tools used to investigate children's responses are taken from measures designed for use with adults, and these measures have proven to be useful. However, it has not been established that children's responses to traumatic events are related to the same underlying processes as are adults' responses. The possible application of 2 recent cognitive models of PTSD in adults to understanding PTSD in children and adolescents is discussed in this paper, within the context of what is already known about children's reaction to trauma and existing theoretical accounts of childhood PTSD. Particular attention is paid toward the nature of children's memories of traumatic events and how these memories relate to the reexperiencing symptoms of PTSD, and cognitive processes that may play a role in the maintenance of PTSD. It is proposed that the adoption of a more specific cognitive-behavioral framework may be beneficial and lead to better treatment outcomes.

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Intervention for Trauma and Traumatic Bereavement

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This book provides a very rich and solid introduction to working with groups of adolescents bereaved by a traumatic death. It achieves a good balance of theory and practice: it gives clear indications of exactly what to do (it is after all a manual), but it also gives an overview of some models of bereavement and group processes, on which the manual is based.

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Websites

Child Bereavement UK www.childbereavement.org.uk	Provides specialised support, information, resources, training, and a support and information line, for families and for professionals. It also provides interactive forums for families, professionals, teachers where issues are discussed electronically.
Winston's Wish www.winstonswish.org.uk	Offers practical support and guidance, resources, training and a national Helpline. It has an interactive website for bereaved young people.
Cruse Bereavement Care www.crusebereavementcare.org.uk Young person's website: www.rd4u.org.uk	Provides support to bereaved individuals and offers information, advice, education and training services to those working with the bereaved. It has an interactive website for bereaved young people.
Child Bereavement Network (CBN) www.childbereavementnetwork.org.uk	A network of organisations and individuals working with bereaved children and young people which aims to increase access to information, guidance and support services for bereaved children and those working with them. It provides resources and a directory of services around the country.
The National Child Traumatic Stress Network www.nctsnet.org	An American based network that provides excellent resources for parents, schools, the media and professionals.
The Children and War Foundation www.childrenandwar.org	Provides group manual for intervention, training and copies of measures