

Appendix

Checklist for Posttraumatic Play

Child's Name _____ Date of Session _____ Session No. _____

Dynamic Posttraumatic Play

- Affect variable
- Seeks interactions with clinician
- Available for emotional connection
- Breath fluid
- Physical movement is fluid
- Evidence of release
- Focused investment in play
- Story starts/ends differently
- Story has new information/characters
- Presence of new themes
- Play occurs in different locations in room
- Adaptive outcomes emerge
- Rigidity loosens over time
- New characters are added/deleted
- Role playing emerges

- Child's voice is given to story characters
- Temporary increase of symptoms
- At-home behavior improves

Toxic Posttraumatic Play

- Affect constricted/flat
- Play is focused and isolated
- Unavailable for emotional connect
- Breath shallow/holds breath
- Physical tension
- No evidence of release
- Rigid interaction with play
- Story starts/ends unvaried
- Story is repetitive, without change
- Thematic material remains fixed
- Play must be presented in the same place
- No new outcomes emerge
- Play remains rigid
- No new characters are introduced
- Play still: No role playing (maybe play stagnant?)
- Child's voice is not present

- Symptoms increase and stabilize
- At-home behavior deteriorates

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