Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care: Issues and Considerations for Development, Attachment, Assessment and Treatment

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Learning Objectives:
1. Participants will have a basic understanding of child development between the ages of zero to five.
2. Participants will have a basic understanding of what is meant by “Infant Mental Health.”
3. Participants will have a basic understanding of attachment theory.
4. Participants will have a basic understanding of what developmental issues are common in infants and toddlers who are in the foster care system.
5. Participants will have the tools for developing referral information for developmental and mental health services infants and toddlers and a basic understanding of how to make a referral.
6. Participants will be aware of infants and toddlers as a unique population with special needs within the foster care system.
7. Participants will have been exposed to methods by which attachment relationships may be assessed in the infant and toddler population.
8. Participants will have a basic understanding of the interaction between attachment and foster care.
9. Participants will have an understanding of the effects of attachment disruptions on attachment.
10. Participants will have a basic understanding of how to apply the information from the seminar to their own work.

Training fulfills 6.5 hours of California Training Guideline Domain D.

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