Child Neglect – Characteristics of Neglect and Outcomes for Children Who Experience Neglect

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Neglect – Acts of Omission

- Multiple types of neglect (e.g., lack of supervision, failure to provide, emotional, medical)
- Neglect can co-occur (and often does) with other types of maltreatment.

Developmental Effects of Neglect

- Neurological impairment
- Delayed growth
- Poor attachment
- Chronic illness
- Language deficits (receptive and expressive)
- Academic problems

Children in LONGSCAN Study

Seattle Site

- 261 Children in original recruitment
- Recruited to LONGSCAN between April 1991 and April 1994
- Less than 4 Years of Age
- CPS Referral of Moderate Severity

Number of CPS Reports Per Child

LONGSCAN (By the Age 12 Interview)

Data Sources: mltx0610.sav
Received from LS CSCC: 10/2006

Note includes all reports codable using Modified Maltreatment Coding Scheme (MMCS)

Percentages of Seattle LONGSCAN Children (N=261) with Allegations of Neglect, by Age, Birth 1982, With and Without Allegations of Other Types

Data Sources: rna0410.sav & rnmb0410.sav
Received from LS CSCC: 10/2004
Percentages of Allegations of Failure to Provide (FTP) and Lack of Supervision (LOS), by Age, of Seattle LONGSCAN Children with Allegations of Neglect by Age 12 (N=217)

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*Includes one child with 10 LOS allegations in 8-12 pd.

Percentages of Allegations by Severity, Birth through Age 12, Seattle Site (1,157 referrals with 2,221 allegations)

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LONGSCAN: Extent and Continuity (Birth to Age 8 Interview, N=244)

- Extended Continuous: 27%
- Extended Episodic: 9%
- Limited Continuous: 22%
- Limited Episodic: 14%
- Situational: 28%

LONGSCAN: Child Outcomes to Age 12

- Percentage of Children with Developmental Delays at Age 4 (Battelle Screener > 1.5 S.D. Below Norm)
  - Social: 23%
  - Motor: 29%
  - Communication: 37%
  - Total: 59%

- Percent of Seattle-Site LS Children (Ages 4, 6, 8, 12), Scoring in Borderline or Clinical Ranges on CBCL
  - Age 4 (N=232)
  - Age 6 (N=234)
  - Age 8 (N=221)
  - Age 12 (N=191)
Percent of Seattle-Site LS Children (Ages 6, 8, 12) in Moderately Low or Very Low Ranges on Vineland (Std. Scores of 70 to 84 = Mod. Low; < 70 = Very Low)

Summary

- Neglect is a complex, multi-dimensional form of maltreatment
- Neglect can impact child development across multiple developmental domains

Summary

- Absent intervention, effects of neglect can have significant long term impact on child and adult functioning

LONGSCAN Web Address

- www.iprc.unc.edu/longscan