

How a Caregiver's Trauma Can Impact a Child's Development

EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Caregiver With Traumatic Experience

Mother releases cortisol

Baby absorbs cortisol through placenta

Can impact baby's:

- HPA axis
- Central nervous system
- Limbic system
- Autonomic nervous system



Caregiver struggles to regulate

Attachment relationship between caregiver and child may be strained

Can impact child's:

- Development of a core sense of self
- Ability to integrate experiences
- Epigenetic expressions

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A Person Who Has Had a Caregiver With *Untreated* Trauma May:

•Be more prone to PTSD after trauma

•Struggle to repair after conflict

•Struggle with relationships



•Unintentionally bring out negative behaviors in others

•Be emotionally detached

•Be more prone to dissociate

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF TRAUMA

This can become a cycle, impacting future generations.



The good news is that healing trauma can break this loop. Seek help from a licensed health or mental health practitioner.

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