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#### **Early Life Trauma**

- Interpersonal neurobiology
- Adaptations to trauma early in the life cycle
- Loss of affect regulation
- Chronic destructive relationships towards self and others
- Dissociation and amnesia
- Somatization
- Self-blame, guilt and shame
- Chronic distrust and identification with the aggressor

# Attachment, Trauma, and Psychopathology

- The breakdown of information processing in trauma
- Mirror neuron systems and brain development
- How to overcome the destabilization and disintegration
- The compulsion to repeat origins and solutions
- Difference between disorganized attachment and traumatic stress

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- The neurobiology of traumatic stress
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- Restoring active mastery and the ability to attend to current experiences
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- How mind and brain mature in the context of caregiving systems

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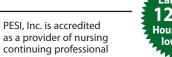
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