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Subject: ATTENTION: CHAIR EXAM CURRICULM CONSULTAITON

To the Committee responsible for developing the EXAM CURRICULUM

My name is Pam Connor. I am a Clinical Psychologist and Director of the Psychology Clinic at the University of Canberra.

Generally, I think the examination curriculum looks very comprehensive. However, I am wondering if Attachment Disorder and the neurobiolgical impact of trauma could be included somewhere. These seem such important areas about which all clinicians need to have an understanding.

I have read many, many reports written by clinicians who diagnose AD(H)D, Oppositional Disorder and Conduct Order, with no reference at all to disrupted attachment, in children who have had experienced very severe neglect and abuse – and the end result is a pathologizing of the child. This, in turn, influences the intervention used – often medication or behavioural modification – and the latter is often ineffective because it is not addressing the more complex issues associated with disrupted attachment.

So...could these please be included on the list n page 10?

And on page 11 after family [interventions], including attachment-based interventions.

Many Thanks

Sincerely

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