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| event, normal reactions to trauma, etc.; education to instill hope) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General info re: abuse, trauma; specific info re: trauma child experienced (GE) and the child's reactions to his/her personal experience of the trauma | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common emotional, behavioral, and physiological responses. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Info about child's symptoms and diagnosis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description of components of TF-CBT, session structure, treatment length | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Engaged family (e.g., found out what child liked, what motivates the family, etc.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P: Therapist provided parenting skills (e.g., praise, selective attention, time out, bx mng plans); ask parent about their reactions to the child's traumatic experience | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R: Therapist explained the physiology of relaxation and rationale for relaxation techniques; instructed on methods of relaxation | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Discuss ways that relaxation skills can help child with trauma reactions (GE) ; suggest that child use relaxation skills when they have trauma reminders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A: Therapist assisted child in accurately identifying their feelings, and various ways of regulating their emotions (e.g., imagery, thought stopping, positive self-talk) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accurately identify and express a variety of feelings (positive and negative, in youth's words) (e.g. feelings brainstorm, Color My World, etc.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Link feelings to situations, body and facial expressions | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Teach how to rate intensity levels of emotions (e.g. SUDS, feeling thermometer) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Teach skills of managing emotions and difficult affective states (e.g. positive self-talk, enhancing child's sense of safety, etc.) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Teach skills to identify/cope with array of feelings associated with trauma (GE) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C: Therapist reviewed skill of cognitive coping | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Educate child on the distinction and relationship between thoughts, feelings and actions (e.g. acknowledge internal dialogues; introduce cognitive triangle) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Help the child generate alternative thoughts that are more accurate or helpful, in order to feel differently; discuss how to apply to real life | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T: Therapist worked on a trauma narrative (TN) the child (GE) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Introduce rationale for TN; initiate TN (e.g. title page, timeline/table of contents) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Encourage child, in calibrated increments, to include more details of trauma | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Re-read the TN at the beginning of each session (GE) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ask about and add in thoughts and feelings throughout the TN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Include worst memory/worst moment | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Use cognitive processing techniques to modify distortions throughout the TN | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Include piece on making meaning (e.g. what they've learned, how they grew) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As TN develops, read each new draft to supportive caregiver in collateral sessions | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I: Therapist developed in-vivo desensitization plan for generalized avoidant behaviors | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C: Conjoint child-parent session: sharing trauma narrative with parent/caregiver | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prepare caregiver and child separately for joint session in which TN is shared | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hold joint session (e.g., re-read TN, model praise, discuss questions prepared by both child and caregiver, praise and celebrate progress made) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E: Therapist addressed child's sense of safety (e.g. safety skills and safety plan) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Teach personal safety skills and assertive communication; increase awareness | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Teach problem-solving skills and/or social skills as needed by the child | | | | | | | | | | | |

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