



RE-IMAGINING JUSTICE IN AN EVER-CHANGING ADOLESCENT WORLD:

Beyond Trauma-Informed Care

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Dr. Laurence Steinberg & Dr. Elizabeth Kauffman

- Thompson v. Oklahoma (1988)
- Roper v. Simmons (2005)
- Graham v. Florida (2010)
- Miller v. Oklahoma (2012)
- Montgomery v. Louisiana (2016)



Physical

Cognitive

Psychosocial

Neurobiological

COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Substrates of learning

- ✓ Information-processing
- ✓ Attention
- ✓ Memory

Understanding

Reasoning

Approximates adult functioning by 16 (*under cold cognitive conditions*)

- ✓ Low physiological arousal
- ✓ Absent peers

PSYCHOSOCIAL/SOCIOEMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Susceptibility
to peer
influence

Reward
sensitivity

Present vs. future
temporal orientation

Maturity Gap

Self-management
strategies (self-
control)



NEUROBIOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT



- Synaptic Pruning
- Myelination
- Dopamine receptor proliferation & density
- Subcortical to cortical networking
- Executive function
- Neuroplasticity

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES



- ✓ PATERNAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- ✓ EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- ✓ PARENTAL SEPARATION
- ✓ PATERNAL ABANDONMENT
- ✓ POVERTY
- ✓ MATERNAL UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS
- ✓ MATERNAL EMOTIONAL ABUSE/NEGLECT



Cognitive challenges



Emotional challenges



A dark, moody photograph showing the silhouettes of people in a room. On the left, a person's arm and hand are visible, reaching towards the center. In the bottom right corner, the silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is visible. In the upper right, a window with four panes is visible, with light streaming through, creating a bright, out-of-focus glow. The overall atmosphere is somber and contemplative.

Behavioral challenges



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH YOU?

Healing-Centered Engagement

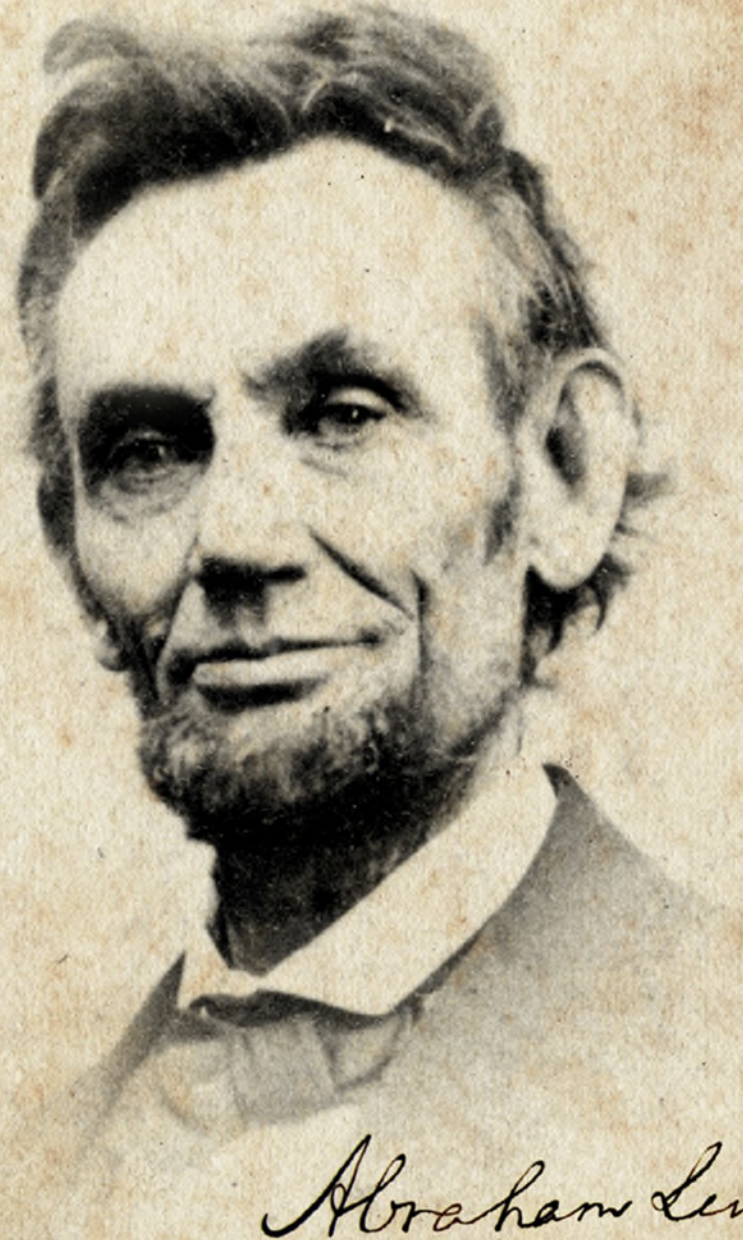
**Socio-ecological
vs. medical model**

**Asset-driven vs.
deficit-driven**

**Focus on health of provider;
empathy/humility; evokes
complementarity**



“When I know myself I
know all people; when I
master myself I can
move all people.”



Abraham Lincoln

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