



An Introduction to Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI®)

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- What is trauma?
- Understanding the 5 B's
- Understanding the three pillars of Traumawise Care
- Mental model shift



Stressful Experiences

- Difficult Pregnancy
- Difficult Birth
- Preverbal Medical Treatments
- Abuse
- Neglect
- One-time events
- System Effects
- Historical Trauma



What is Trauma?

"Trauma is not a flaw or weakness. It is a highly effective tool of safety and survival. Trauma is also not an event. Trauma is the body's protective response to an event-or series of events-that it perceives as potentially dangerous. This perception may be accurate, inaccurate, or entirely imaginary. In the aftermath of highly stressful or traumatic situations our ventral vagal nerve and downstairs brain may embed a reflexive trauma response in our bodies. This happens at lighting speed... This trauma then gets stuck in the body-and stays stuck there until it is addressed."



-Resmaa Menakem, My Grandmother's Hands



Five B's: Brain





Figure 1. How Trauma Compounds

(Based partly on a figure used in the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study.)



Five B's: Body

Sensory Profile Factor	Prevalence (%)
Tactile Sensitivity	41.9
Taste/Smell Sensitivity	18.9
Movement Sensitivity	23.5
Auditory/Visual Sensitivity	24.4
Auditory Filtering	65.8
Sensory Seeking	63.1
Low Energy/Weak	29.0
Total Score	52.7



Five B's: Behavior





Dr. Karyn Purvis: 5 B's of Relational Trauma





Creating Trauma Informed Climates



TBRI	Three Pillars of Traumawise Care		
Principle	Felt-Safety	Connection	Self-Regulation
Connecting	Attachment	Caregiving	Sensitive
	System	System	Attunement
Correcting	Structured	Giving	Levels of
	Interaction	Voice	Engagement
Empowering	Structure &	Meeting	Guided
	Predictability	Needs	Self-Regulation



Mental Model of Discipline

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