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# Hold Me Tight Let Me Go

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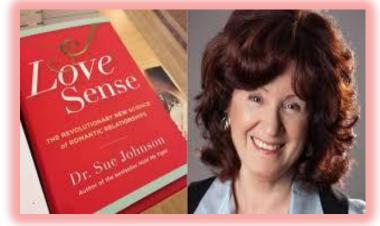
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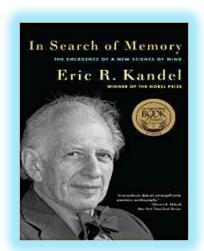
# Recent Scholars on the study of Relationship and Truama

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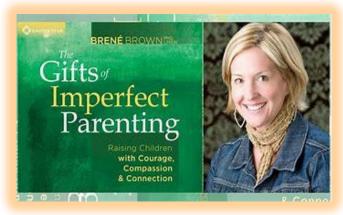
Bessel Van Der Kolk







Brene Brown



Dan Seigel



#### Attachment

"The propensity to make strong emotional bonds to particular individuals [is] a basic component of human nature" (Bowlby, 1988, 3).



Human being is relational being

## **Emotionally Focused Therapy**

- EFT is a evidence based intervention for restoring secure attachment in couples and families based on attachment, systems and experiential perspective.
- with stable outcome and level one evidence demonstrating long term efficacy, including randomized controlled trials.
- For more information, https://iceeft.com/

#### Hold Me Tight Let Me Go

Conversation for connection

- A Relationship Education and Enhancement Program for families with teens
- Developed by Drs Nancy and Pau Aikin
- Duration : one Friday Night (2 and a half hrs)
   One Saturday (from 10am to 5pm)
- Totally: five sessions Participants: 6 families
   (6 patents EASY Team)
- Helpers: 2 MSWs, 1 CP, 2 Psy Nurse, 1 OT

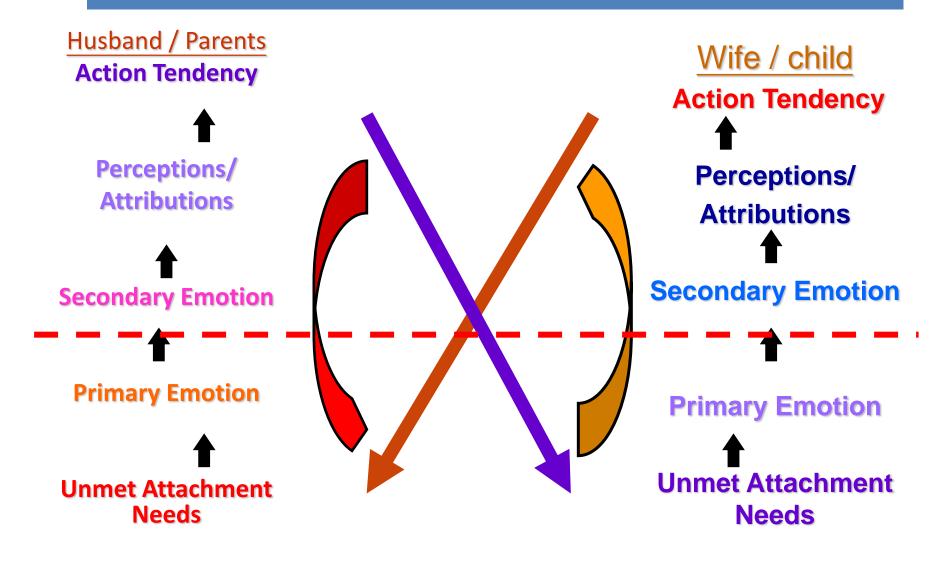
### Sessions Program Content

- Understanding the Caregiving Attachment System and Co-caregiving Alliance (Parent only )
- 2. Safety, Secure Bonding and Family Identity
- How Love Goes Wrong Demon Dialogues / The Negative Cycle (de-escalated)
- 4. Separate Teen and Parent Groups (normalization)
- Hold Me Tight Conversation, Family Style Establishing Trust Again, Teens to Parents (Parents – soften ready for ARE conversation)

#### Characteristic of EFT

- provides a clear <u>road map</u> based on attachment, systems, working with emotions,
- Safety and security management
- Name the negative cycle (validation)
- Enhance the expression of secondary and primary vulnerable emotions
- Reveal of attachment fear and needs
- Show acceptance Reconnect

# **EFT Interactive Cycle**



#### Result

#### Strongly disagree.1..2..3..4..5..6.Strongly agreed

- I'm not comfortable regarding my relationship with my teen
   Pre 3, Post 2, 6 months 1.83
- 2. My teen and I are able to reach and understand each other Pre 4, Post 5, 6 months 5
- 3. I'm not hopeful about how to parent my teen

  Pre 3.17, Post 1.67, 6 months 1.67
- 4. We still joke and have fun in our family Pre 3.83, Post 4.33, 6 months 4.83

# Question