IMPACT OF CHILD DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS

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OVERVIEW

• The brain is a determinant of growth and development among other factors like nutrition

• The survival of the child depends on the mother /attachment figure

• Every expectant mother always hopes that the child she is carrying is normal otherwise this affects the attachment process.

• Development is measured according to the gradual acquisition of skills
‘Sensitive periods’ in early brain development

Habitual ways of responding
- Vision
- Hearing
- Language
- Emotional control
- Symbol
- Peer social skills

Graph developed by Council for Early Child Development (ref: Nash, 1997; Early Years Study, 1999; Shonkoff, 2000.)
## ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT

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GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT MONITORING
IMPACT OF NORMAL DEVELOPMENT

- Gladness and joy
- Celebration
- Parents and relatives more keen
- Family enthusiasm
- Rewards and tokens
- Competition for naming
- Serious future planning
IMPACT OF ABNORMALITY IN DEVELOPMENT

MOTHER
• Mourning
• Regrets
• Self blame
• Rejection of the child
• neglect
• Overinvolvement
• Social isolation
• overcompensation
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FATHER

- Blaming of mother
- Regrets for marriage
- Disownership
- Withdrawal
- Isolation and venturing into new relationships
- Stigma
- Seeking for answers from cultural or religious dockets
IMPACT OF ABNORMAL DEVELOPMENT

Family
• Paralysis of emotions
• Blame
• Mourning
• Stigma and rejection
• Isolation and hiding of the child
• increased spirituality
• overinvolvement
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Community/school
- Acts of Omission
- Acts of commission
- Bad omen hence isolation
- Disruption of family harmony
- Extra adjustment
- Blame
- Lack of support
- Labeling of child as mental hence does not deserve the services
- Isolation in the name of threats of reducing the mean score
RECOMMENDATIONS

• Retraining of health care providers on the usefulness and utilization of the mother and child booklet.
• Early intervention-e.g. the integration of children in the main stream school.
• Early diagnosis and appropriate intervention (occupational therapy, speech therapy, child security, training of caregivers on child rights and roles/responsibilities of caregivers
• Integration of children in school
• Healthcare providers to work closely with education sector for the benefits of the affected children.
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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

QUESTIONS?