

Research

Purvis, K.B. & Cross, D.R. (2006). Improvements in salivary cortisol, depression, and representations of family relationships in at-risk adopted children utilizing a short-term therapeutic intervention. *Adoption Quarterly*, 10(1), 25-43.

Key Findings: Significant decreases in salivary cortisol levels during the intervention for adopted children (p. 34-35). Significant decreases on the Child Depression Inventory total score, negative mood score, and interpersonal relationships score for adopted children from pre-intervention to post-intervention (p.35). Significant decreases in proximity from child to mother and from child to father on Family Drawing scores for adopted children from pre-intervention to post-intervention (p. 35-36).

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Key Findings: Significant decreases in thought problems, attention problems, aggressive behavior, and other problems for adopted children from pre-intervention to post-intervention (p. 44-45). Significant increase in positive attachment behaviors and a significant decrease in negative attachment behaviors on the Beechbrook Attachment Disorder Checklist for adopted children from pre-intervention to post-intervention (p. 44-45). A significant decrease in attachment disturbance on the Randolph Attachment Disorder Questionnaire for adopted children from pre-intervention to post-intervention (p. 45). Significant increase in positive scores and a significant decrease in negative scores on Family Drawings for adopted children from pre-intervention to post-intervention (p. 45).