

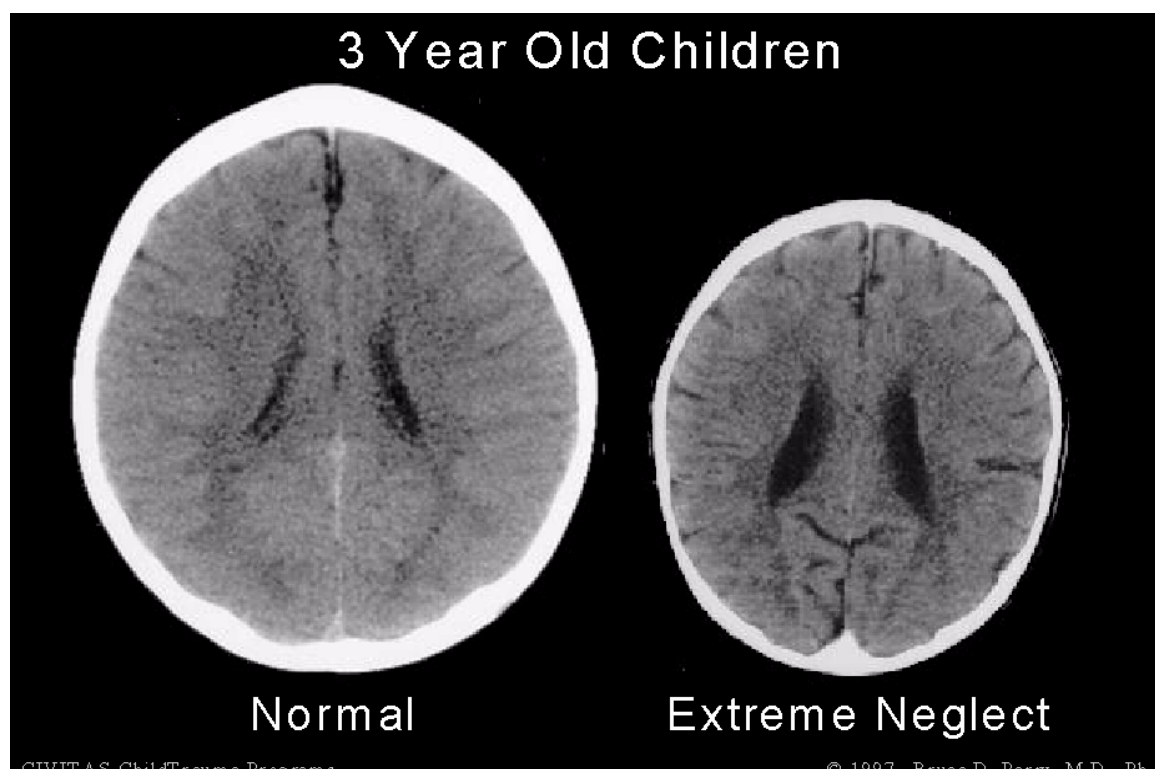
My child's brain

You child's frontal lobe that is responsible for impulse control, anger management, sitting still, regulating emotions and behaviours.

All of the actions we do with young babies and toddlers, are a parent's way of building the frontal lobe of the brain. These actions can be as simple as bouncing a child on your knee, rocking them, using consistent time out, playing party games.



So, what happens when a child grows up in a neglectful home?



As you can see from the picture, parts of the brain in the neglected child have atrophied, it is not damaged, it can grow still, but it has not even started because the stimulation was not enough, of good enough quality and regularity. Can you see in the picture that there are still dark gaps in the neglected brain where nothing has grown yet at all, and that the brain is literally smaller compared to the well stimulated brain? This is a three year olds brain, imagine the gap between these two children's brain without treatment when they get to 15 years old, or adulthood.

Now you may be thinking 'well my child went straight into care at birth and lived with us at a few months old, and then we started to stimulate their brain, so why do they have so many problems?'