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## Culture and Parenting: All is peek-a-boo

### Abstract

The “Good Enough” or “Problematic” quality of children’s culturally mental health and how they engage the world of people and things is primarily sculpted during culturated patterns of social engagement/and parenting between the yet-to-be culturated child and an already-culturated adult.

The reiterated moment-by-moment process organising of engagement/exchange is a dyadic repair process that continuously transforms complex and mismatching social, emotional, and behavioural interactive intersubjective states into culturally appropriate behaviour. The intersubjective exchanges engender the internalised implicit and mentalized representations the child makes of their self in the world. A child’s particular culturated experience as enhanced and constrained by developmental factors, places the child on an individualised and culturated typical developmental pathway or on culturated and atypical developmental pathway.