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orbid current PTSD) and N=12 nonpsychiatric control or obtaining psychiatric history and psychopatholoy, the gical functioning results were assesed extensively. We natization, the kind of traumata and comorbid PTSD on compared both groups for neuropsychological pergoing study will be presented. We expect that we will and impaired profile of neuropsychological performory and executive functions. Implications for the psy-

ment program for chronified complex PTSD

ment of chronified PTSD. *Design:* Female inpatients; group design; stabilizing by imaginative psychodynamexposure by EMDR, screen technique. *Measures that* BPI, SCL-90-R, BDI, GAF, CGI. *Setting:* Subjects were SD ward at the Lower Saxony Psychiatric State Hospital

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oximately 4 months): N=78

with BPD and self-mutilation belong to the groups of "previously therapy resistent" and "high users of psysis inpatient treatment per year in avarage) and muticatment program yields therapy results not reported improvements in nearly all measures which even many no inpatient treatment or crisis intervention necessary self-mutilations, decrease of medication, improvemently significant results, medium and large effect sizes.

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Georgia went through the interethnic conflicts and d in a 300 000 refugees and Internally Displaced advidual, but of societal character as well. Since 1995

Foundation for Development of Human Resources (FDHR) works in a field of psychosocial rehabilitation. The beneficiaries of this work are as follows: war victims (refugees from Abkhazia and South Ossetia), ex-combatants of interethnic conflicts, victims of disasters and violence, refugees from Chechnya settled in Georgia. FDHR accumulated a rich experience of helping traumatized men, women, eldenly people and children. The psychotherapeutic methods used in a work are as follows: individual and group psychotherapy, art therapy, NLP, Gestalt therapy, T-groups, etc.l would like to emphasize two particular methods, which I use effectively in work with traumatized people. I. Storytelling: client narrates his "traumatic history" and autobiography. Usually the history is fragmented. Psychotherapist encourages client" storytelling by the means of active listening and puts together all the fragments into the complete dramatic story. Then, psychotherapist retails, retrieves the client the compete version of his history and provides him/her with the feedback. While story telling clients are "tied" with retrospective self, and describe it from the

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Psychoenergetic drawing: A proposal for the elaboration of traumatic events

The elaboration of the traumatic event requires a regressive movement and contemporarily a progressive movement, to avoid that the patient may fix in the traumatic experience. It is important the partecipating and constant presence of the therapist during the elaboration of the traumatic affections. The technique of drawing managed according to the principles of the Psychoenergetic of Peter Schellenbaum, has revealed useful for this purpose. The patient is invited to concentrate on the predominant emotion and to let flow on the paper sheet the colors that he feels at the time, in an almost sub-vigilant state. Subsequently the patient is invited to express the feelings the drawing arouses in him, with the observation of its spatial components

(up and down; left and right). The therapist accompanies the flow of the emotions and the memories. It is possible to connect to the body the affections that emerge from the elaboration of colors and drawing. The following sessions serve for the analytical elaboration of the emerged material. This technique is also useful with very fragile patients, because of the constant presence and support of the therapist. This therapeutic method doesn't force the patient to precocious insights and has resulted very useful for the elaboration of traumas, where strong emotions are present.

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reported for violence

ncing or witnessing physical or sexual a variety of mental health problems, rder. However, relatively little research dren receive and who receives them. n of children living in families reported ntal health services, and to assess what rger, ongoing project, the Navy Family 17 years living in families reported to intimate partner violence. Highly strucdren two to six weeks after the report. Extensive victimization histories were br major depression and PTSD were

administered. Children were asked about any counseling or therapy they may have had after the report to authorities. Of the 133 children, 29.3% reported a history of sexual abuse, 39.1% described a physical assault, 49.6% indicated physical abuse, 69.2% reported witnessing serious community violence, and 45.1% indicated they had witnessed violence between parents. At the time of the first interview 32.3% met diagnostic criteria for depression, 14.3% met criteria for PTSD, and 40.6% had at least four symptoms of PTSD. Less than half of the children (45.1%) had seen a counselor or therapist since the report of violence. Number of sessions ranged from 1 to 50 with an average of 15.1. Of those children receiving therapy, 71.7% had been in individual therapy, only 11.7% had been in group therapy, and 41.7% had received family therapy. Children with PTSD were more likely to have seen a counselor (73.7% vs 40.4%). However, children with depression were not. Multivariate analyses indicated that having a history of sexual assault was the only significant predictor of seeing a therapist regardless of diagnostic or problem status. These results suggest that less than half of children in families reported for violence receive any counseling, and the biggest predictor of who gets counseling is not the nature and severity of problems, but rather whether they report being sexually abused or not.

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The Target-Group-Intervention-Program as an alternative to critical incident stres agement

The essential component of Target-Group-Intervention-Program (TGIP) is an interventioule designed to prevent PTSD through early identification of risk factors. For this, an invinstrument known as the Cologne Risk Index — Military Version was developed. According the profile, varying intervention measures such as psychological first aid, psychoeducations of PTSD and psychotherapy are recommended and standardized. The psychothesed on Fischer's Multidimensional Psychodynamic Trauma Therapy, a manualized, pnamically oriented treatment. We conclude that TGIP is a useful intervention as possilows the strategy "As much (intervention) as necessary as little (intervention) as possilows the strategy."

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Implications of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder for the personality organization of inflicted and of their spouses

Traumatic experiences have been found to be potentially pathogenic for family membritims and their significant others as well (This phenomenon has been termed secondantization). The present study examines the implications of Post Traumatic Stress Disord personality organization of the inflicted and of their spouses. Impairment of personality zation has been defined as an increased use of splitting and a lowering of ego Participants were 57 married couples of which 30 included husbands who have been das post traumatic following combat, and 27 matched control. Data were gathered by a questionnaires filled out separately by each spouse. Findings: half of the spouses of personality soldiers suffer from PTSD symptoms to an extend that justifies a PTSD diagnosis, dance with this research's hypothesis it has been found that PT soldiers, their wives and PT wives in particular have lower ego strength than controls. The hypothesis comore use of splitting among PT and their spouses has been partially affirmed. Surprisin been found that PT whose wives suffer from secondary traumatization reported less metering and showed higher ego strength than PT whose wives were not PT. Clinical and implications are discussed.

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Peritraumatic dissociation and PTSD in accident survivors

This study aimed to assess the incidence of ASD and PTSD in a random sample of hos accident victims, and to specify the predictive value of peritraumatic dissociation for delevlopment of PTSD. We collected a sample of 323 accident victims (all types of a