



CASE REPORT: TURNER



Diagnostic Summary

Axis I: Complicated Grief Disorder of Infancy/Early Childhood
Relationship Specific Disorder of Infancy/Early Childhood with foster mother (inconsolability, protest [stiffening, arching, gaze aversion], detachment)

Axis II: Foster mother–child: Level 3—Compromised to Disturbed Relationships; Foster father–child: Level 2 Strained to Concerning Relationships

Caregiving Environment: Level 3—Compromised to Disturbed Relationships (risk to child’s safety, persistent distress and risk for subsequent problems and future placement)

Axis III: Prenatal conditions including cocaine exposure, some expressive speech delay

Axis IV: Death of parent, placement in foster care (2 placements), parental substance use, unstable family constellation, unrealistic developmental expectations of caregivers, risk of another placement vs. adoption, intense changes/losses experienced in toddlerhood, risk of physical harm

Axis V: Child demonstrates normative cognitive, motor, and physical functioning, receptive language but shows delay/regression in expressive speech and social communication and has restricted range of emotions and compromised social–relational capacities