How can psychical factors affect language development?

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Rafaela
Age: 4y6mo
CI: 1y3mo
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Ryan
Age: 6y10mo
CI: 3y4mo
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Developmental Approach + Psychical Constitution

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
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Clinical Risk Indicators for Child Development

Why?
Considering language development POST cochlear implantation: instrument to detect early risk;

Who?
Any professional who work with the family;

How
Observing the relationship: child and caretakers

When
As early as the child is screened (0-18 mo)
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Clinical Risk Indicators for Child Development

1. Subject assumption
Ex.: “When the child cries or screams, the mother knows what the child wants”

2. Demand establishment
Ex.: “The child responds (sound, vocals) when the mother or somebody else addresses him/her”

3. Alternate presence/absence
Ex.: “The mother proposes something to the child and waits for the response”

4. Paternal function
Ex.: “Parents establish small behavior rules for the child”
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Clinical Risk Indicators for Child Development

-0-4mo:
Ex.: 5. “The mother and the child exchange eye contact” (subject assumption; alternate presence/absence)

-4-8mo:
Ex.: 11. “The child actively searches for the mother’s look” (demand establishment; alternate presence/absence)

-8-12mo:
Ex.: 15. “During body care, the child searches actively to play loving games with the mother” (demand establishment) Trecho video Laznik editado.wmv

- 12-18mo
Ex.: 26. “The mother no longer feels compelled to meet all demands from the child” (paternal function)
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**Clinical Risk Indicators for Child Development**

- Early detection and intervention: increased possibility of success with the CI (hearing AND speech);
- When detected: counselling, orientation, follow up, parents expectations;
- Psychologists and psychoanalysts can be consulted and accompany the family;
- Prevention of developmental and psychical issues, especially the ones related to communication.
Thank you!

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