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Dear

Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD) is a complex diagnosis that can affect young children. It is characterized by serious problems in emotional attachments to others.

The physical, emotional and social problems associated with RAD may persist as the child grows older.

Most children with Reactive Attachment Disorder have had severe problems or disruptions in their early relationships. Many have been physically or emotionally abused or neglected. Some have experienced inadequate care in an institutional setting or other out-of-home placement such as a hospital, residential program, foster care or orphanage. Others have had multiple or traumatic losses or changes in their primary caregiver. The exact cause of Reactive Attachment Disorder is not known although research suggests that inadequate care-giving is a possible cause. Children who exhibit signs of RAD need an individualized treatment plan. Talk to your child's therapist or an adoption therapist in your area to get your child the treatment they need. Below is a link to an article about one woman's experience with RAD.

Herald-Mail.com: [There is hope for children with RAD](#) by Marie Gilbert

Additional information

More information about reactive attachment disorder, Jane Ryan and the movie "The Boarder" can be found [here](#).

If you're interested, a copy of Jane Ryan's can be purchased [here](#).

Resources

You may find the following resources helpful in working with a child diagnosed with RAD:

[ATTACH](#)

Adoption Learning Partners: [The Journey of Attachment](#) (webinar)

*Note: We have not watched the ALP's webinar "The Journey of Attachment" but we are dedicated to providing families with any training opportunities to further their education, both before and after placement.

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