

DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF ADVERSITY

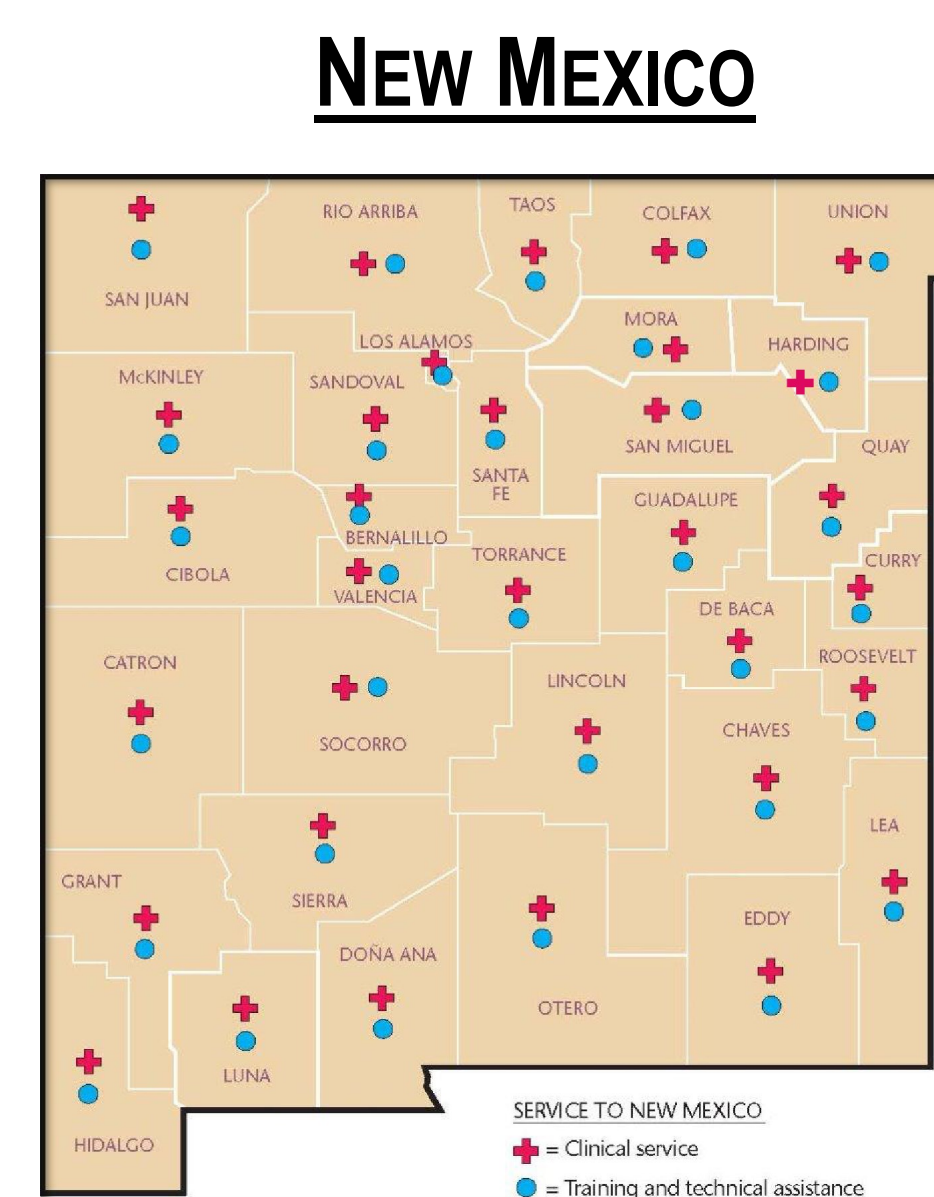
Models/Practices addressing the intersections of development, disability & toxic stress in New Mexico

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It is currently well documented that in early childhood adverse experiences, toxic levels of stress, and traumatic experiences have a direct impact on developing brain architecture leading to increased risk for developmental and behavioral concerns. Conversely, children with developmental and other disabilities are 2-4 times more likely to be exposed to adversity in childhood than other children. The intersection of the experience of Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) and disability is an underexplored topic in the disability community.

Some Key Information:

- Children with disabilities are not well represented in studies examining the impact of adversity on development, health and well-being.
- Families of children with disabilities and chronic health issues are more likely to live in poverty than other families.
- Children with disabilities are more vulnerable to experiencing childhood maltreatment than children without disabilities.
- Children who experience significant adversity often show inconsistent developmental and behavioral capacities which can confound assessment results.



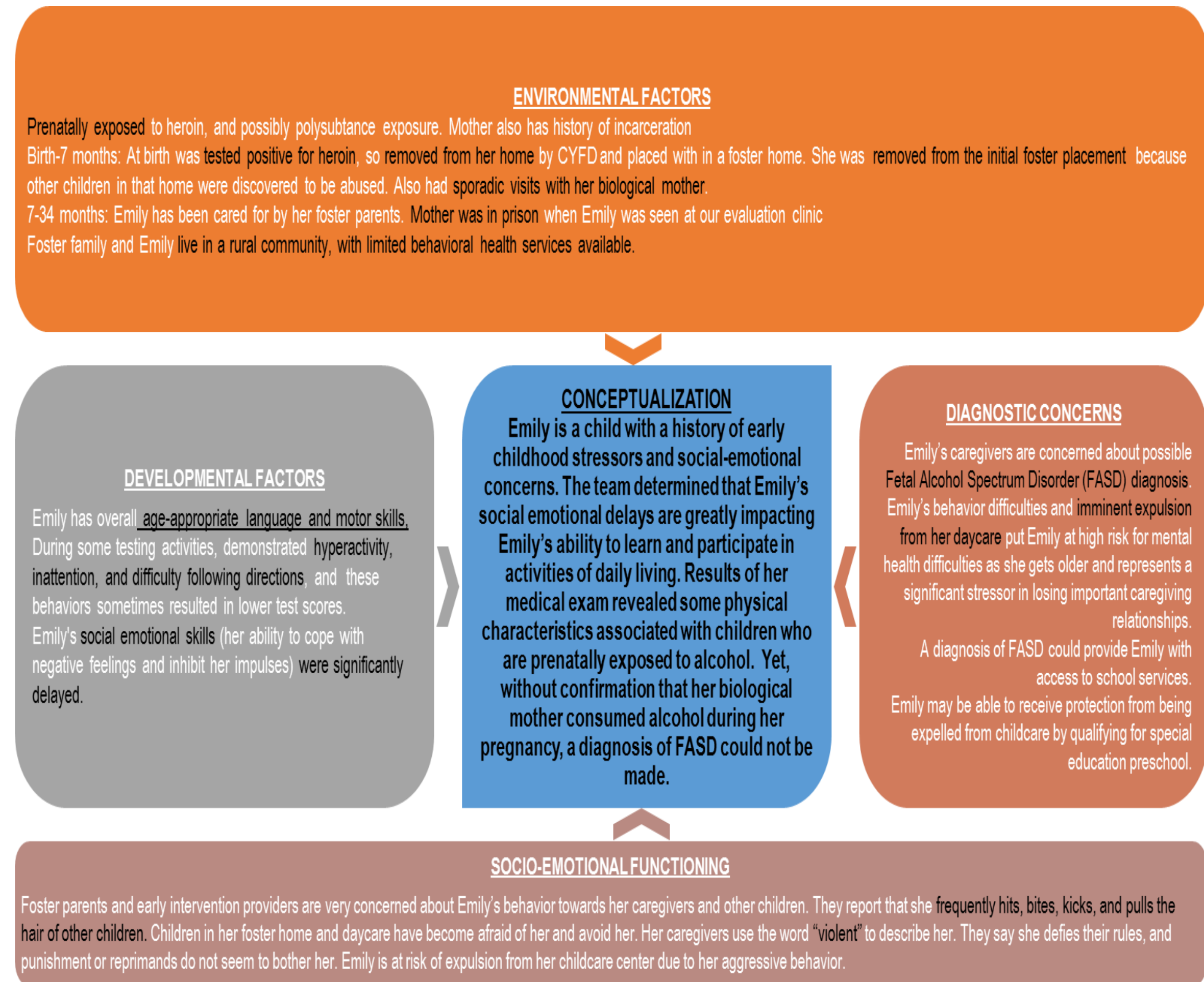
CASE PRESENTATION: UNM FOCUS EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Jane Doe, an 11-month-old Hispanic girl, was seen in our program after discharge from the NICU



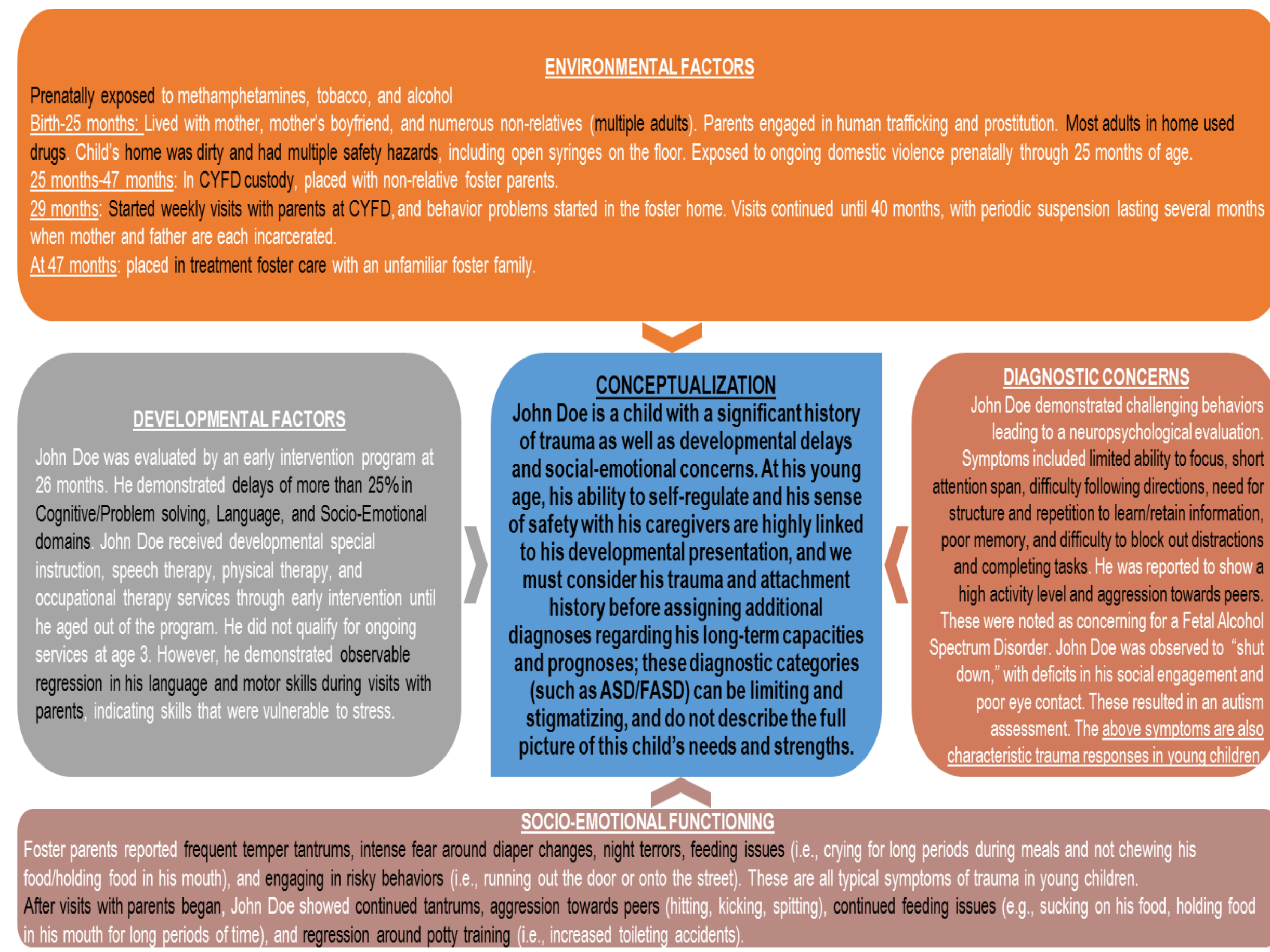
CASE PRESENTATION: UNM EARLY CHILDHOOD EVALUATION PROGRAM

Emily is a 2-year-old African-American girl who was seen in our outreach assessment clinic



CASE PRESENTATION: UNM SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT INFANT TEAM

John Doe is a 4-year-old Caucasian boy who was seen in our program from 30 - 44 months



CASE PRESENTATION: UNM AUTISM SPECTRUM EVALUATION CLINIC

Jonathan is a 16-year-old Latino teenager who was evaluated for autism concerns



UNM Focus Program

Provides early intervention services, family medical care and service coordination for infants and toddlers and their families impacted by substance use and other risk factors as part of an integrated family medical home.

UNM Judicial District Infant Team

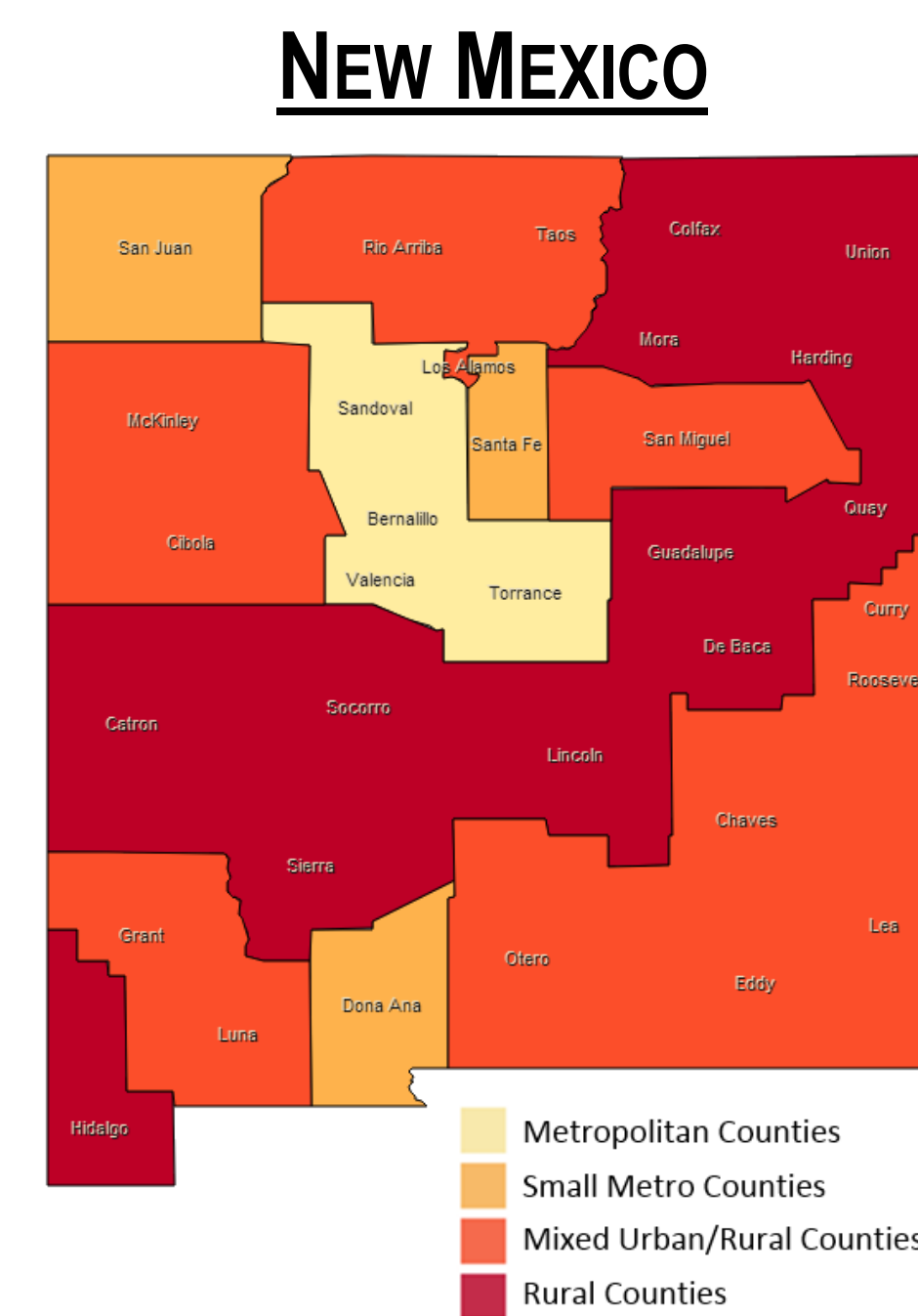
Provides intensive evaluation services to inform permanency planning decisions for infants and toddlers in the child welfare system due to abuse and/or neglect.

UNM Early Childhood Evaluation Program

Provides interdisciplinary developmental, diagnostic, and specialized evaluations for children birth to three throughout New Mexico who are referred for a range of developmental and psychosocial concerns, including Autism Spectrum Disorder, exposure to toxic stress, and complex medical and developmental comorbidities.

UNM Autism Spectrum Evaluation Clinic

Completes interdisciplinary evaluations for individuals age 3 to 22 suspected of having Autism Spectrum Disorder or other related conditions.



Note: All names or identifying information used in these case studies are fictitious to protect patient privacy.