Trauma Reaction Cards Checklist

Client Name:	Date:	
Behavior Reactions		
☐ Hitting	☐ Arguing	☐ Not Listening /Defiance
☐ Fighting	☐ Cursing	☐ Breaking Things
☐ Running away	☐ Crying	☐ Outbursts of anger
☐ School Problems	Lying	☐ Bathroom Problems
☐ Avoiding people, places,	☐ Acting younger than you are	☐ Isolating yourself from others
things, or sensations related	☐ Unsafe sexual practices	☐ Trying to end your life
to the trauma	☐ Stealing	☐ Trouble with eating
☐ Hurting your own body	☐ Tantrums	☐ Using drugs/alcohol/cigarettes
☐ Taking out your feelings on	☐ Difficulty separating from	☐ Trouble getting along with
people you care about	caregivers	others
☐ Trusting others too quickly/		
Inappropriate boundaries		
Body Reactions		
☐ Feeling like you are	☐ Being on guard or constantly	☐ Feeling disconnected from
re-experiencing the trauma	alert	your body
☐ Jumpy or Easily Startled	☐ Trouble with eating	☐ Hyperactive
☐ Body Feeling Shaky	☐ Feeling short of breath	☐ Nightmares
☐ Trouble with sleep	☐ Bellyaches/Nausea	☐ Headaches
☐ Low energy	☐ Body Feeling of Panic	
☐ Body or muscles tense		
Feelings Reactions	_	_
☐ Guilty	☐ Having worries	□ Sad
☐ Angry	☐ Nervous/anxious	☐ Moody/Irritable
☐ Ashamed	☐ Depressed	☐ Helpless
☐ Numb	☐ Betrayed	☐ Hopeless about Future
☐ Rejected	☐ Easily Upset	☐ Not caring about others
☐ Not enjoying the things used to	☐ Feeling different from others	☐ Embarrassed
Brain & Thinking Poactions		
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☐ "Everyone is unsafe" ☐ "The world is a bad place"	☐ Not trusting others ☐ "I am bad"	☐ "It's my fault" or blaming self☐ Memories/Flashbacks
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☐ Difficulty Concentrating/	☐ Forgetting parts of the	☐ Trying to keep feelings/
Focusing	trauma	thoughts of trauma out of head
☐ Thinking nothing good will ever	☐ Thinking about the safety of	☐ Thoughts about what
happen	loved ones	happened pop into you head
☐ Thinking about the trauma	☐ Thinking about dying/	☐ Pictures of what happen pop
often	wanting to die	into your head

Clinicians may make copies of this checklist as needed. Trauma Reaction Cards Checklist by Beth Richey, LCSW.