

# Trauma Informed Maternity Care following Childhood Sexual Abuse'

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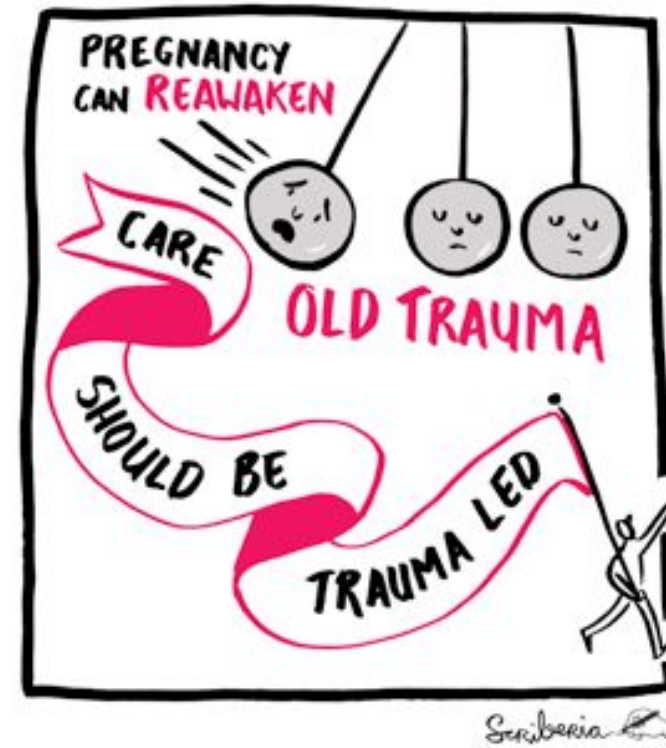
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ed care WRT  
CSA survivors?

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Why is it  
important?

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Where do we  
start?

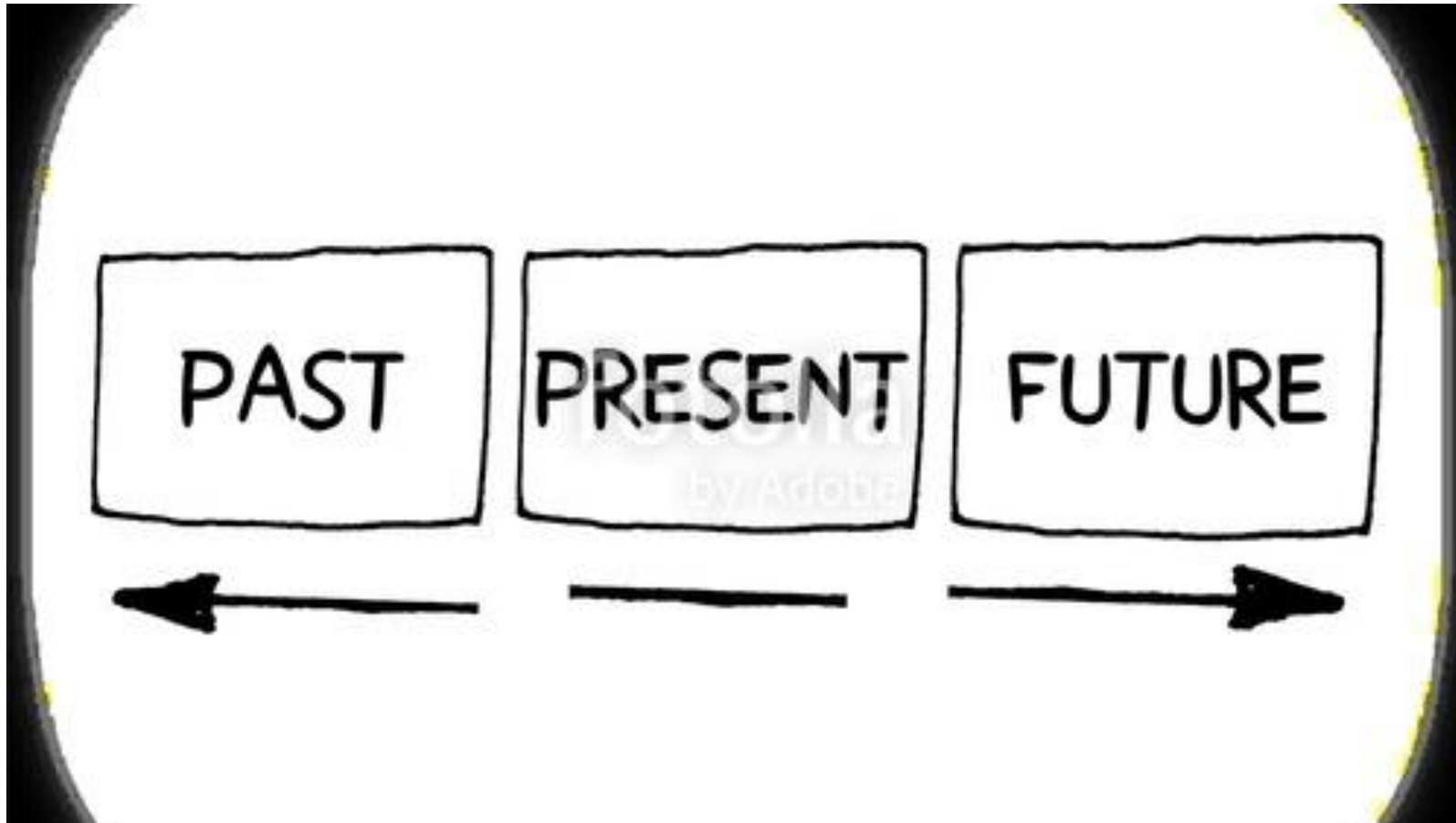
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WORDS  
HAVE  
POWER





. *From the moment I knew I was pregnant, I felt re-victimised. My body was taken over, yet again. When I learned the baby was a boy, my anxiety levels increased. I hated the idea that I was growing a penis inside me. It was actually frightening. I had 'flashforwards' to giving birth, and kept 'seeing' a penis emerging from my body. It was horrific.*

. *Getting pregnant was the highlight of my life; I'd been told – by a number of specialists – that I would never have children, and I eventually accepted this. I felt like my body was finally doing what it was supposed to be doing.*





