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**May 21st 2013: Understanding and Working with Childhood Dissociation**

In this hour we will define and explain the dissociative process, and distinguish it from other confusing or perplexing childhood behaviors. We will explore the emotional, cognitive and physical symptoms that parents, teachers, and mental health professionals are likely to see in kids and adolescents who use this coping strategy. Our guest will explain why kids dissociate, helping listeners understand the connection between dissociation and a variety of traumatic experiences. We will also look at the impact that dissociation has on kids' functioning in school, at home, and with peers. We will

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