We need a system that...
• Understands our kids’ histories
• Understands what a “hard place” is
• Understands how the whole child is impacted
EVERY CHILD comes with a history. We need to UNDERSTAND their histories if we want to HELP them.
There are SIX risk factors that make a HARD PLACE
- Prenatal stress and harm
- Difficult labor and delivery
- Early medical trauma
- Abuse
- Neglect
- Trauma
Hard places impact the WHOLE CHILD
• Altered BRAIN development
• Changed BIOLOGY
• Impact on the BODY and the processing of sensory inputs
• Altered BELIEFS
• Response to stress and fear affects BEHAVIOR
We need families that are...
• Equipped for the journey
• Supported along the way
• Connected to others
Empowered to Connect
• Interactive Learning Experience
• Designed for adoptive and foster parents
• Relies heavily on the TBRI model developed at the Institute of Child development at TCU
• Helps parents understand their child’s history and needs
• Prepare Course
• Connect Course
• Discipline that Connects and Corrects
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