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Anxiety and its disorders are highly prevalent in childhood and adolescence, and are associated with impairment in social and academic functioning. Empirical evidence has accumulated demonstrating the efficacy of cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) for youth anxiety disorders delivered in individual, group, and parent formats. This dissertation study compared two of these formats, a youth only individual format, and two types of parental involvement formats to answer questions related to the long-term diagnostic outcomes and psychosocial functioning outcomes of youth who receive CBT for anxiety disorders. Specifically, this dissertation sought to compare individual and parent involvement to determine whether targeting parenting behaviors associated with youth anxiety produces significantly lower levels of psychopathology at a follow-up evaluation. The sample consisted of 173 youth and their parents who completed a followup evaluation one to seven years following treatment for youth anxiety disorders. Research questions were examined using regression analyses within a structural equation modeling framework. Results indicate that youth who demonstrated positive treatment gains at post treatment continued to maintain these gains at the long-term follow-up

period one to seven years following treatment. Treatment condition significantly predicted ratings of youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up according to parent ratings, indicating lower youth anxiety symptom ratings for participants in the parent-involved conditions compared to participants in the youth only condition. Youth in the parent-involved conditions were also rated higher on social functioning at follow-up on the parent report, as compared to youth in the individual treatment condition. The study findings are discussed in terms of treatment design and clinical implications for the treatment of youth anxiety and its disorders.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ADHD Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADIS:IV-C/P Anxiety Disorders Interview Schedule for DSM-IV: Child

and Parent Versions

CAPP Child Anxiety and Phobia Program

CBCL Child Behavior Checklist

CBT Cognitive-behavioral Therapy

CBT+P CBT with parental involvement

CDI Children's Depression Inventory

CFI Comparative Fit Index

DSM-IV-TR Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders,

Fourth Edition, Text Revision

FIML Full Information Maximum Likelihood

ICBT Individual CBT treatment approach

GCBT Group CBT treatment approach

LTFU Long-term Follow-up

MDD Major Depressive Disorder

PDD Pervasive Developmental Disorder

RCMAS Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale

RCMAS-P Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale, Parent Version

RCT Randomized Control Trial

RFST Reinforcement Skills Training

RLST Relationship Skills Training

RMSEA Root Mean Square Error of Approximation

SEM Structural Equation Modeling

Standardized RMR The Standardized Root Mean Square Residual

SUD Substance Use Disorders

TAU Treatment as usual

TLI Tucker-Lewis Index

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

Epidemiological studies have shown anxiety disorders are among the most common, if not the most common, psychiatric disorders reported in children and adolescents (e.g., Costello, Egger, Copeland, Erkanli, & Angold, 2011) and are associated with impairment in social functioning and academic functioning (e.g., Van Ameringen, Mancini, & Farvolden, 2003). (Please note: Unless when referring to a specific developmental stage, henceforth, children and adolescents are referred to as "youth"). Anxiety disorders in youth also are associated with high direct medical expenses and related impairments with estimated costs of \$33.71 billion in 2013 (e.g. Shirneshan et al., 2013). Previous studies have provided substantial evidence that anxiety disorders typically do not remit on their own (e.g., Bittner et al., 2007; Lewinsohn, Holm-Denoma, Small, Seeley, & Joiner, 2008; Pine et al., 1998), and have further shown that the developmental course of untreated anxiety disorders leads to poor mental health outcomes including the onset of other anxiety disorders, major depressive disorder (MDD) and suicide-related behaviors, and substance abuse (e.g., Buckner et al., 2008; Buckner & Schmidt, 2009; Hill, Castellanos, & Pettit, 2011; Mathew, Pettit, Lewinsohn, Seeley, & Roberts, 2011).

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy as an Efficacious Treatment for Youth Anxiety

Over the past 15-20 years, empirical evidence has accumulated demonstrating the efficacy of cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) for youth anxiety disorders (see Silverman, Pina, & Viswesvaran, 2008 for a review). Initially examined using an individual treatment approach for youth (ICBT) (Kendall, 1994; Kendall et al., 1997),

CBT has since been evaluated in other formats, including group CBT (GCBT) (Barrett, 1998; Beidel, Turner, & Morris, 2000; Silverman et al., 1999) and parent or family involved CBT (FCBT/CBT+P) (Barrett, Dadds, & Rapee, 1996).

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for youth anxiety focuses on cognitive and behavioral strategies to reduce anxiety including a) psychoeducation about anxiety and its disorders, b) graded exposure to feared stimuli, c) cognitive restructuring and developing coping-focused thinking strategies, d) relaxation training for somatic symptoms, and e) relapse prevention. In total, over 30 randomized controlled trials support the short-term efficacy of CBT for youth anxiety (see Silverman, Pina, & Viswesvaran, 2008), meaning reductions in youth anxiety symptoms and related impairment are found at the end of treatment. In a review of ten randomized controlled trials, Cartwright-Hatton and colleagues (2004) reported a pooled estimate of about 60% primary targeted anxiety disorder remission rate following completion of CBT for youth anxiety, meaning that approximately 60% of youth no longer met diagnostic criteria for the primary anxiety disorder diagnosis at the end of treatment. Further, meta-analytic reviews provide documentation of substantial levels of anxiety symptom reduction and confirm comparable rates of diagnostic remission following the completion of CBT, 57%-62.4% for CBT with parental involvement and 50%-60.2% for ICBT or limited parental involvement (Manassis et al., 2014; Thulin, Svirsky, Serlachius, Andersson, Ost, 2014).

In addition to diagnostic recovery and anxiety symptom level outcomes, studies of CBT for youth anxiety have begun to report on other areas of related impairment, including academic functioning (e.g., Nail et al., 2015) and social functioning (e.g., Beidel, Turner, & Morris, 2000; Settipanni & Kendall, 2013). These studies have

documented that CBT for youth anxiety leads to significant improvement in academic and social functioning by the end of treatment, and the importance of social functioning for treatment outcome (Settipanni et al., 2013). Thus, a large evidence base supports the efficacy of CBT for reducing youth anxiety and its disorders and related impairments in academic and social functioning immediately following treatment.

Long-term Outcomes of CBT for Youth Anxiety

In contrast to the large evidence base supporting the short-term efficacy of CBT for youth anxiety disorders, a smaller evidence base supports the long-term efficacy of CBT for youth anxiety. The purpose of this dissertation project is to add to this small evidence base by evaluating long-term diagnostic outcomes and psychosocial functioning outcomes among youth who received CBT for anxiety disorders. In the following chapter, I review all published studies that have evaluated long-term diagnostic and psychosocial outcomes of CBT for youth anxiety disorders. I then present the research aims and hypotheses of the present dissertation project.

CHAPTER II

LITERATURE REVIEW

Twelve published studies have examined long-term outcomes of CBT for youth anxiety. Of these, six long-term follow-up studies examined youth CBT delivered in individual (ICBT) or group (GCBT) formats, and one long-term follow-up study examined ICBT, sertraline, or combination treatment (ICBT + sertraline). The remaining long-term follow-up studies examined parent-involved CBT. I review each of these 12 long-term follow-up studies with a focus on anxiety disorder diagnostic recovery rates and levels of anxiety symptom severity at the follow-up evaluations.

Primary Anxiety Outcomes

In a study of 47 children ages 9-13 (48% female), Kendall (1994) examined a 16-session ICBT protocol for the treatment of anxiety disorders in youth. At the post treatment evaluation, 64% of participants did not meet diagnostic criteria for an anxiety disorder, although it was not clear whether the diagnostic recovery rate was for only the primary anxiety disorder or *any* anxiety disorder. At the follow-up evaluation which included 36 youth ages 11-18 from the original sample of 47, Kendall and Southam-Gerow (1996) reported a diagnostic recovery rate for primary anxiety disorder ranging between 87-94% over a two to five year follow-up period. Ratings on youth and parent completed measures also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of anxiety symptoms at the follow-up evaluation.

In a study of 96 children ages 9-13 (38% female), Kendall et al. (1997) examined a 16-session ICBT protocol for the treatment of anxiety disorders in youth. At the post treatment evaluation, 71% and 89% of participants did not meet diagnostic criteria for

primary anxiety disorder, on the basis of parent and child reports, respectively. At a follow-up evaluation which included 86 youth ages 15-22 from the original sample of 96, Kendall, Safford, Flannery-Schroeder, and Webb (2004) reported a diagnostic recovery rate for primary anxiety disorder between 92-96% over a five to nine year follow-up period. Ratings on youth and parent completed measures also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of anxiety symptoms at the follow-up evaluation.

Benjamin, Harrison, Settipani, Brodman, and Kendall (2013) extended the follow-up period of the Kendall et al. (1997) treatment sample and added participants from a separate Randomized Control Trial (RCT) conducted in 2008 (Kendall, Hudson, Gosch, Flannery-Schroeder, & Suveg, 2008) to examine long term outcomes 7 to 19 years after completing treatment. Specifically, Benjamin et al. (2013) compared youth who had successfully been treated (defined as having no anxiety diagnosis at post) with youth who still had an anxiety disorder at post. At the follow-up evaluation which included 66 individuals ages 18-32 from the original combined samples of 150 youth, Benjamin et al. (2013) reported a diagnostic recovery rate of 56% for any anxiety disorder diagnosis during a 7 to 19 year follow-up period. Participants' ratings of symptoms of anxiety also showed maintenance of treatment gains at the follow-up evaluation. There were no significant differences found at the follow-up evaluation between individuals who had a successful treatment response at post treatment and those who did not.

In a study of 56 youth ages 6 to 16 (39% female) assigned to either GCBT or waitlist control (Silverman, Kurtines, Ginsburg, Weems, White Lumpkin, & Hicks Carmichael, 1999), Silverman and colleagues examined CBT in group format for the treatment of anxiety disorders in youth. At the post treatment evaluation 64% of

participants did not meet diagnostic criteria for primary anxiety disorder using parent and youth report combined. In a separate study of 104 youth ages 6 to 16 (48% female), Silverman, Kurtines, Ginsburg, Weems, Rabian, and Serafini, (1999) examined CBT with contingency management or CBT with self-control relative to a non-specific treatment focused on education support for youth with anxiety disorders. At the post treatment evaluation, 55-88% of participants did not meet diagnostic criteria for primary targeted anxiety disorder determined by parent and youth report combined. At a follow-up evaluation which included 67 youth ages 16-26 from the two original study samples of 160 combined, Saavedra, Silverman, Morgan-Lopez, and Kurtines (2010) reported a diagnostic recovery rate of 92.5% for targeted anxiety disorder and 86.5% for any anxiety disorder over an 8 to 13 year follow-up period. Ratings on youth and parent completed measures also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of anxiety symptoms at follow-up. There were no significant differences found at the follow-up evaluation in diagnostic recovery rates or anxiety symptom levels between individuals who had completed ICBT and individuals who had completed GCBT.

In a study of 67 children ages 8-12 (60% female), Beidel, et al. (2000) examined a 24-session combination of ICBT and GCBT protocol for the treatment of social phobia in youth (SET-C) against an active non-specific treatment that focused on study skills. At the post treatment evaluation, Beidel et al. (2000) reported that 67% of participants in the SET-C condition did not meet diagnostic criteria for social phobia. At a follow-up evaluation which included 29 youth ages 11-18 from the original active treatment sample of 36 participants, Beidel, Turner, Young, and Paulson (2005) found a 72% diagnostic recovery rate for social phobia at the three year follow-up period. Beidel, Turner, and

Young (2006) subsequently extended the follow-up period to examine outcomes 5 years post treatment in 31 individuals ages 13-20 from the original active treatment sample of 36 participants, and found an 80% diagnostic recovery rate for social phobia at the five year follow-up period. Ratings on youth and parent completed measures also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of anxiety symptoms at the 3 and 5 year follow-up periods.

In a study of 488 youth ages 7-17 (50% female), Walkup and colleagues (2008) examined a 12-week protocol that included a therapy condition that was either ICBT, medication condition (sertraline), combined treatment condition (CBT + sertraline), or pill placebo condition for the treatment of anxiety disorders in youth. At the post treatment evaluation, Ginsburg et al. (2011) reported that 20% to 68% of participants did not meet diagnostic criteria for primary anxiety disorder using parent and child reports, respectively, with higher rates of remission in the combined treatment (CBT + sertraline) compared to the other active treatment conditions. Specifically for the CBT condition, 46.2% of participants did not meet criteria for their primary anxiety disorder at post treatment. At a follow-up evaluation which included 288 individuals ages 11-26 who had received active treatment in the original study (i.e., ICBT, sertraline, or combination), Ginsburg and colleagues (2014) found a primary anxiety disorder diagnostic recovery rate of 46.5% over a 4 to 10 year follow-up period. Specifically for the CBT condition, 45.8% of participants did not meet criteria for their primary anxiety disorder at the follow-up. Ginsburg et al. (2014) did not report on parent or youth ratings of youth anxiety symptoms at the follow-up evaluation.

Other Diagnostic Outcomes

Only four of the seven long-term follow-up studies reviewed above examined other diagnostic outcomes besides anxiety disorder recovery rates. Kendall et al. (2004) found that 23-33% of the sample met diagnostic criteria for Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) or Dysthymia at some point during the follow-up period, and 9% met diagnostic criteria for a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) at follow-up evaluation 5 to 9 years post treatment. Ratings on a youth completed measure also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of depressive symptoms at the follow-up period (even though depression was not targeted in treatment). Beidel and colleagues (2006) found that 12% of the sample who had completed GCBT were above a clinical cutoff for depressive symptoms at a follow up evaluation five years post treatment, and none of the participants reported any use of alcohol or illicit drug during the follow-up period. Saavedra et al. (2010) reported that 9% of the sample at follow-up who had completed either CBT or GCBT met diagnostic criteria for MDD, 5% met diagnostic criteria for Dysthymia, and 20% met diagnostic criteria for SUD at a follow-up evaluation 8 to 13 years post treatment. Ratings on a youth completed measure also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of depressive symptoms at a follow-up period (even though depression was not targeted in treatment). Benjamin et al. (2013) reported that 27% of their sample at follow-up who had completed ICBT met diagnostic criteria for MDD, 3% met diagnostic criteria for Dysthymia, and 42% met diagnostic criteria for one or more SUD at a followup evaluation 7 to 19 years post treatment. Ratings on a youth completed measure also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of depressive symptoms at a follow-up period (even though depression was not targeted in treatment).

Overall, these studies have been important in demonstrating that the majority of youth who receive CBT for anxiety disorders continue to maintain treatment gains up to 19 years post treatment. A subset of these studies also has demonstrated secondary gains in low rates of mood disorders and substance use disorders. In spite of these positive long-term findings, there still is room for improvement in diagnostic outcomes and there are still unaddressed issues related to the long-term outcomes of CBT for youth anxiety disorders. Specifically, very little is known about the influence of parent involvement in youth CBT on long-term outcomes or the long-term psychosocial functioning of youth who completed CBT for anxiety.

Parent involvement in CBT and LTFU of Parent-involved CBT for Youth Anxiety

Given etiologic evidence implicating parent influences on child anxiety disorders (see Hudson & Rapee, 2005), parent involvement in CBT (CBT+P) in youth anxiety treatment has been proposed as a potentially fruitful avenue for improving short-term and long-term outcomes (Ginsburg, Silverman, & Kurtines, 1995; Wood, McLeod, Sigman, Hwang, & Chu, 2003). While parents have been explicitly included in some CBT programs (Barrett et al., 1996; Cobham, Dadds, & Spence, 1998; Manassis, Avery, Butalia, & Mendlowitz, 2004), the majority of CBT programs do not explicitly include parents for youth anxiety but are primarily child-focused, with a combination of common elements such as psychoeducation, relaxation training, gradual exposures, positive coping strategies, and social skills training (see Chorpita, Becker, & Daleiden, 2007). Studies comparing ICBT and CBT+P have yielded unclear and inconsistent results with respect to short-term efficacy (see Barmish & Kendall, 2005); some studies found that CBT+P led to superior short-term diagnostic outcomes relative to ICBT (e.g., Barrett et al., 1996;

Creswell & Cartwright-Hatton, 2007; Mendlowitz, Manassis, Bradley, Scapillato, Miezitis, and Shaw, 1999; Wood, Piacentini, Southam-Gerow, Chu, & Sigman, 2006; Wood, McLeod, Piacentini, & Sigman, 2009), but other studies failed to find differences in short-term diagnostic outcomes between ICBT and CBT+P (e.g., Cobham et al., 1998; Kendall, Hudson, Gosch, & Flannery-Schroeder, 2008; Silverman, Kurtines, Jaccard, & Pina, 2009).

Also unclear is whether CBT+P leads to superior long-term outcomes relative to ICBT. As noted, out of the 30 plus published studies demonstrating the short-term efficacy for CBT for anxiety disorders, 12 published studies have examined long-term outcomes of CBT for youth anxiety. Of these, only four examined parent involvement in youth CBT as part of a randomized controlled trial (Barrett et al., 2001; Manassis et al., 2004; Cobham, et al., 2010; Walczak, Esbjorn, Breinho;st, & Reinholdt-Dunne, 2016) and one examined parent involvement in youth CBT using an "ex post facto" design and included participants who had received CBT for anxiety from an anxiety disorders specialty clinic with no random assignment (Adler Nevo et al., 2014).

In a study of 79 youth ages 7-14 (43% female), Barrett, Dadds, and Rapee (1996) examined ICBT vs. CBTP+P for the treatment of anxiety disorders. At the post treatment evaluation, 69.8% of youth did not meet diagnostic criteria for any anxiety disorder, with a significant difference between treatment conditions. Youth in the ICBT condition reported lower diagnostic recovery rates than those in the CBT+P condition, 57% versus 84%, respectively. At the follow-up evaluation which included 52 youth ages 13-21 from the original sample of 79, Barrett et al. (2001) reported a diagnostic recovery rate of 85.7% over a 5 to 7 year follow-up period, with no significant difference between the

ICBT and CBT+P conditions at follow-up. Ratings on youth completed measures also showed maintenance of treatment gains on ratings of anxiety and depressive symptoms at the follow up period.

In a study of 63 youth ages 7 to 12 (57% female), Mendlowitz, et al., (1999) examined CBT for youth anxiety disorders delivered in three formats: parent only-GCBT, child only-GCBT, or child and parent concurrent-GCBT. At the post treatment evaluation, a diagnostic interview was not conducted. Treatment effects were reported on symptom reduction on anxiety and depressive symptom rating scales, with no differences found between treatment condition on symptom ratings, but a significant difference in parent involved groups where parents rated their children as more improved than parents of children in the other two conditions. At a follow-up evaluation that included 43 youth ages 15-19 from the original sample of 63, Manassis et al., (2004) reported that 70% did not require further treatment based on parent and child ratings of youth anxiety symptoms over a 6 to 7 year follow up period. Manassis et al. did not complete a diagnostic interview and thus were unable to report diagnostic recovery rates at the follow-up evaluation. There were no significant differences between the ICBT and CBT+P conditions at the follow-up evaluation.

In a study of 67 youth ages 7-14 (49% female), Cobham, et al. (1998) examined youth GCBT or GCBT+P for the treatment of anxiety disorders. At the post treatment evaluation, 57% of youth whose parent met criteria for any anxiety disorder did not meet diagnostic criteria for an anxiety disorder themselves, while 81% of youth whose parent did not meet criteria for any anxiety disorder did not meet diagnostic criteria for an anxiety disorder themselves. There was no significant difference between treatment

conditions at post. At a follow-up evaluation which included 60 youth ages 10-17 from the original sample of 67, Cobham et al. (2010) reported a diagnostic recovery rate of 80% over a three year follow-up period, with no significant difference between youth whose parents met criteria for an anxiety disorder versus those whose parents did not. There was a significant difference found between treatment conditions at follow-up: youth who completed GBT+P showed 92% anxiety diagnosis recovery and youth who received ICBT showed 75% anxiety diagnosis recovery.

In a study of 54 youth ages 7-12 (48% female), Esbjorn, Reinholdt-Dunne, Nielsen, Smith, and Breinholst (2015) examined ICBT versus CBT+P for the treatment of anxiety disorders in youth. At the post treatment evaluation, 50% of youth did not meet diagnostic criteria for their primary anxiety disorder and 35% of youth did not meet criteria for any anxiety disorder. There was no significant difference between treatment conditions at post treatment. At a follow-up evaluation which included 40 youth ages 11-17 from the original sample of 54, Walczak, et al., (2016) reported an overall diagnostic recovery rate of 74% over a three year follow-up period, with no significant difference between treatment groups in primary diagnostic status at the three year follow-up.

In a study of 120 youth ages 8-12 (54% female) where half received CBT for anxiety disorders delivered in either individual or group format for youth with concurrent parents session and half received no intervention or treatment as usual (but not CBT), Adler Nevo et al. (2014) compared CBT intervention and treatment as usual eight years post treatment. At a follow-up evaluation, Adler Nevo, et al. (2014) reported an overall diagnostic recovery rate of 50% for youth in the treatment condition and 48.1% for youth in the treatment as usual (TAU) condition over an 8 year follow-up period, with no

significant differences between conditions. This study differs from the studies reviewed above in that it included an assessed only group in its long-term follow-up assessment. This has been a limitation of other studies in that results presented have all included treatment completers and minimal dropped participants, which has not allowed to completely rule out effects of maturation and study outcomes. However, there are some serious limitations when comparing to the other studies reviewed above in that it did not use random assignment for treatment conditions, had a poor retention rate, and inconsistent measurement of anxiety symptom severity across participants given the study design. Additionally, participants at follow-up were lumped together from both group and individual CBT format. To the best of my knowledge, post treatment information was not available to compare to other studies above.

As reviewed in the preceding paragraphs, evidence for differential efficacy of CBT+P and ICBT over long-term follow-ups is mixed. One possible reason for the mixed findings is that past long term follow-up studies have not specifically targeted parenting behaviors relevant to the development and maintenance of youth anxiety, such as parental reinforcement behaviors and parental relationship behaviors. Only one long term follow-up study included contingency management and transfer of control strategies in the parent-involved condition (Walcza et al., 2016), and this same study reported superior effects in the parent condition at the three year follow-up (Walcza et al., 2016). Further studies are needed to evaluate whether involving parents and targeting specific parenting behaviors in CBT for youth anxiety leads to superior long-term outcomes relative to youth ICBT.

There is reason to believe targeting specific parenting behaviors may lead to improvements in long-term outcomes among youth with anxiety disorders. Parenting behaviors of low warmth and high control significantly predict higher levels of anxiety and depression in both short-term (Johnson & Greenberg, 2013) and long-term (Ginsburg, Grover, & Ialongo, 2004; Baker & Hoerger, 2012). By extension, it is possible that specifically targeting parental behaviors of warmth and control may lead to long-term changes in parenting behaviors of warmth and control, which in turn may lead to superior long-term youth anxiety reduction outcomes. Consistent with this possibility, a recently published review (Manassis et al., 2014) concluded that active parental involvement in youth CBTs that targeted specific parenting practices such as parental use of reinforcement produced superior child outcomes at one-year follow-up compared to youth CBTs that did not target specific parenting strategies. The review did not evaluate follow ups beyond a one year period.

Psychosocial Outcomes in LTFU of CBT for Youth Anxiety

The presence of youth anxiety and its disorders is associated with impairment in social and academic functioning (for a review see Kingery, Erdley, Marshall, Whitaker, & Reuter, 2010). With regards to social functioning, youth who suffer from anxiety are typically more reticent to interact with same-age peers, are less liked than their non-anxious peers, and have poorer social skills (e.g., eye contact, starting/maintaining a conversation). In a study examining peer perceptions of youth with anxiety disorders, Verduin and Kendall (2008) found that youth were able to pick up on their peer's anxiety symptoms, specifically social anxiety symptoms. Verduin and Kendall showed 100 youths ages 9 to 13 years videotapes of target peers giving a 2-minute speech and then

measured the youths' perceptions of the target peer's anxiety symptoms, attitude/liking of the target peers, and probability of socializing with the target peers. Target peers who were rated as showing higher levels of anxiety symptoms also received lower ratings of liking and probability of socializing. Other studies have found similar results indicating that youth with high anxiety, and more specifically high social anxiety, have low rates of peer acceptance, high rates of peer rejection and high levels of negative peer outcomes (Inderbitzen, Walters, & Bukowski, 1997; La Greca & Lopez, 1998; Vernberg, Abwender, Ewell, & Beery, 1992), including peer victimization (Erath, Flanagan, & Bierman, 2007). There is some evidence that the relationship between youth anxiety and peer social outcomes may be bidirectional: anxiety leads to poor peer functioning and peer interactions, and impairments with peers leads to increases in anxiety over time (see Kingery et al., 2010).

With regards to academic functioning, studies have found significant associations between anxiety disorders and poor academic performance (e.g., Langley, Bergman, McCracken, & Piacentini, 2004), including school drop out and tertiary education completion (Kessler, Foster, Saunders, & Stang, 1995; Monroe Borzi, & Burrell, 1992; Van Ameringen et al., 2003). High levels of anxiety, especially anxious cognitions and worrying, may lead to disrupted attention and concentration on schoolwork, resulting in poor academic performance (e.g., Ma, 1999; Nail et al., 2015). Further, high levels of social or performance anxiety may lead to insufficient class participation, avoidance of class presentations and working in groups, and failure to ask for clarification from teachers when material is not understood, also resulting in poor academic performance.

The findings reviewed in the preceding two paragraphs demonstrate the presence of impairments in social functioning and academic functioning among youth with anxiety disorders. There also is evidence that CBT for youth anxiety can lead to improvements in social and academic functioning, at least in the short-term (i.e., by the end of treatment). For example, in a study of 40 youth with anxiety disorders who completed a CBT protocol, Wood (2006) found that both academic and social functioning improved from pre treatment to post treatment. Further, improvements in anxiety symptoms during treatment significantly predicted improvements in youth's academic performance and youths' social functioning by the end of treatment, suggesting that successfully reducing youth anxiety symptoms may be a promising route to enhance social and academic functioning.

To my knowledge, no studies have reported on the long-term social functioning of youth following CBT for anxiety. Only one follow-up study has reported on academic functioning in youth following CBT for anxiety (Saavedra et al., 2010), thus very little is known about how youth fare in academic performance following treatment for anxiety in the long-term. In short-term, studies have found that youth who have received CBT for anxiety also demonstrate improvements in academic functioning. For example, in a study of 94 youth with elevated symptoms of anxiety who completed a CBT protocol for test anxiety, Weems et al., (2009) found that academic functioning significantly improved from pre treatment to post treatment as measured by improvements in grade point average. Data from Walkup et al. (2008) discussed above, showed that youth with anxiety disorders who participate in CBT treatment for anxiety disorders displayed significant pre treatment to post treatment improvement in academic functioning, with

greater improvement reported for youth who responded to treatment at post treatment (Nail et al., 2015).

Among 67 youth who completed either ICBT or GCBT and were reassessed in early adulthood 8 to 13 years post treatment, Saavedra et al. (2010) found that 17% of participants experienced delays in tertiary education, 50% of participants reported some college education, and 25% of participants reported completion of either an Associate or Bachelor's degree. The majority of the sample in Saavedra et al. was 18 years or older at the time of the follow-up assessment. No studies to my knowledge have reported on long-term academic functioning in youth who are in elementary or secondary school. Additionally, no studies to my knowledge have reported on long-term social functioning following CBT for anxiety disorders.

In the current dissertation project, I will examine anxiety outcomes and social and academic functioning outcomes at a long-term follow-up evaluation in youth who completed CBTs for anxiety disorders. Further, I will evaluate whether anxiety outcomes following CBT for anxiety mediate long-term social and academic functioning.

Additionally, I will evaluate the alternative mediation path in which social and academic functioning may mediate anxiety outcomes at follow-up. Preliminary evidence from Wood (2006) suggests anxiety reductions might mediate social and academic functioning outcomes, but no study to my knowledge has evaluated the reverse path in which social and academic functioning improvements mediate anxiety reductions. Understanding if social and academic functioning following CBT for anxiety mediates long-term outcomes in adolescence could inform the utility of these variables as predictors of treatment relapse or retention of diagnosis and related impairments. In this dissertation project, I

define social functioning as the presence of positive social relationships with others, including same-age peers and practice/participation in extracurricular group activities. I define academic functioning as sustained performance in academic achievement, including maintaining passing grades and no grade retention.

Summary, Research Objectives and Hypotheses

The proposed dissertation project is expected to answer questions related to the long-term diagnostic outcomes and psychosocial functioning outcomes of youth who receive CBT for anxiety disorders. Given the state of the literature, the most important purpose was to examine whether CBT that specifically target parenting behaviors associated with youth anxiety (CBT+P) produces significantly lower levels of psychopathology (AIM 1) and higher levels of psychosocial functioning (AIM 2) as compared to ICBT at a follow-up evaluation ranging from one to seven years post treatment. Specifically, in AIM 1, I examined anxiety disorder diagnostic recovery rate for primary targeted anxiety disorder, anxiety disorder diagnostic recovery rate for any comorbid anxiety disorders present at pre treatment, diagnostic recovery rate for any comorbid mood or substance use disorders, anxiety symptom levels based on self- and parent-ratings on symptom questionnaires, and depressive symptom levels based on youth self-rating on symptom questionnaire. In **AIM 2**, I examined youth academic and social functioning using parent-ratings on the CBCL questionnaire. As an additional step in understanding the role of psychosocial outcomes in long-term outcomes, I examined directional associations between psychosocial and anxiety outcomes. That is, I examined whether (a) improvements in youth anxiety mediate improvements in youth psychosocial functioning, and (b) improvements in youth psychosocial functioning mediate

improvements in youth anxiety (**AIM 3**). In addition to the proposed study aims, I conducted exploratory analyses to preliminarily examine whether there were statistically significant differences between two CBT+P conditions on youth psychopathology outcomes and psychosocial outcomes at the follow-up evaluation: relationship skills training (RLST) or reinforcement skills training (RFST) (**ancillary analyses**).

Based on findings in other long-term follow-up studies on CBTs for youth anxiety, I expected that youth who showed positive treatment gains at post treatment would maintain these gains at the long-term follow-up period one to seven years following treatment. Maintained gains were assessed based on diagnostic status (e.g., no longer meeting criteria for primary targeted anxiety disorder and other anxiety disorders based on clinical interview) and ratings on self- and parent-report anxiety measures. It was expected that youth who received CBT+P would show superior long-term outcomes at the follow up evaluation (i.e., lower levels of psychopathology and higher levels of psychosocial functioning) as compared to youth who received ICBT (Aims 1 and 2). It was further expected that improvements in youth anxiety would mediate improvements in youth psychosocial functioning (Aim 3). The reverse path from psychosocial functioning to youth anxiety was also examined although the path from academic functioning to anxiety has not been previously examined. There is no compelling theoretical argument as to why this path might be significant either in short-term or long-term. As such, I hypothesized improvement in anxiety would predict subsequent improvement in academics, but not the reverse path from improvement in academics to improvements in anxiety. These hypotheses were based on the rationale that (a) specifically targeting parenting behaviors that have been associated with child anxiety (i.e., parental

reinforcement behaviors and parental relationship behaviors) would lead to sustained changes in parental behaviors which in turn would augment and sustain the anxiety reduction effects of CBT for youth with anxiety disorders (Aim 1) and (b) sustained reductions in youth anxiety and improvements in parent-child relationship quality would lead to higher levels of psychosocial functioning (Aim 2).

CHAPTER III

METHODS

Proposed Study

The aims of this dissertation project were addressed in a subset of the total 264 youth who previously received CBT for anxiety as part of a randomized controlled clinical trial (RCT) conducted at the Child Anxiety and Phobia Program (CAPP) at Florida International University between 2009 and 2014. Data were collected from 173 individuals (66% of original treatment sample) at a follow-up evaluation one to seven years post treatment using a multisource assessment approach.

Long-term psychopathology outcomes were assessed on the basis of diagnostic status rates and youth self-ratings and parent-ratings on anxiety and depressive symptom measures. Long-term psychosocial outcomes were assessed using parent report of youth functioning in academic and social contexts (see Measures section).

Participants. Participants were 173 youth (70 females, 102 males) and their mothers out of a possible 264 total participants who participated and completed the full treatment program in the aforementioned clinical trial of CBT for youth anxiety disorders (R01 MH079943). Given that data were only available on 173 of the 264 total participants, prior to outcome analysis, demographic variables and all post treatment scores were compared between the 91 youth who completed the post treatment assessment only and 173 youth who completed both the post and follow-up assessments. No significant differences were found between these groups.

Youth participants received either ICBT or CBT+P for anxiety disorders at the CAPP clinic. At the time of their first participation in treatment, all youth were between

the ages of 5 and 15 years old (M = 9.33 years, SD = 2.27). At the time of the long-term follow-up evaluation, these participants were between the ages of 7 and 17 years old (M = 11.27 years, SD = 2.47), with about one third of the sample between 12-17 years. The majority of treatment sessions were conducted in English (87.2%), where 95.4% of youth and 63.0% of mothers were primarily English-speakers. Regarding youth ethnicity, 82.0% were Hispanic-Latino, 11.6% were European-American, 1.7% were African American or Afro-Caribbean American, 1.2% were Asian-American, and 3.5% were Other ethnicity. Eighty-five percent of youth indicated they were born in the U.S. Mother ethnicity was reported as 80.2% Hispanic-Latino, 15.7% European-American, 1.7% African American or Afro-Caribbean American, and 2.3% Other ethnicity. Thirty-four percent of mothers reported they were born in the U.S. The majority of foreign-born mothers were born in Latin America and the Caribbean. Of those born outside of the U.S., over half of the mothers indicated they had lived in the U.S. for 15 years or more.

Inclusion criterion was a primary DSM-IV-TR diagnosis of an anxiety disorder determined by the Anxiety Disorders Interview Schedule for DSM-IV: Child and Parent Versions (ADIS-IV: C/P; silverman & Albano, 1996). Exclusion criteria were the following: a diagnosis of primary externalizing disorder or pervasive developmental disorder (PDD), on the basis of a parent report of prior history or as obtained on the ADIS-IV:P; symptoms of psychosis such as hallucinations or delusions; imminent threat of self-injurious behaviors; and current involvement in other psychosocial or psychopharmacological treatment for anxiety. For youth who reported suicidal ideation or self-injurious behaviors, a thorough risk assessment and safety plan were completed and appropriate steps were taken to ensure safety. Youth who met criteria for primary

ADHD or PDD were provided with appropriate referrals for further assessment and treatment as needed.

As mentioned above, all youth met a primary DSM-IV-TR diagnosis of an anxiety disorder determined by the ADIS child and parent interviews. Table 1 presents diagnostic information for youth in ICBT and CBT+P conditions. The most common targeted anxiety disorder was Separation Anxiety Disorder (SAD) (27%, n = 44), followed by Social Phobia (SOP) (22%, n = 36) and Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) (20%, n = 32). For the overall follow-up sample, primary targeted anxiety diagnostic recovery rates were 79% at post treatment and 69% at follow-up. Diagnostic recovery rates for any anxiety disorder were 65% at post treatment and 50% at follow-up. Beyond anxiety diagnostic status, 3% of participants met diagnostic criteria for a mood disorder (MDD or Dysthymia) at the pre treatment assessment, 1.2% of participants met diagnostic criteria for a mood disorder at post treatment, and 3% of participants met diagnostic criteria for a mood disorder at follow-up determined by ADIS child and parent interviews combined. Twenty-seven percent of the sample met diagnostic criteria for comorbid externalizing disorders (ADHD or ODD) at pre treatment, 11% met diagnostic criteria for comorbid externalizing disorders at post treatment, and 10% met diagnostic criteria for comorbid externalizing disorders at follow-up. Five percent of the sample was on anxiety medication at pre treatment, and this number dropped to 2% at both the post treatment and follow-up time points.

Treatment Conditions. The clinical trial from which participants in this dissertation were drawn examined different forms of CBT for youth anxiety. Despite some variations in format delivery (individual versus parent-involved), all conditions

generally used the same therapeutic procedures common to CBT for anxiety (i.e., rapport building, psychoeducation, exposures, cognitive restructuring, and response prevention).

The trial examined youth ICBT and two forms of CBT with parent involvement. In each of the two parent involvement conditions, specific parenting strategies were targeted to enhance youths' treatment. In the first parent condition, Relationship Skills Training (RLST), the targets were increasing parental acceptance of the child (e.g., by demonstrating to the child that mother accepts them for who they are unconditionally) and improving the parent-child relationship by reducing parental over-involvement and psychological control (e.g., by granting the child more autonomy, as developmentally appropriate). In the second parent condition, Reinforcement Skills Training (RFST), the targets were increasing parental use of positive reinforcement and praise (e.g., by teaching the parent how to use reinforces such as tangible and non-tangible rewards upon successful completion of their child's exposure task) and decreasing negative reinforcement (e.g., by teaching parents to recognize how their child behaves when they are trying to avoid facing their fears and learning to how to support their child to approach, instead of avoid, feared situations). In the ICBT condition, youth received traditional CBT without a parenting component in an individual format (just youth and therapist).

For the purpose of the current dissertation, I combined the parent-involved treatments into one condition (CBT+P) and compared it to the youth condition where parents were not involved (ICBT). One reason parenting conditions were combined came from preliminary findings from the clinical trial of no differences in treatment outcome at immediate post across the two parent involvement conditions. Ancillary

analyses were performed to gain insight into the possibility of differences between the parent-involved conditions at the follow up time point in this dissertation project.

Measures

In this section the following measures are described: A) measures used to assess long-term psychopathology outcomes; B) measures used to assess long-term psychosocial functioning outcomes; and C) demographic variables such as parent and youth ethnicity, youth gender, and treatment language. The measures chosen for the LTFU evaluation were based on measures administered at the pre treatment and post treatment assessment time points. While newer versions of some of the measures described below now exist, I decided to use the original measures from the pre treatment assessment time point to permit comparison on the same measure across time points.

A. Measures Used to Assess Long-Term Psychopathology Outcomes

A1. Psychopathology Outcomes: Diagnostic Interview Schedule.

Anxiety Disorders Interview Schedule for DSM-IV: Child and Parent Versions

(ADIS- IV: C/P; Silverman et al., 1996). The ADIS for DSM-IV: C/P was used to derive DSM-IV diagnoses. This interview schedule includes both a youth interview (ADIS-C) and a parent interview (ADIS-P). For the purposes of the current dissertation, both parent and youth were administered the ADIS-IV corresponding interviews. The ADIS has been shown to have excellent reliability for deriving diagnoses using youth, parent, and combined interviews (Silverman, Saavedra, & Pina, 2001). Moreover, in addition to DSM-IV anxiety disorders, other related disorders such as affective (e.g., major depression, dysthymia) and externalizing disorders (e.g., ADHD and conduct disorder) were assessed using these interviews.

The following diagnostic variables were assessed using the respective versions of the diagnostic interview. *Anxiety disorder diagnostic status*. Long-term follow-up effects for treatment of anxiety disorders were defined as the absence of any DSM-IV anxiety disorder. Rates of anxiety disorders were calculated using ADIS results for the a) primary targeted anxiety disorder, and b) any comorbid anxiety disorder present at intake pre-treatment (full remission). *Anxiety sequelae*. The development of any new psychiatric disorder (MDD, dysthymia, substance abuse disorder [SUD]) was defined as meeting DSM-IV criteria for a new psychiatric disorder that was not present either at intake pre-treatment or at the post-treatment evaluation.

A2. Questionnaires Completed by Youth

Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale (RCMAS; Reynolds & Richmond, 1978). The RCMAS was used to assess the long-term follow-up effects with respect to symptoms of anxiety. The RCMAS consists of 37 items that describe anxious symptoms relating to physiological, worry/over sensitivity, and concentration. Items are rated by youth by selecting either a Yes or No response for each statement, and scored 1 or 0, respectively. There has been extensive work supporting the validity of the RCMAS (see manual, Reynolds & Richmond, 1985). Additionally, the RCMAS has been used as a primary outcome measure in almost all previous childhood anxiety clinical trials and has been found to be a sensitive measure of change in these studies (e.g., Kendall, 1994; Kendall et al., 1997; Silverman et al., 1999a) as well as in long-term follow-up studies (Kendall et al., 1996; Barrett et al., 2001). Past studies have reported good internal consistency with estimates ranging from 0.78 to 0.85 in European American and African American samples (Reynolds & Richmond, 2000) and .65 to .89 in a sample of Mexican

American children living in the U.S. (Varela & Biggs, 2006). For the current study, only the total score was used as a measure of global anxiety severity; the internal consistency for the total score subscale was comparable to past studies, (alpha = .90).

Children's Depression Inventory (CDI; Kovacs, 1992). The CDI was used to assess the long-term follow-up effects with respect to symptoms of depression. The CDI is a 27-item measure rated on a 3-point scale used to assess the cognitive, affective, and behavioral symptoms of childhood depression within a 2-week period. The 27 items contain 3 statements scored in order of increasing severity from 0 to 2. The CDI has satisfactory internal consistency (e.g., alpha = .89) and retest reliability (e.g., r = .98) and can discriminate among relevant groups. For the current study, internal consistency was comparable to past studies, (alpha = .85)

A3. Questionnaires Completed by Parent

Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale, Parent Version (RCMAS-P; Reynolds et al., 1978). The RCMAS-P is a parallel measure to the RCMAS, adapted to obtain parent's perspective on child anxiety symptoms. In the RCMAS-P, the wording was changed from "I..." to "My child..." (e.g., Kendall, 1994; Silverman et al., 1999). Respondents rate each item as either Yes or No and scored 1 or 0, respectively. Twenty-eight items are summed to provide a Total Anxiety score. The RCMAS-P was also used to assess the long-term follow-up effects with respect to symptoms of anxiety from parent perspective. As with the youth RCMAS, only the total score was used in the current study as a measure of global anxiety severity; the internal consistency for the total score subscale was comparable to past studies, (alpha = .90).

B. Measures Used to Assess Long-Term Psychosocial Outcomes

B1. Psychosocial outcomes via parent-report questionnaire

Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL; Achenbach, 2001). The CBCL was used to assess psychosocial outcomes from parent perspective. The CBCL contains 118 items measuring specific symptom levels of youth problems. Each item is rated on a 3-point likert scale and is based on a 2-month period. The CBCL has been the prime parent-completed rating scale used in past childhood anxiety trials and has been found to be sensitive to statistical and clinical change.

The academic performance and social functioning subscales were used to assess psychosocial functioning during the follow-up period. Strong psychometric properties and construct validity have been previously documented for the CBCL, including these two subscales (Achenbach & Rescorla, 2001). Both academic and social functioning subscales have been found to have good discriminant validity distinguishing between referred and non-referred youth (Achenbach et al., 2001). The social functioning subscale measures participation in extracurricular and group activities and the presence of positive social relationships. Support has been found for the social functioning subscale's concurrent validity via significant correlations with other anxiety measures, including the Social Phobia Anxiety Inventory for Child (SPAI-C) at r = -.33 (Beidel, Turner, & Morris, 1995) and Child Anxiety Impact Scale at r = -.40 (Langley et al., 2014). Internal consistency has been reported to be $\alpha = .68$ and 1-week test-retest reliability at r = .93. The academic functioning subscale measures academic performance, including problems in school, grade retention, or additional school services. Support has been found for the academic functioning subscale's concurrent validity via significant

correlations with other reports of academic functioning, including the Child Anxiety Impact Scale at r = -.25 (Langley et al., 2014). Internal consistency has been reported to be $\alpha = .63$ and 1-week test-retest reliability at r = .90. Past research has found these subscales to be sensitive to change following CBT intervention (Wood, 2006).

C. Sociodemographics

Sociodemographic Information. Parents were asked to complete a clinic information sheet to obtain background information from families, including sociodemographic information of the parent and youth such as primary language of parent, primary language of youth, years living in the U.S., maternal education, family income, and marital status. Specifically for this dissertation, demographic variables examined as potential covariates were parent and youth ethnicity, youth gender, youth age at pre treatment, treatment language, mother education, and marital status. Analyses revealed statistically significant differences on youth age at pre treatment, youth gender, and youth ethnicity. As such, youth age at pre treatment, youth gender, and youth ethnicity were included as covariates in all analyses run while also controlling for pre treatment scores and time since post treatment in months.

Procedures

All participants completed a follow-up evaluation one to seven years (M = 1.92 years, SD = 1.11, 9-83 months) following CBT treatment for anxiety. The follow-up evaluation consisted of 1) a diagnostic interview, and 2) self- and parent-report questionnaires used to assess follow-up outcomes. Informed consent and assent were obtained prior to conducting interviews and administering any questionnaires. All interviews were conducted by doctoral level students trained in the administration of the

respective interview schedules (ADIS and ADIS-IV: C/P). Weekly supervision was provided for all cases by the faculty advisors. Families were remunerated for their completion of study evaluations.

CHAPTER IV

RESULTS

Preliminary Data Analyses

Data management protocols were used to ensure integrity of the data. Data were checked for out of range and missing values. Missing data were found to be minimal for most variables (and no more than 10 percent on any given variable), with the exception of the academic and social functioning variables that were excluded in some of the later follow-up assessments because of time constraints. Missing data for these two variables was almost a third (27%). Where missing values occurred, missing data were accommodated by employing full information maximum likelihood (FIML) missing data methodology in MPLUS (Wothke, 2000). Missing data bias was assessed by computing a dummy variable reflecting the presence or absence of missing data for each variable in the model and then correlating the dummy variable with all other variables in the model, as well as an array of demographic variables (Jaccard Personal Communication). None of the correlations were statistically significant, indicating no evidence of bias.

Outlier analyses were undertaken prior to all major analyses. The analyses checked for both non-model based and model based outliers. For the former, multivariate outliers were identified by examining leverage indices for each individual and defining an outlier as a leverage score four times greater than the mean leverage. An additional set of outlier analyses was pursued using model-based outlier analysis. Standardized dfbetas were examined for each individual and each predictor as well as the intercept. An outlier was defined as any case with an absolute standardized dfbeta larger than 1.0. No model based or non-model based outliers were detected. In addition, univariate indices of

skewness and kurtosis were examined to determine if the absolute value of any of these indices was greater than 2.0. Examination of univariate indices of skewness and kurtosis revealed no absolute skewness value above 1.81 and no absolute kurtosis values above 2.71. The absolute kurtosis value for the CDI at the follow-up time point was above the recommended cut off. To account for the non-normality present in the data, structural equation modeling (SEM) analyses were pursued in the MPlus statistical software program by using an estimator (MLR) robust to violations of normality using the Huber-White algorithm (Muthén & Muthén, 2011).

Following the recommendations of Bollen and Long (1993), a variety of global fit indices were used for all SEM models, including indices of absolute fit, indices of relative fit, and indices of fit with a penalty function for lack of parsimony. These include the traditional overall chi-square test of model fit (which should be statistically non-significant), the Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA; which should be less than 0.08 to declare satisfactory fit), the p value for the test of close fit (which should be statistically non-significant), the Comparative Fit Index (CFI; which should be greater than 0.95); the Tucker Lewis Index (TLI; which should be greater than 0.95); and the standardized root mean square residual (which should be less than 0.05).

The theoretical questions posed in this research are framed in individual path diagrams in Figures 1-7. Traditional structural equation modeling (SEM) strategies were used in MPlus statistical software. SEM uses full information estimation approaches where all of the path coefficients (and their standard errors) are estimated simultaneously in the context of the full system of linear equations implied by the model. An alternative approach is to use a limited information estimation strategy. The limited information

estimation strategy approach uses the path diagram to identify the structural relationships of interest and to define the relevant linear equations. However, the overall model is broken up into pieces and estimates of the coefficients are derived within each piece separately using statistical methods that are appropriate for that piece. Full information estimation approaches can yield more efficient estimates and also yield more plentiful statistics about goodness of model fit. However, the full information estimation approach also has disadvantages. For example, model misspecification in one part of the model can yield biased estimates in another part of the model. By contrast, in limited information estimation, specification error is compartmentalized. Limited information estimation also allows one to tailor the analytic method to the nature of the variables involved in a given piece of the overall model (e.g., logistic regression, ordinal regression, OLS regression). Full information estimation strategies were pursued within an SEM framework for all analyses presented below (Jaccard Personal Communication).

The robustness of conclusions was compared with and without statistical corrections for multiple tests. A Holm adjusted modified Bonferroni method for controlling familywise error rates was used. Because all participants were previously enrolled in the clinical trial, and time since post treatment assessment varied between one to seven years post treatment, the time since post treatment in months was included as a covariate in all analyses. Analyses used families who were treatment completers and who participated in both the post and follow-up assessments (n = 173). Analyses were conducted to compare families who only completed the post assessment to families who completed both the post and follow-up assessments; results yielded no statistically significant differences in post scores on any of the outcome measures. Results presented

below include the sample of 173 families who completed both the post and follow-up assessments.

Main Data Analyses

Psychopathology Outcomes

Aim 1 Diagnostic Status. The equivalent of binary logistic regression analyses were conducted using SEM in MPlus statistical software to evaluate diagnostic outcomes. Four separate binary logistic regression models were run to test whether there were significant differences between treatment conditions (ICBT or CBT+P) on anxiety, depression, or substance use at the follow-up evaluation. Specifically, regressions were run to examine diagnostic status of (1) primary targeted anxiety disorder, (2) any anxiety disorder, (3) any mood disorder, or (4) any substance abuse disorder.

First, a binary logistic regression analysis within an SEM framework was conducted to test whether the presence of the primary targeted anxiety disorder at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the ICBT condition (n=64) and youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (n=109). There were no statistically significant differences on diagnostic recovery rates for primary targeted anxiety disorder between treatment conditions after controlling for immediate post diagnostic status and time since post treatment (z = 1.00, p > 05).

A second binary logistic regression analysis within an SEM framework was conducted to test whether the presence of any anxiety disorder at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the ICBT condition (n=64) and youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (n=109). There were no statistically significant differences on diagnostic

recovery rates for any anxiety disorder between treatment conditions after controlling for immediate post diagnostic status and time since post treatment (z = 1.18, p > 05).

To examine the association between treatment condition and anxiety sequela at follow-up, two additional binary logistic regression analyses within an SEM framework were conducted to test whether the for the presence of 1) MDD or 2) SUD at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the ICBT condition (n=64) and youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (n=109). Outcome statistics could not be computed for MDD or SUD categories given the low number of participants who met criteria for either MDD or SUD at follow up. In total, only 6 participants met criteria for MDD at the follow-up evaluation (three were in the ICBT condition and three were in the combined CBT+P conditions). No participants met criteria for SUD at follow-up.

Aim 1 parent and youth ratings on questionnaires. To complete the second part of Aim 1, the SEM equivalent of linear regression models were conducted to test whether the levels of psychopathology at follow-up measured using youth self- and parent-ratings on symptom questionnaires significantly differed between youth in the ICBT condition (n=64) and youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (n=109). Specifically, three separate regressions were run to examine (1) parent ratings of youth anxiety on the RCMAS, (2) youth self-ratings of anxiety on the RCMAS, and (3) youth self-ratings of depression on the CDI.

Treatment condition significantly predicted scores on RCMAS parent ratings of youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up after controlling for immediate post RMCAS parent scores and time since post treatment, (z = 3.41, p < .001, $\beta = 2.44$, SE=.72), with lower ratings for youth in the CBT+P condition compared to the ICBT condition. After

applying a Holmes modified Bonferonni correction, results remained statistically significant at p <.01.

Treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on RCMAS youth selfratings of anxiety symptoms at follow-up after controlling for immediate post RCMAS scores and time since post treatment, (z = 0.34, p > 05).

Treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on CDI youth self-ratings of depressive symptoms at follow-up after controlling for immediate post CDI scores and time since post treatment (z = 0.35, p > 05).

Youth Psychosocial Functioning Outcomes

Aim 2. To examine psychosocial functioning at follow up (i.e., social and academic functioning), the SEM equivalent of two separate linear regression models were run to examine whether levels of functioning measured by parent ratings at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the ICBT condition (n=64) and youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (n=109). Specifically, separate models were run to examine parent ratings of youth social functioning and youth academic functioning on the CBCL.

Parent ratings on youth social functioning. Treatment condition significantly predicted scores on parent-rated youth social functioning at follow-up after controlling for immediate post social functioning scores and time since post treatment, (z = -2.64, p < .05 ($\beta = -3.37$, SE = 1.28). Social functioning scores in the combined CBT+P conditions (M = 45.66, SD = 8.85) were significantly higher than scores in the ICBT condition (M = 41.81, SD = 9.32), indicating superior social functioning for participants in the CBT+P parent conditions compared to participants in the youth only CBT condition. After

applying a Holmes modified Bonferonni correction, results remained significant at p <.01.

Parent ratings on youth academic functioning. Treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on parent ratings of youth academic functioning at follow-up after controlling for immediate post academic functioning scores and time since post treatment, (z = 0.27, p > 05).

Directionality of Effects on Youth Psychosocial Functioning and Youth Anxiety

Aim 3. The data were further analyzed using SEM to examine the directionality of associations between youth anxiety and psychosocial outcomes at the post treatment and follow-up evaluations. That is, I examined whether (a) improvements in youth anxiety at post treatment mediated improvements in youth psychosocial functioning at follow-up, or (b) improvements in youth psychosocial functioning at post treatment mediated improvements in youth anxiety at follow-up.

A two-valued dummy variable (scored 1 or 0) for the two treatment conditions (ICBT versus CBT+P, respectively) was defined and was assumed to impact youth anxiety and psychosocial outcomes at the post treatment and at the follow-up time points. Paths were included from each of these variables to all endogenous variables. Separate analyses were conducted on youth self-ratings of anxiety and parent rated youth functioning, and for parent ratings of the youth anxiety and parent rated youth functioning.

Academic Functioning

A model was run to test whether treatment condition accounted for changes in youth anxiety symptoms and youth academic functioning from post treatment to the

follow-up evaluation. Directional effects were included in the model to examine the direction of change between youth anxiety symptoms and youth academic functioning. The key paths of interest in Figure 6 are paths a through l. Paths a, b, c, and d represent contemporaneous effects in that treatment condition is assumed to impact changes in youth academic functioning at post treatment (path a) and follow—up (path c), and also youth anxiety at post treatment (path b) and follow-up (path d). Paths e and f represent traditional autoregressive effects in which change in a given variable from post treatment is associated with change in the same variable at follow-up. Paths g and h reflect lagged effects and estimate the extent to which changes in youth academic functioning from post treatment are associated with changes in youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up (path h), as well as the extent to which changes in youth anxiety symptoms from post treatment are associated with changes in youth academic functioning at follow-up (path g). Such lagged effects make theoretical sense because it may take time for the changes in one variable to work their way through and produce changes in the other variable. Path i indicates that changes in youth anxiety symptoms at post treatment are assumed to be associated with changes in youth academic functioning at the same time point and path j indicates that changes in youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up are assumed to be associated with changes in youth academic functioning at the follow-up time point. Paths k and l represent the reverse paths, such that changes in youth academic functioning at post treatment are assumed to be associated with changes in youth anxiety symptoms at the same time point (path k), and changes in youth academic functioning at follow-up are assumed to be associated with changes in youth anxiety symptoms at the follow-up time

point (path l). Paths m, n, o, and p are controlling for pre treatment scores on the outcome variables.

The fit of the model in Figure 6 was evaluated with MPlus statistical software using a maximum likelihood algorithm. The model is statistically overidentified. Prior to analysis, data were evaluated for multivariate outliers. No outliers were detected.

A variety of fit indices of model fit were evaluated. The chi-square test of model fit was statistically non-significant, $x^2(2) = 0.41$, p > 0.05. The Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA) was .00. The p value for the test of close fit was .81. The Comparative Fit Index (CFI) was 1.00 and the Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) was 1.08. The Standardized Root Mean Square Residual (Standardized RMR) was 0.006. All indices point to good model fit. Inspection of the residuals revealed no statistically significant points of ill-fit in the model. There were no theoretically meaningful modification indices above 5, again indicating good model fit.

Figure 8 presents relevant unstandardized path coefficients. For purposes of presentation, the correlations between exogenous variables are omitted. The residuals indicate the proportion of unexplained variance in the endogenous variables (i.e., they are error variances in standardized form). The variables in the model accounted for approximately 35% of the variance in youth self-rated RCMAS post scores and 53% of the variance in RCMAS follow-up scores. The variables in the model accounted for approximately 62% of the variance in youth academic functioning post scores and 58% of the variance in youth academic functioning follow-up scores. Path coefficients from treatment condition to post anxiety and youth academic functioning were statistically significant, as were path coefficients from post anxiety and youth academic functioning

to follow-up anxiety and youth academic functioning. There were no statistically significant direct total effects from treatment condition to anxiety and academic functioning scores at the follow-up time point. There were also no statistically significant directional effects found between anxiety at post and academic functioning at follow-up, or academic functioning at post and anxiety at follow-up.

Table 8 presents the 95% confidence intervals for each of the unstandardized path coefficients in the model. The model suggests an impact of treatment condition on anxiety scores and youth academic functioning scores at post treatment. Paths *a* and *b* were statistically significant, suggesting that treatment condition was found to result in lower anxiety scores (2.39 units) and higher academic functioning scores (2.37 units) for youth in the combined CBT+P conditions compared with youth in the ICBT condition. Path *f* was also statistically significant, where anxiety scores at post treatment were found to impact anxiety scores at the follow-up (.52 units). In regards to academic functioning scores, path *e* was also statistically significant suggesting that academic functioning scores at post treatment impacted academic functioning scores at the follow-up (.28 units).

The same model was run based on parent report of youth anxiety. For ease of readability, all paths were kept the same from the youth model and the reader is directed to description above for detailed path explanation. The chi-square test of model fit was statistically non-significant, x^2 (2) = 0.56, p > 0.05. The Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA) was .00. The p value for the test of close fit was .81. The Comparative Fit Index (CFI) was 1.00 and the Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) was 1.07. The

Standardized RMR was 0.006. All indices point to good model fit. Examination of the modification indices (MIs) revealed no theoretically meaningful MIs greater than 5.

Figure 9 presents relevant unstandardized path coefficients. For purposes of presentation, the correlations between exogenous variables are omitted. The residuals indicate the proportion of unexplained variance in the endogenous variables (i.e., they are error variances in standardized form). The variables in the model accounted for approximately 32% of the variance in parent rated RCMAS post scores and 54% of the variance in RCMAS follow-up scores. The variables in the model accounted for approximately 63% of the variance in youth academic functioning post scores and 60% of the variance in youth academic functioning follow-up scores. Path coefficients from treatment condition to post academic functioning and follow-up anxiety were statistically significant, as were path coefficients from post anxiety and youth academic functioning to follow-up anxiety and youth academic functioning. Path coefficients from post anxiety to post academic functioning and follow-up anxiety to follow-up academic functioning were also statistically significant. There were no statistically significant directional effects found between anxiety at post and academic functioning at follow-up, or academic functioning at post and anxiety at follow-up.

Table 9 presents the 95% confidence intervals for each of the unstandardized path coefficients in the model. The model suggests an impact of treatment condition on anxiety scores at follow-up and youth academic functioning scores at post treatment. Paths *a* was statistically significant, suggesting that treatment condition was found to result in higher academic functioning at post treatment (1.77 units) for youth in the combined CBT+P conditions compared with youth in the ICBT condition. There was

also a statistically significant direct total effect from treatment condition to anxiety scores at the follow-up time point (path d), where lower anxiety scores were found for youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (2.76 units) compared to youth in the ICBT condition. Path f was also statistically significant, where anxiety scores at post treatment were found to impact anxiety scores at the follow-up (.58 units). In regards to academic functioning, path e was also statistically significant suggesting that academic functioning at post treatment impacted academic functioning scores at the follow-up (.28 units). Paths i and j were also statistically significant, where post anxiety was found to impact academic functioning at post (-.27 units) and follow-up anxiety was also found to impact academic functioning at follow-up (-.35 units). The reverse paths, k and l were also statistically significant, where post academic functioning was found to impact youth anxiety at post (-.20 units) and follow-up academic functioning was also found to impact youth anxiety at follow-up (-.18 units).

Social Functioning

A second set of models was run to examine whether treatment condition accounted for change in youth anxiety symptoms and ratings of youth social functioning at post treatment and follow-up. Directional effects were included in the model to examine the direction of change between youth anxiety symptoms and youth social functioning. For ease of readability, the same paths used in the previous models were included in the models below. The paths of interest in Figure 7 are paths a through l. Paths a, b, c, and d represent contemporaneous effects in that treatment condition is assumed to impact changes in youth social functioning at post treatment (path a) and follow-up (path a) youth anxiety at post treatment (path a) and follow-up (path a). Paths

e and f represent traditional autoregressive effects in which change in a given variable from post treatment is associated with change in the same variable at follow-up. Paths g and h reflect lagged effects and estimate the extent to which changes in youth social functioning from post treatment are associated with changes in youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up (path h), as well as the extent to which changes in youth anxiety symptoms from post treatment are associated with changes in youth social functioning at follow-up (path g). Such lagged effects make theoretical sense because it may take time for the changes in one variable to work their way through and produce changes in the other variable. Path i indicates that changes in youth anxiety symptoms at post treatment are assumed to be associated with changes in youth social functioning at the same time point and path j indicates that changes in youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up are assumed to be associated with changes in youth social functioning at the follow-up time point. Paths k and l represent the reverse paths, that changes in youth social functioning at post treatment are assumed to be associated with changes in youth anxiety symptoms at the same time point (path k), and changes in youth social functioning at follow-up are assumed to associated with changes in youth anxiety symptoms at the follow-up time point (path 1). Paths m, n, o, and p are controlling for pre treatment scores on the outcome variables.

The model is statistically overidentified. A variety of indices of model fit were evaluated. The chi-square test of model fit was statistically non-significant, x^2 (2) = 5.38, p > 0.05. The Root Mean Square Error of Approximation (RMSEA) was .10. The p value for the test of close fit was .15. The Comparative Fit Index (CFI) was 0.99 and the Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) was .79. The Standardized RMR was 0.030. Most fit indices

point to good model fit with the exception of the TLI and RMSEA. Examination of the modification indices (MIs) revealed no theoretically meaningful MIs greater than 5.

Figure 10 presents relevant standardized and unstandardized (in parentheses) path coefficients in the model. The variables in the model accounted for approximately 33% of the variance in youth self-rated RCMAS post scores and 54% of the variance in RCMAS follow-up scores. The variables in the model accounted for approximately 35% of the variance in social functioning post scores and 52% of the variance in social functioning follow-up scores. The path coefficient from treatment condition to post anxiety was statistically significant, as well as the path coefficients from treatment condition to social functioning at follow-up. Path coefficients from post anxiety to follow-up anxiety and from post social functioning to follow-up social functioning were also significant. There was also a significant path from post anxiety to post social functioning. There were no statistically significant directional effects found between anxiety at post and social functioning at follow-up, or between social functioning at post and anxiety at follow-up.

Table 10 presents the 95% confidence intervals for each of the unstandardized path coefficients in the model. The model suggests an impact of treatment condition on anxiety scores at post treatment. Path b was statistically significant, where combined CBT+P conditions were found to result in lower anxiety scores at post (2.59 units) compared with the ICBT condition. There was also a direct total effect from treatment condition to social functioning at the follow-up time point (path c), where higher social functioning was found for youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (3.41 units) compared with youth in the ICBT condition. Paths e and f were also found to be

statistically significant, where anxiety scores at post treatment were found to impact scores at the follow-up (.52 units), and social functioning at post also impacted social functioning at follow-up (.42 units). Path i was also statistically significant, where post anxiety was found to impact social functioning at post (-.22 units). The reverse path (path k) from post social functioning to post anxiety was also statistically significant (-.10 units).

As with the academic functioning models above, for parent report of youth anxiety and social functioning, the same model was tested based on parent report of youth anxiety and social functioning predictors from post treatment to follow-up. For ease of readability, all paths were kept the same from the youth model and the reader is directed to description above for detailed path explanation. The baseline model for parent report showed poor model fit on the chi-square estimate (6.94, df = 2, p < 0.05), RMSEA (.12), and TLI (.69). The CFI was within acceptable range (.98), as was the Standardized RMR (.03) and p close (p >.05). Examination of the modification indices (MIs) revealed four MIs greater than 5. Thus, the path estimates should be interpreted with caution given the marginal to poor model fit on some indices. Figure 11 presents relevant unstandardized path coefficients in the model

The variables in the model accounted for approximately 31% of the variance in RCMAS post scores and 55% of the variance in RCMAS follow-up scores. The variables in the model accounted for approximately 37% of the variance in social functioning post scores and 52% of the variance in social functioning follow-up scores. The path coefficient from treatment condition to follow-up anxiety was statistically significant, as was the path coefficient from treatment condition to social functioning at

follow-up. Path coefficients from post anxiety to follow-up anxiety and from post social functioning to follow-up social functioning were also significant. There was also a significant path from post anxiety to post social functioning. There were no statistically significant directional effects found between anxiety at post and social functioning at follow-up, or social functioning at post and anxiety at follow-up.

Table 11 presents the 95% confidence intervals for each of the unstandardized path coefficients in the model. The model suggests an impact of treatment condition on anxiety and social functioning scores at the follow-up. There was a statistically significant direct total effect from treatment condition to social functioning at the followup time point (path c), where higher social functioning was found for youth in the combined CBT+P conditions (3.27 units) compared with youth in the ICBT condition. There also was a statistically significant direct effect from treatment condition to anxiety at the follow-up (path d), where lower anxiety scores at post (2.68 units) were found for youth in the combined CBT+P conditions compared with youth in the ICBT condition. Paths e and f were also statistically significant, where anxiety scores at post treatment were found to impact scores at the follow-up (.59 units), and social functioning at post also impacted social functioning at follow-up (.41 units). Path i was also statistically significant, where post anxiety was found to impact social functioning at post (-.32 units). The reverse path (path k) from post social functioning to post anxiety was also statistically significant (-.12 units).

Ancillary Data Analyses

Exploratory analyses were conducted to determine whether there were any differences between the two parenting conditions (RLST, RFST) on psychopathology and

psychosocial functioning outcomes at the follow-up evaluation. Specifically, the SEM equivalent of binary logistic regression analyses were run to examine diagnostic status of primary targeted anxiety disorder, any anxiety disorder, any mood disorder, or any substance abuse disorder to examine differences by parent treatment condition.

Diagnostic Status. The equivalent of a binary logistic regression analysis was conducted to examine whether the odds of meeting diagnostic criteria for the primary targeted anxiety disorder at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the RLST condition (n=38) and youth in the RFST condition (n=71). Parent condition did not significantly predict whether youth met diagnostic criteria for their primary targeted anxiety disorder at follow-up in either condition, (z = 1.02, p > .05).

The equivalent of a binary logistic regression analysis was conducted to examine whether the odds of meeting diagnostic criteria for any anxiety disorder at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the RLST condition (n=38) and youth in the RFST condition (n=71). Parent condition did not significantly predict whether youth met diagnostic criteria for their targeted anxiety disorder at follow-up in either condition, (z = .65, p > .05).

To examine the association between parent condition and anxiety sequela at follow-up, the equivalent of two binary logistic regression analyses were conducted to examine whether the odds of meeting diagnostic criteria for 1) MDD or 2) SUD at follow up significantly differed between youth in the RLST condition (n=38) and youth in the RFST condition (n=71). Outcome statistics could not be computed for MDD or SUD categories given that only 6 participants met criteria for MDD at the follow-up evaluation

(only three participants were in the CBT+P condition) and no participants met criteria for SUD at follow-up.

Parent and youth ratings on questionnaires. Rates of psychopathology at follow-up were also examined using self- and parent-ratings to assess anxiety and depressive symptoms. The equivalent of a linear regression model was conducted to examine whether levels of functioning measured by parent ratings at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the RLST condition (n=38) and youth in the RFST condition (n=71). Specifically, the equivalent of a regression was conducted to examine parent ratings of youth anxiety on the RCMAS, youth self-ratings of anxiety on the RCMAS, and youth self-ratings of depressive symptoms on the CDI.

Anxiety ratings. Parent treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on parent ratings of youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up after controlling for immediate post RCMAS parent scores and time since post treatment, (z = .76, p > .05).

Parent treatment condition also did not significantly predict scores on RCMAS youth self-ratings of anxiety symptoms at follow-up after controlling for immediate post RCMAS scores and time since post treatment, (z = .68, p > .05).

Youth self-ratings on depression. Parent treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on CDI youth self-ratings of depressive symptoms at follow-up after controlling for immediate post CDI scores and time since post treatment, (z = -.29, p > .05).

Youth Psychosocial Functioning Outcomes. Psychosocial functioning was also examined at follow-up to determine whether levels of academic and social functioning measured by parent ratings at follow-up significantly differed between youth in the RLST

condition (n=38) and youth in the RFST condition (n=71). The SEM equivalent of two separate linear regression models were regressions analyses were conducted to examine parent ratings of youth social functioning and youth academic functioning as reported on the CBCL.

Academic Functioning. Parent treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on parent ratings of youth academic functioning at follow-up after controlling for immediate post academic functioning scores and time since post treatment, (z = -1.69, p > .05).

Social Functioning. Parent treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on parent ratings of youth social functioning at follow-up after controlling for immediate post academic functioning scores and time since post treatment, (z = 0.48, p > 05).

CHAPTER V

DISCUSSION

The present study sought to answer questions related to the long-term psychopathology and psychosocial functioning outcomes of youth who received CBT for anxiety disorders. Given the state of the literature, the most important purpose was to examine whether CBT+P produced significantly lower levels of psychopathology (AIM 1) and higher levels of psychosocial functioning (AIM 2) as compared to youth ICBT at a follow-up evaluation ranging from one to seven years post treatment. As an additional step in understanding the role of psychosocial outcomes in long-term anxiety outcomes, I examined directional effects of psychosocial and anxiety outcomes. That is, I examined whether (a) improvements in youth anxiety mediated improvements in youth psychosocial functioning mediated improvements in youth anxiety (AIM 3). In addition to the proposed study aims, I also conducted exploratory analyses to examine whether there were any differences between the two parent involved conditions (RLST or RFST) on long-term psychopathology outcomes and psychosocial outcomes (ancillary analyses).

Primary Anxiety Outcomes

Results from the present dissertation indicate that youth who demonstrated positive treatment gains at post treatment maintained these gains in their targeted primary anxiety concerns one to seven years following treatment. Maintenance of gains was evident on diagnostic status and youth- and parent-ratings of youth anxiety symptoms. The diagnostic recovery rate for targeted primary anxiety disorder was approximately 70% at follow-up evaluation, comparable to rates reported in previous long-term follow-

up studies (Beidel et al., 2005; Beidel et al., 2006; Ginsburg et al., 2014). The diagnostic recovery rate for any anxiety disorder was 50% at follow-up, a rate that is comparable to rates reported in some long-term follow-up studies (Ginsburg et al., 2014), but lower than rates reported in other studies (Barrett et al., 2001; Cobham et al., 2010; Saavedra et al., 2010).

Treatment condition, CBT+P or ICBT, did not significantly distinguish whether youth met diagnostic criteria for their targeted primary anxiety disorder or any anxiety disorder at the follow-up evaluation. Additionally, among youth participants who received CBT+P, the specific parent condition (RLST or RFST) did not significantly predict whether youth met diagnostic criteria for their targeted primary anxiety disorder or any anxiety disorder at follow-up. The absence of differences between treatment conditions in the present study is consistent with findings of some past follow-up studies that involved parents in treatment of youth anxiety disorders (Barrett et al., 2001), but inconsistent with other studies (Cobham et al., 2010; Walczak et al., 2016) that found superior diagnostic outcome at follow-up in parent-involved conditions compared with youth ICBT. While the Cobham study focused on parental anxiety as a parent factor to target during treatment, the Walczak study is most similar to the current study as it targeted specific parenting behaviors and included contingency management and transfer of control strategies in the active parent condition (similar to RFST condition). The present findings indicate that targeting parent behaviors in CBT led to no enhanced outcomes with respect to anxiety disorder diagnoses.

When examining youth anxiety severity assessed by anxiety rating scales, youth and parent completed measures indicated maintenance of treatment gains at follow-up

across conditions, consistent with other long-term follow-up studies reviewed above. Further, treatment condition significantly predicted parent ratings of youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up. Parent ratings of youth anxiety symptoms were significantly higher for youth in the ICBT condition compared with youth in the combined CBT+P conditions, indicating lower youth anxiety severity for participants in the parent-involved treatments. Treatment condition did not significantly predict youth self-ratings of anxiety symptoms at follow-up. Additionally, when comparing parent treatment conditions separately, there were no significant differences on parent- or youth self-ratings of anxiety symptoms at follow-up.

Other Diagnostic Outcomes

The rates of other, non-anxiety psychopathologies at the follow-up evaluation were very low. Only six participants (3%) met diagnostic criteria for MDD at follow-up and zero participants met criteria for SUD at follow-up. The rate of mood disorder found in the present study was substantially lower than those reported in some long-term follow-up studies (Benjamin et al., 2013; Kendall et al., 2004), but comparable to rates found in other studies (Beidel et al., 2006; Saavedra et al., 2010). One possible explanation for the observed difference is the difference in measurement periods across studies. In the Kendall et al., (2004), diagnostic outcomes were reported for occurrence throughout the follow-up period (i.e., period prevalence), whereas in the Beidel and Saaverda studies, diagnostic outcomes were assessed and reported for current rates at the follow-up period only (i.e., point prevalence), as was done in the current study. It would be expected that point prevalence rates would be lower than period prevalence rates, especially for disorders like MDD that follow an episodic course. The rate of substance

use disorders in the present study was also lower than rates reported in previous longterm follow-up studies (Benjamin et al., 2013; Kendall et al., 2004; Saavedra et al., 2010), with the exception of Beidel and colleagues (2006) who also reported that none of the participants at follow-up met criteria for a substance use disorder.

Despite the low number of youth who met criteria for MDD, maintenance of gains was evident on youth self-ratings of depressive symptoms. Treatment condition did not significantly predict youth self-ratings of depressive symptoms at follow-up, when comparing ICBT versus CBT+P or RFTS versus RLST. It should be noted, however, that the very low rate of depression may have limited statistical power to detect a difference between treatment conditions.

Psychosocial Outcomes

Beyond diagnostic status and symptoms of psychopathology, I examined youth academic and social functioning at the follow-up. To my knowledge, this is the first long-term follow-up study to examine social functioning and to compare different parenting conditions as they relate to youth long-term functioning. Treatment condition significantly predicted scores on parent rated youth social functioning at follow-up. Social functioning scores in the combined CBT+P condition were significantly higher than social functioning scores in the ICBT condition, indicating superior social functioning for participants in the parent-involved treatment conditions. In contrast, treatment condition did not significantly predict scores on parent ratings of youth academic functioning at follow-up time. When examining the parent treatment conditions separately (RFST or RLST), parent treatment condition did not significantly

predict scores on parent ratings of youth social functioning or academic functioning at the follow up evaluation.

Directionality of Associations

I also examined the directionality of associations between psychosocial outcomes and anxiety symptom severity in this dissertation project. That is, I evaluated whether improvements in youth anxiety would lead to improvements in psychosocial outcomes, and the reverse path from psychosocial outcomes to youth anxiety. While improvements in anxiety symptoms have been shown to also lead to improved academics and social functioning in the short-term (e.g., Wood, 2006), to my knowledge, this is the first long-term follow-up study to evaluate bidirectional affects. Although I found significant cross-sectional associations between youth anxiety symptoms and psychosocial functioning at immediate post and again at follow-up, I found no evidence for directional effects from post to follow-up period in this dissertation project. The absence of lagged, directional effects suggests that a third variable may explain fluctuations in both anxiety symptoms and psychosocial functioning. Future research will be necessary to consider and examine potential third variables that may explain such fluctuations.

Clinical Implications.

Parental involvement in CBT

The study's findings provide further support for the efficacy and maintenance of ICBT and CBT+P for youth anxiety up to seven years post treatment. Further, this study went beyond past studies by examining CBT+P conditions that targeted specific parenting practices associated with youth anxiety. Past studies that examined parentinvolved CBTs for youth anxiety included parents as "consultants", typically providing

information for assessment and check-ins during weekly tasks, with little to no involvement in treatment content or sessions. Of the four prior long-term follow-up studies that involved parents in their child's treatment, there was variability in the format of parental involvement, ranging from collaborators in anxiety psychoeducation and ways to support exposure tasks (e.g., Mendlowitz et al., 1999) to co-clients, targeting parents' own anxiety (Cobham et al., 1998), or some combination of both (Barrett et al., 1996; Esbjorn et al., 2015). In the parent conditions of the present study, parents were involved as collaborators, where parents participated in each treatment session along with youth to help support newly learned skills and apply to exposure tasks outside of sessions. The collaborator role allowed for parents to continue to support youth even after treatment ended through the "transfer of control" model (see Ginsburg et al., 1995; Silverman & Kurtines, 1996) where parents are able to learn alongside youth different skills to reduce anxious distress and behavioral avoidance through practice exposure tasks to promote behavioral change. Given the mixed findings related to parental involvement in the treatment of youth anxiety, results from the current study lend partial support for inclusion of parents in the treatment of youth anxiety disorders as collaborators to treatment. Specifically in this study, parental involvement had an enhancing effect on parent ratings of youth anxiety symptoms and social functioning at the follow-up evaluation.

In terms of youth functioning, parent report of youth anxiety symptoms showed lower symptom ratings and higher social functioning for youth in the parent conditions compared to participants in the youth only condition at follow-up. These findings are consistent with conclusions from a review that active parental involvement in youth

CBTs that targeted specific parenting practices such as parental use of reinforcement produced superior child outcomes at one-year follow-up compared to youth CBTs that did not target specific parenting strategies (Manassis et al., 2014). While this dissertation project did not test whether parent involvement in treatment led to changes in parenting practices, results did show differential findings for parent- versus youth self-ratings on youth anxiety symptom ratings for participants in the parent conditions, with lower scores on parent ratings of youth anxiety in the combined CBT+P condition relative to the ICBT condition. Additionally, social functioning scores in the combined CBT+P condition were also higher than scores in the ICBT condition per parent report, indicating higher levels of social functioning for participants in the parent conditions relative to the ICBT condition.

One interpretation of this pattern of findings is that CBT+P led to better long-term youth anxiety outcomes and social functioning outcomes compared with ICBT. An alternative, but not mutually exclusive interpretation, is that actively involving parents and targeting parenting behaviors in treatment led parents to believe that youth anxiety outcomes are better (whether they really are or not). The latter interpretation could be consistent with the phenomenon of cognitive dissonance, or also could reflect the possibility that parents become more attuned to their children's levels of anxiety after participating actively in treatment. Another possibility is that parents who believe their children have experienced reductions in anxiety may be more likely to behave differently toward their children (e.g., behave in less controlling ways), which in turn may lead to actual reductions in youth anxiety symptoms over the long term. I did not test that possibility in my dissertation study.

Limitations and Future Directions.

Results should be interpreted in light of the study's strengths and limitations. One strength of the current study is the relatively large and well-characterized sample. Participants in this study differed from past long-term follow-up studies in that the sample was majority Hispanic-Latino whereas almost all other long-term follow-up studies used samples that were almost entirely European-American, European-Australian, or European-Canadian. As such, results from this current study extend the literature on the long-term functioning of youth who receive treatment for anxiety to a primarily Hispanic-Latino sample. While this study included families from different Hispanic nationalities and countries of origin, of the largest representation was families of primarily Cuban and Colombian decent (17% and 10%, respectively). Future studies should examine whether differences exist between Hispanic-Latino groups and the generalizability of the present findings to other samples. Other relevant cultural variables to examine might include levels of acculturation and its role in the treatment of youth anxiety disorders, with particular attention to parenting beliefs and parenting practices in ethnic minority families. For example, among Hispanic-Latino families, respeto is a central part of parent rearing practices, with a heavy emphasis among Hispanic-Latinos on obedience to parents, polite manners, listening to elders, and respectful public behavior (Calzada, Fernandez, & Cortes, 2010). The centrality of respeto to parenting practices among Hispanic-Latino families is congruent with high levels of parental control, and high levels of parental control are significantly associated with anxiety related problems among children, including Hispanic-Latino children (Rapee, 1997; Varela & Hensley-Maloney, 2009; Wood, McLeod, Sigman, Hwang, & Chu, 2003).

A limitation of this study is that parenting practices targeted within each parent condition (e.g., psychological control, warmth) were not analyzed as potential mediators. It is recommended that future studies examine parenting practices as mediators of long-term treatment outcomes as understanding "how" treatment works would have important implications for refining and streamlining treatments.

Another limitation of this dissertation is measurement of social and academic functioning, which may not have fully captured important aspects of functioning as it relates to anxiety disorders. For example, for the purposes of this dissertation, social functioning was defined as the ability to form and maintain positive interpersonal functioning in relationships with others, including same-age peers based on parent's perspective. Other components of social functioning include specific social skills necessary for successful social interactions. Further, only parent ratings were available on youth psychosocial functioning. It will be important for future studies to include multi-informant ratings of social functioning to better capture social functioning in multiple contexts and multiple perspectives (e.g., self, peer, teacher) to better understand and support functioning beyond treatment. Similarly, academic functioning was assessed using parent report of grade retention, school accommodations (e.g., ESE or pull-out services), or academic performance in core subjects (e.g., reading, math, science). Other ways of measuring academic functioning might include review of report cards, teacher report of school performance and any specific interference observed due to anxiety concerns (e.g., loss of concentration due to anxiety, test anxiety).

Additionally, the present study's findings were obtained from a sample of youth who received services within an anxiety specialty clinic. That is, all study clinicians

received extensive training on youth anxiety disorders and treatment delivery by experts in the anxiety field. Future research is encouraged to examine long-term outcomes of CBTs for youth anxiety in non-specialty clinic settings, such as community based mental health centers.

Conclusions

In view of its strengths and limitations, results of this dissertation study indicate that youth who demonstrated positive treatment gains at post treatment continued to maintain these gains at the long-term follow-up period one to seven years following treatment. Treatment condition significantly predicted parent ratings of youth anxiety symptoms at follow-up, with superior outcomes for participants in the parent-involved CBT conditions compared to participants in the youth only CBT condition. Treatment condition also significantly predicted parenting ratings of youth social functioning at follow-up, with superior social functioning for participants in the parent-involved CBT conditions compared to participants in the youth only CBT condition. No other differences were found related to treatment condition and youth functioning at the longterm follow-up. Results also showed cross-sectional bidirectional associations between academic functioning and anxiety symptoms, at both post and follow-up time points, and cross-sectional bidirectional associations between social functioning and anxiety symptoms, at post treatment. However, there were no lagged directional effects from post to follow-up.

Table One.

Demographic and Diagnostic Information by Treatment Condition

	ICBT	(n = 64)			CBT-	CBT-P $(n = 109)$		
Variable	\overline{n}	%	М	SD	\overline{n}	%	М	SD
Age (years) at PRE			9.16	2.27			9.43	2.28
Gender (female)	19	30			51	46		
Target diagnosis at PRE								
Separation anxiety	16	26.2			28	27.7		
Social phobia	7	11.5			29	28.7		
Specific phobia	12	19.7			17	16.8		
Generalized anxiety	13	21.3			19	18.8		
OCD	3	4.9			0	0.0		
Panic Disorder	4	6.5			4	4.0		
Selective Mutism	6	9.8			4	4.0		
Youth Ethnic backgroun	nd							
Euro-American	7	10.9			13	11.9		
Hispanic/Latino	53	82.8			88	80.7		
African-American	1	1.6			2	1.8		
Asian-American	0	0			2	1.8		
Other/not reported	3	4.7			4	3.8		
Family reported annual	income							
\$0-\$20,999	13	20.3			19	17.4		
\$21,000-\$40,999	8	12.5			21	19.3		
\$41,000-\$60,999	10	15.6			15	13.8		
\$61,000-\$80,999	8	12.5			17	15.6		
\$81,000-\$99,999	5	7.8			13	11.9		
\$100,000-\$149,999	12	18.8			14	12.8		
>\$150,000	2	3.1			6	5.5		
Not reported	6	9.4			4	3.7		
Marital Status								
Married	57	89.0			92	84.4		
Divorced	2	3.1			10	9.2		
Single	2	3.1			5	4.6		
Separated	0	0.0			1	0.9		
Remarried	0	0.0			0	0.0		
Unmarried living						0.0		
w/ partner	1	1.6			1	0.9		
Widowed	1	1.6			0	0.0		
Not reported	1	1.6			0	0.0		

Note. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder = OCD.

Table One. (continued)

Demographic and Diagnostic Information by Treatment Condition

	ICBT $(n = 64)$		CBT+P $(n = 109)$	
Variable	\overline{n}	%	$\frac{}{n}$	%
Mother's Education				
Grade school	1	1.6	2	1.8
Some high school	0	0.0	1	0.9
High school	4	6.3	7	6.4
GED	3	4.7	3	2.8
Some college	8	12.5	11	10.1
College	6	9.4	17	15.6
Bachelor's	16	25.0	30	27.5
Master's	15	23.4	15	13.8
Ph.D.	1	1.6	1	0.9
Technical Degree	6	9.4	16	14.7
Advanced Degree	1	1.6	4	3.7
Other/Not Reported	3	4.7	2	1.8
Father's Education				
Grade school	0	0.0	2	1.8
Some high school	1	1.6	3	2.8
High school	8	12.5	11	10.1
GED	1	1.6	5	4.6
Some college	14	21.9	13	11.9
College	6	9.4	14	12.8
Bachelor's	14	21.9	24	22.0
Master's	7	10.9	13	11.9
Ph.D.	1	1.6	1	0.9
Technical Degree	6	9.4	10	9.2
Advanced Degree	0	0.0	5	4.6
Other/Not Reported	5	7.8	6	7.4

Note. Mother's Education = Highest education mother attained. Father's Education = Highest education father attained.

Table Two.

Mean (Standard Deviations) for Youth and Parent Completed Outcome Measures for Full Treatment Completer Sample

	Treatment Co	omplete $(n = 264)$	FU Sample ($n = 173$)		
	Pre M	Post treatment SD	Pre M	Post treatment SD	
Primary Outcome Youth					
RCMAS-C	11.80 (6.41)	7.15 (6.10)	11.82 (6.33)	7.31 (6.41)	
CDI	9.22 (6.73)	6.01 (6.57)	9.19 (6.71)	6.60 (7.14)	
Primary Outcome Parent					
RCMAS-P	13.23 (5.72)	8.37 (5.66)	12.87 (5.79)	7.92 (5.45)	
ACA Comp	45.81 (8.88)	47.45 (8.02)	45.94 (8.67)	46.70 (8.24)	
SOC Comp	40.75 (9.47)	43.76 (9.16)	40.87 (9.37)	43.36(9.22)	

Note. RCMAS/C = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version; RCMAS/P = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Parent Version; CDI = Children's Depression Inventory; ACA Comp = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale; SOC Comp = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale.

Table Three.

Mean (Standard Deviations) for Youth and Parent Completed Outcome Measures

		ICBT $(n = 64)$			+P (n = 109)	
	Pre	Post	Follow-Up	Pre	Post	Follow-Up
	treatment	treatment		treatment	treatment	
	M, SD	M, SD	M, SD	M, SD	M, SD	M, SD
Youth Report						
RCMAS-C	11.69 (6.43)	8.88 (6.83)	6.26 (5.77)	12.12 (6.29)	6.36 (5.85)	4.51 (5.13)
CDI	9.72 (6.80)	8.11 (7.67)	5.80 (6.59)	8.93 (6.47)	5.74 (6.55)	4.22 (4.62)
Parent Report						
RCMAS-P	13.03 (6.12)	8.68 (5.82)	9.24 (6.62)	12.82 (6.12)	7.59 (5.17)	5.54 (4.25)
ACA Comp	43.22 (8.71)	44.13 (8.89)	46.21 (8.14)	46.30 (8.87)	48.02 (7.60)	47.95 (6.99)
SOC Comp	39.07 (9.19)	42.63 (8.91)	41.81 (9.32)	41.47 (9.42)	43.68 (9.29)	45.66 (8.85)

Note. RCMAS/C = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version;

RCMAS/P = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Parent Version; CDI = Children's Depression

Inventory; ACA Comp = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale;

SOC Comp = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale.

Table Four.

Parameter Estimates and Confidence Intervals for Binary Logistic
Regression Analyses for Categorical Outcomes by Treatment Condition

	ICBT versus CBT+P				
	Estimate (SE)	z-score	95% CI		P value
Outcome			Lower	Higher	
Variable					
Target DX	0.07	1.00	04	0.18	0.32
	(0.07)				
Any ANX DX	0.09	1.18	-0.04	0.23	0.24
	(0.08)				
Any MDD DX	no	calculated			
Any SUD DX	estimates	as constant			

Note. CI = Confidence Interval; Target DX = Target Diagnosis; Any ANX DX = Any Anxiety Diagnosis; Any MDD DX = Any Depression Diagnosis; Any SUD DX = Any Substance Abuse Diagnosis.

Table Five.

Parameter Estimates and Confidence Intervals for Binary Logistic
Regression Analyses for Categorical Outcomes by Parenting Condition

	RFST versus RLST				
	Estimate (SE)	e z-score	95% CI		P value
Outcome			Lower	Higher	
Variable				_	
Target DX	0.08 (0.08)	1.02	-0.05	0.20	0.31
Any ANX DX	0.06 (0.09)	0.65	-0.09	0.21	0.52
Any MDD DX	no	calculated			
Any SUD DX	estimates	as constant			

Note. CL = Confidence Interval; Target DX = Target Diagnosis; Any ANX DX = Any Anxiety Diagnosis; Any MDD DX = Any Depression Diagnosis; Any SUD DX = Any Substance Abuse Diagnosis.

Table Six.

Summary of Multiple Regression Analyses for Outcome Variables by Treatment Condition

	ICBT versus CBT+P				
	Estimate (SE)	z-score	95%	6 CI	P value
Outcome			Lower	Higher	
Variable					
RCMAS-C	0.24	0.34	-0.91	1.31	0.73
	(0.70)				
RCMAS-P	2.44	3.41	1.27	3.62	0.001^{**}
	(0.72)				
CDI	0.30	0.35	-1.12	1.72	0.73
	(0.87)				
ACA Functioning	0.30	0.27	-1.53	2.12	0.79
	(1.11)				
SOC Functioning	-3.37	-2.64	-5.47	-1.27	0.008*
	(1.28)				

Note. RCMAS/C = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version;

RCMAS/P = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Parent Version; CDI = Children's Depression

Inventory; ACA Comp = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale;

SOC Comp = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale.

Summary of Multiple Regression Analyses for Outcome Variables by Parenting Condition

Table Seven.

		RFST vers	us RLST		
	Estimate (SE)	z-score	95%	6 CI	P value
Outcome			Lower	Higher	
Variable					
RCMAS-C	0.56	0.68	-0.02	0.14	0.49
	(0.82)				
RCMAS-P	0.55	0.76	-0.63	1.72	0.45
	(0.71)				
CDI	-0.24	-0.29	-1.58	1.10	0.77
	(0.81)				
ACA Functioning	-1.77	-1.69	-3.48	-0.05	0.09
	(1.04)				
SOC Functioning	0.67	0.48	-1.64	2.97	0.63
-	(1.40)				

Note. RCMAS/C = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version; RCMAS/P = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Parent Version; CDI = Children's Depression Inventory; ACA Comp = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale; SOC Comp = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale.

Table Eight.

Unstandardized Path Coefficients and 95% Confidence Intervals for Youth Academic Functioning Model

Path	Estimate	95%
		Confidence Interval
Treatment Condition to Academic Functioning Post	-2.37	-3.97 to -0.76
Treatment Condition to Academic Functioning Follow-up	0.46	-1.41 to 2.33
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Post	2.40	1.02 to 3.78
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Follow-up	0.20	-0.99 to 1.39
Academic Functioning Pre to Academic Functioning Post	0.70	0.62 to 0.77
Academic Functioning Pre to Academic Functioning Follow-up	0.39	0.22 to 0.56
Academic Functioning Post to Academic Functioning Follow-up	0.28	0.09 to 0.48
Academic Functioning Post to RCMAS Post	0.12	-0.01 to 0.26
Academic Functioning Post to RCMAS Follow-up	-0.08	-0.16 to 0.01
Academic Functioning Follow-up to RCMAS Follow-up	-0.05	-0.18 to 0.08
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Post	0.51	0.40 to 0.62
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Follow-up	0.11	0.00 to 0.21
RCMAS Post to RCMAS Follow-up	0.52	0.40 to 0.64
RCMAS Post to Academic Functioning Post	0.13	-0.02 to 0.27
RCMAS Post to Academic Functioning Follow-up	-0.07	-0.24 to 0.10
RCMAS Follow-up to Academic Functioning Follow-up	-0.09	-0.32 to 0.14

Note. RCMAS = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version; Academic Functioning = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale.

Table Nine.

Unstandardized Path Coefficients and 95% Confidence Intervals for Parent Academic Functioning Model

Path	Estimate	95%
		Confidence Interval
Treatment Condition to Academic Functioning Post	-1.77	-3.25 to -0.29
Treatment Condition to Academic Functioning Follow-up	1.21	-0.68 to 3.09
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Post	0.66	-0.60 to 1.92
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Follow-up	2.76	1.50 to 4.02
Academic Functioning Pre to Academic Functioning Post	0.64	0.56 to 0.71
Academic Functioning Pre to Academic Functioning Follow-up	0.41	0.25 to 0.58
Academic Functioning Post to Academic Functioning Follow-up	0.28	0.08 to 0.47
Academic Functioning Post to RCMAS Post	-0.20	-0.31 to -0.09
Academic Functioning Post to RCMAS Follow-up	0.01	-0.09 to 0.10
Academic Functioning Follow-up to RCMAS Follow-up	-0.18	-0.30 to -0.06
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Post	0.45	0.35 to 0.55
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Follow-up	0.16	0.03 to 0.29
RCMAS Post to RCMAS Follow-up	0.58	0.44 to 0.72
RCMAS Post to Academic Functioning Post	-0.27	-0.41 to -0.14
RCMAS Post to Academic Functioning Follow-up	0.16	-0.06 to 0.37
RCMAS Follow-up to Academic Functioning Follow-up	-0.35	-0.61 to -0.10

Note. RCMAS = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Parent Version; Academic Functioning = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale.

Table Ten.

Unstandardized Path Coefficients and 95% Confidence Intervals for Youth Social Functioning Model

Path	Estimate	95%
		Confidence Interval
Treatment Condition to Social Functioning Post	0.52	-1.51 to 2.54
Treatment Condition to Social Functioning Follow-up	-3.41*	-5.54 to -1.28
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Post	2.59*	1.24 to 3.94
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Follow-up	0.25	-0.91 to 1.40
Social Functioning Pre to Social Functioning Post	0.56**	0.42 to 0.70
Social Functioning Pre to Social Functioning Follow-up	0.29**	0.16 to 0.42
Social Functioning Post to Social Functioning Follow-up	0.42**	0.28 to 0.57
Social Functioning Post to RCMAS Post	-0.10*	-0.19 to -0.02
Social Functioning Post to RCMAS Follow-up	0.07	-0.01 to 0.15
Social Functioning Follow-up to RCMAS Follow-up	-0.01	-0.11 to 0.09
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Post	0.53**	0.42 to 0.63
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Follow-up	0.09	-0.01 to .20
RCMAS Post to RCMAS Follow-up	0.52**	0.41 to 0.64
RCMAS Post to Social Functioning Post	-0.22*	-0.39 to -0.04
RCMAS Post to Social Functioning Follow-up	-0.03	-0.26 to 0.19
RCMAS Follow-up to Social Functioning Follow-up	-0.04	-0.33 to 025

Note. RCMAS = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version; Social Functioning = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale.

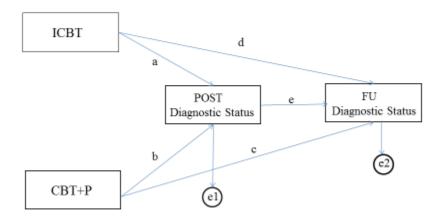
Table Eleven.

Unstandardized Path Coefficients and 95% Confidence Intervals for Parent Social Functioning Model

Path	Estimate	95%
		Confidence Interval
Treatment Condition to Social Functioning Post	0.34	-1.68 to 2.37
Treatment Condition to Social Functioning Follow-up	-3.27*	-5.36 to -1.18
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Post	0.86	-0.44 to 2.15
Treatment Condition to RCMAS Follow-up	2.68**	1.48 to 3.88
Social Functioning Pre to Social Functioning Post	0.52**	0.39 to 2.37
Social Functioning Pre to Social Functioning Follow-up	0.30**	0.16 to 0.44
Social Functioning Post to Social Functioning Follow-up	0.41**	0.24 to 0.57
Social Functioning Post to RCMAS Post	012*	-0.21 to -0.03
Social Functioning Post to RCMAS Follow-up	0.06	-0.02 to 0.14
Social Functioning Follow-up to RCMAS Follow-up	-0.07	-0.15 to 0.01
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Post	0.49**	0.39 to 0.59
RCMAS Pre to RCMAS Follow-up	0.15*	0.03 to 0.28
RCMAS Post to RCMAS Follow-up	0.59**	0.48 to 0.73
RCMAS Post to Social Functioning Post	-0.32*	-0.57 to -0.08
RCMAS Post to Social Functioning Follow-up	0.21	-0.09 to 0.51
RCMAS Follow-up to Social Functioning Follow-up	-0.21	-0.45 to 0.03

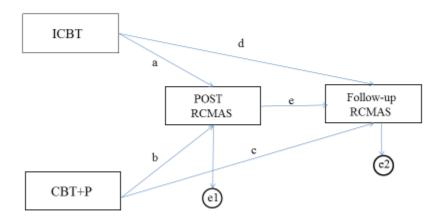
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Figure 1. Conceptual Model for Diagnostic Status



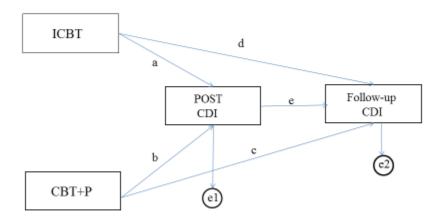
Note. ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P=CBT with parental involvement.

Figure 2. Conceptual Model for Anxiety Ratings



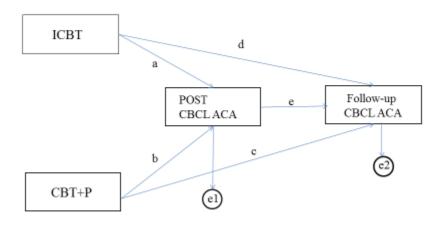
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Figure 3. Conceptual Model for Depressive Ratings



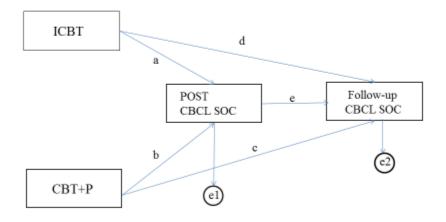
Note. CDI = Children's Depression Inventory- Total Score; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P=CBT with parental involvement.

Figure 4. Conceptual Model for Academic Functioning



Note. CBCL ACA = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P = CBT with parental involvement.

Figure 5. Conceptual Model for Social Functioning



Note. CBCL SOC = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P=CBT with parental involvement.

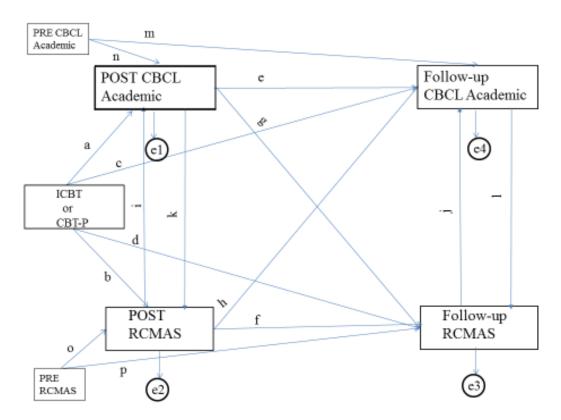


Figure 6. Conceptual Model for Academic Functioning Lagged Effects

Note. RCMAS = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety; CBCL Academic = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P = CBT with parental involvement.

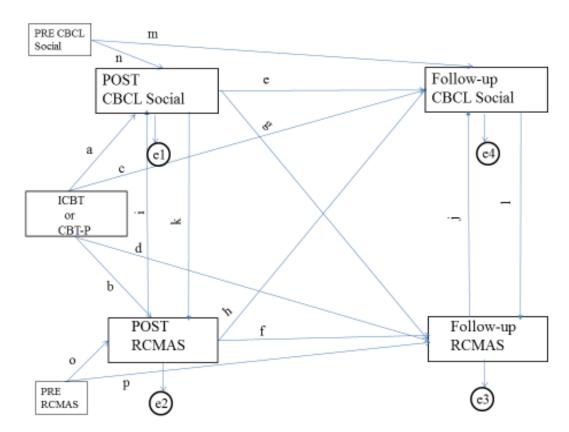
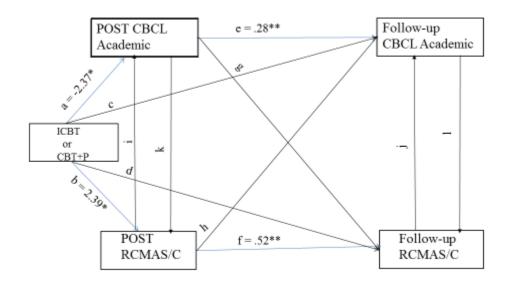


Figure 7. Conceptual Model for Social Functioning Lagged Effects

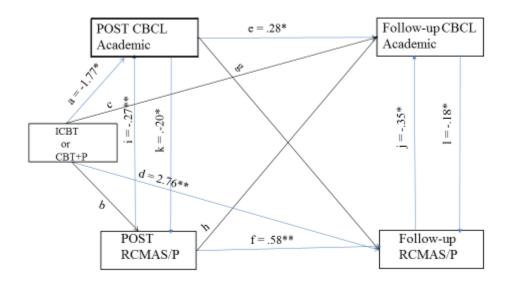
Note. RCMAS = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety; CBCL Social = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P=CBT with parental involvement.

Figure 8. Academic Functioning Lagged Effects, Youth Model



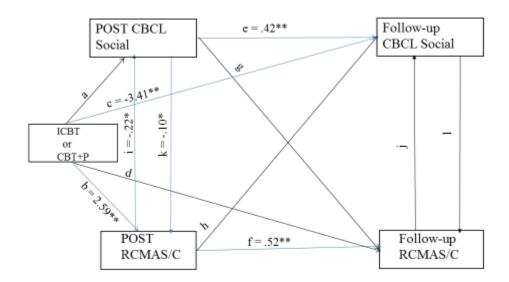
Note. RCMAS/C = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version; CBCL Academic = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P=CBT with parental involvement.

Figure 9. Academic Functioning Lagged Effects, Parent Model



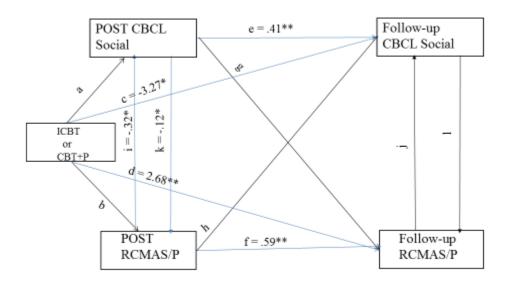
Note. RCMAS/P = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Parent Version; CBCL Academic = CBCL Academic Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P=CBT with parental involvement.

Figure 10. Social Functioning Lagged Effects, Youth Model



Note. RCMAS/C = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Child Version; CBCL Social = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P = CBT with parental involvement.

Figure 11. Social Functioning Lagged Effects, Parent Model



Note. RCMAS/P = Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety/Parent Version; CBCL Social = CBCL Social Functioning Subscale; ICBT= Individual CBT treatment approach; CBT+P = CBT with parental involvement.

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RCMAS – youth report

<u>Instructions</u>: Read each question carefully. Put a circle around the word YES if you think it is true about you. Put a circle around the word NO if you think it is not true about you.

1.	I have trouble making up my mind.	yes	no
2.	I get nervous when things do not go the right way.	yes	no
3.	Others seem to do things easier than I can.	yes	no
4.	I like everyone I know.	yes	No
5.	Often I have trouble getting my breath.	yes	No
6.	I worry a lot of the time.	yes	no
7.	I am afraid of a lot of things.	yes	no
8.	I am always kind.	yes	no
9.	I get mad easily.	yes	no
10.	I worry about what my parents will say to me.	yes	no
11.	I feel that others do not like the way I do things.	yes	no
12.	I always have good manners.	yes	no
13.	It is hard for me to get to sleep at night.	yes	no
14.	I worry about what other people think about me.	yes	no
15.	I feel alone even when there are people with me.	yes	no
16.	I am always good.	yes	no
17.	Often I feel sick in my stomach.	yes	no
18.	My feelings get hurt easily.	yes	no

19.	My hands feel sweaty.	yes	no
20.	I am always nice to everyone.	yes	no
21.	I am tired a lot.	yes	no
22.	I worry about what is going to happen.	yes	no
23.	Other children are happier than I.	yes	no
24.	I tell the truth every single time.	yes	no
25.	I have bad dreams.	yes	no
26.	My feelings get hurt easily when I am fussed at.	yes	no
27.	I feel someone will tell me I do things the wrong way.	yes	no
28.	I never get angry.	yes	no
29.	I wake up scared some of the time.	yes	no
30.	I worry when I go to bed at night.	yes	no
31.	It is hard for me to keep my mind on my schoolwork.	yes	no
32.	I never say things I shouldn't.	yes	no
33.	I wiggle in my seat a lot.	yes	no
34.	I am nervous.	yes	no
35.	A lot of people are against me.	yes	no
36.	I never lie.	yes	no
37.	I often worry about something bad happening to me.	yes	no

<u>RCMAS – parent report</u>
<u>Instructions</u>: Put a circle around the word YES if you think it is true about your child. Put a circle around the word NO if you think it is not true about your child.

1.	My child has trouble making up his/her mind.	yes	no
2.	My child gets nervous when things do not go the right way.	yes	No
3.	Others seem to do things easier than my child can.	yes	no
4.	My child likes everyone he/she knows.	yes	no
5.	Often my child has trouble getting his/her breath.	yes	no
6.	My child worries a lot of the time.	yes	no
7.	My child is afraid of a lot of things.	yes	no
8.	My child is always kind.	yes	no
9.	My child gets mad easily.	yes	no
10.	My child worries about what I will say to him/her.	yes	no
11.	My child feels that others do not like the way he/she does things.	yes	no
12.	My child always has good manners.	yes	no
13.	It is hard for my child to get to sleep at night.	yes	no
14.	My child worries about what other people think about him/her.	yes	no
15.	My child feels alone even when there are people with him/her.	yes	no
16.	My child is always good.	yes	no
17.	Often my child feels sick in his/her stomach.	yes	no
18.	My child's feelings get hurt easily.	yes	no

19.	My child's hands feel sweaty.	yes	no
20.	My child is always nice to everyone.	yes	no
21.	My child is tired a lot.	yes	no
22.	My child worries about what is going to happen.	yes	no
23.	Other children are happier than my child.	yes	no
24.	My child tells the truth every single time.	yes	no
25.	My child has bad dreams.	yes	no
26.	My child's feelings get hurt easily when he/she is fussed at.	yes	no
27.	My child feels someone will tell him/her that he/she does things the wrong way.	yes	no
28.	My child never gets angry.	yes	no
29.	My child wakes up scared some of the time.	yes	no
30.	My child worries when he/she goes to bed at night.	yes	no
31.	It is hard for my child to keep his/her mind on his/her schoolwork.	yes	no
32.	My child never says things he/she shouldn't.	yes	no
33.	My child wiggles in his/her seat a lot.	yes	no
34.	My child is nervous.	yes	no
35.	A lot of people are against my child.	yes	no
36.	My child never lies.	yes	no
37.	My child often worries about something bad happening to him/her.	yes	no

Children's Depression Inventory (CDI)

KIDS SOMETIMES HAVE DIFFERENT FEELINGS AND IDEAS.

THIS FORM LISTS THE FEELINGS AND IDEAS IN GROUPS. FROM EACH GROUP, PICK <u>ONE</u> SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES YOU BEST FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS. AFTER YOU PICK A SENTENCE FROM THE FIRST GROUP, GO ON TO THE NEXT GROUP.

THERE IS NO RIGHT ANSWER OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST PICK THE SENTENCE THAT BEST DESCRIBES THE WAY YOU HAVE BEEN RECENTLY. PUT A MARK LIKE THIS X NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER. PUT THE MARK ON THE LINE NEXT TO THE SENTENCE THAT YOU PICK.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THIS FORM WORKS. TRY IT. PUT A MARK NEXT TO THE SENTENCE THAT DESCRIBES YOU BEST.

	EXAMPLE:	
		I READ BOOKS ALL THE TIME I READ BOOKS ONCE IN A WHILE I NEVER READ BOOKS
	MEMBER, PICK OUT THE SENT ID IDEAS IN THE PAST TWO WE	TENCES THAT DESCRIBE YOUR FEELINGS EEKS.
1.	I AM SAD ONCE IN A I AM SAD MANY TIM I AM SAD ALL THE T	ES
2.		IINGS WILL WORK OUT FOR ME
3.	I DO MOST THINGS O I DO MANY THINGS W I DO EVERYTHING W	WRONG
4.	I HAVE FUN IN MANY I HAVE FUN IN SOME NOTHING IS FUN AT	THINGS
5.	I AM BAD ALL THE T I AM BAD MANY TIM I AM BAD ONCE IN A	ES

6.	I THINK ABOUT BAD THINGS HAPPENING TO ME ONCE IN A WHILE I WORRY THAT BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN TO ME I AM SURE THAT TERRIBLE THINGS WILL HAPPEN TO ME
7.	I HATE MYSELF I DO NOT LIKE MYSELF I LIKE MYSELF
8.	ALL BAD THINGS ARE MY FAULT MANY BAD THINGS ARE MY FAULT BAD THINGS ARE NOT USUALLY MY FAULT
9.	I DO NOT THINK ABOUT KILLING MYSELF I THINK ABOUT KILLING MYSELF BUT I WOULD NOT DO IT I WANT TO KILL MYSELF
10.	I FEEL LIKE CRYING EVERYDAY I FEEL LIKE CRYING MANY DAYS I FEEL LIKE CRYING ONCE IN A WHILE
11.	THINGS BOTHER ME ALL THE TIME THINGS BOTHER ME MANY TIMES THINGS BOTHER ME ONCE IN A WHILE
12.	I LIKE BEING WITH PEOPLE I DO NOT LIKE BEING WITH PEOPLE MANY TIMES I DO NOT WANT TO BE WITH PEOPLE AT ALL
13.	I CANNOT MAKE UP MY MIND ABOUT THINGS IT IS HARD TO MAKE UP MY MIND ABOUT THINGS I MAKE UP MY MIND ABOUT THINGS EASILY
14.	I LOOK O.K THERE ARE SOME BAD THINGS ABOUT MY LOOKS I LOOK UGLY

15.		I HAVE TO PUSH MYSELF ALL THE TIME TO DO MY SCHOOLWORK
]	I HAVE TO PUSH MYSELF MANY TIMES TO DO MY SCHOOLWORK
]	DOING SCHOOLWORK IS NOT A BIG PROBLEM
16.		I HAVE TROUBLE SLEEPING EVERY NIGHT I HAVE TROUBLE SLEEPING MANY NIGHTS
		I SLEEP PRETTY WELL
17.		I AM TIRED ONCE IN A WHILE
		I AM TIRED MANY DAYS I AM TIRED ALL THE TIME
18.		MOST DAYS I DO NOT FEEL LIKE EATING
		MANY DAYS I DO NOT FEEL LIKE EATING I EAT PRETTY WELL
19.		I DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ACHES AND PAINS
		I WORRY ABOUT ACHES AND PAINS MANY TIMES I WORRY ABOUT ACHES AND PAINS ALL THE TIME
20.		I DO NOT FEEL ALONE
		I FEEL ALONE MANY TIMES I FEEL ALONE ALL THE TIME
21.		I NEVER HAVE FUN AT SCHOOL
		I HAVE FUN AT SCHOOL ONLY ONCE IN A WHILE I HAVE FUN AT SCHOOL MANY TIMES
22.		I HAVE PLENTY OF FRIENDS
		I HAVE SOME FRIENDS BUT I WISH I HAD MORE I DO NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS
23.		MY SCHOOLWORK IS ALRIGHT
		MY SCHOOLWORK IS NOT AS GOOD AS BEFORE I DO VERY BADLY IN SUBJECTS I USED TO BE GOOD IN
24.		I CAN NEVER BE AS GOOD AS OTHER KIDS I CAN BE AS GOOD AS OTHER KIDS IF I WANT TO
		I AM JUST AS GOOD AS OTHER KIDS

25.	NOBODY REALLY LOVES ME
	I AM NOT SURE IF ANYBODY LOVES ME
	I AM SURE THAT SOMEBODY LOVES ME
26.	I USUALLY DO WHAT I AM TOLD
	I DO NOT DO WHAT I AM TOLD MOST TIMES
	I NEVER DO WHAT I AM TOLD
27.	I GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE
	I GET INTO FIGHTS MANY TIMES
	I GET INTO FIGHTS ALL THE TIME

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