Unlearned, direct response to situation







Case Formulation

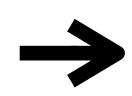


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## **Primary** Adaptive

Access for good information

**Situation** e.g., violation



**Primary Emotion** e.g., anger



**Adaptive Action** e.g., defend self

Learned, direct response to situation

## **Primary** Maladaptive

Assess in order to transform Regulate

**Past Experience** e.g., childhood abuse

Current **Situation** e.g., offering caring



**Activation** of **Abuse Scheme** e.g., as potential violation



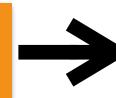
Maladaptive Action e.g., defend self, reject caring

Adaptive emotion obscured by a self- or externally-focused reaction to the primary emotion

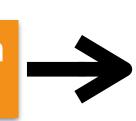
## Secondary Reactive

Explore to get to more primary emotion

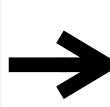
Situation e.g., loss



**Primary Emotion** e.g., sadness



Secondary Reactive **Emotion** e.g., anger



**Nonadaptive** Action e.g., attack self or other

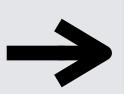
Emotion displayed for its intended effect, independent of actual emotional experience

## Instrumental

Situation e.g., apparent loss



Interpersonal Intention e.g., obtain sympathy



**Manipulative Action: Emotion Display** e.g., show of sadness: "crocodile tears"

Awareness of the aim