

Least Characteristic Psychotherapy Process Q Set Items for Regulation-Focused Psychotherapy for Children Parent Sessions
(*N* = 49)

Category	PQS number	PQS item	Mean pile number
Parent characteristics	1	Parent verbalizes negative feelings toward therapist. ^a	2.83
	2	Therapist draws attention to parent's nonverbal behavior.	2.70
	36	Therapist points out parent's use of defensive maneuvers.	2.69
	77 ^{b,c,d,e}	Therapist is tactless.	2.37
	24 ^{b,d,e}	Therapist's own emotional conflicts intrude into the relationship.	2.36
Cocreated elements	9 ^{b,c,e}	Therapist is distant, aloof.	1.80
	39 ^{b,c,e}	There is a competitive quality to the relationship.	2.52
	11	Sexual feelings and experiences are discussed.	1.67
	51 ^{b,c,d,e}	Therapist condescends to or patronizes the parent.	1.66
	19 ^{b,e}	There is an erotic quality to the therapy relationship.	1.07

Note. PQS = Psychotherapy Process Q Set; CBT = cognitive behavioral therapy; RF = reflective functioning; PA = psychoanalytic; SET = supportive-expressive therapy.

^a In children between the ages of 5 and 8 (vs. children ages 9–11), this item was replaced by PQS 64 ‘Love and romantic relationships are a topic of discussion.’ In more symptomatic children (with an oppositional defiant disorder rating scale score of 19 or above), this item was replaced by PQS 68 ‘Real and fantasized meanings of experience are actively differentiated.’ ^b One of the least characteristic CBT prototype items. ^c One of the least characteristic RF prototype items. ^d One of the least characteristic PA prototype items. ^e One of the least characteristic SET prototype items.