

FIGURE 3.7

Perceptual Information Needed to Recognize Four Facial Expressions of Emotion among Physically Abused Children and a Control Group of Nonabused Children

Physically abused children needed less perceptual information to correctly identify anger, but more information to correctly identify sadness. The two groups did not differ in their ability to recognize happiness and fear. These findings suggest that physically abused children have learned to quickly recognize cues associated with anger.

Source: Pollak and Sinha (2002).