**Supplementary material**

.55\*\*

1.28\*

Maternal ELM

Maternal child abuse potential

Emotion regulation

2.88\*\*\*

Figure S1. Mediation model for the effect of maternal ELM on abuse potential partially mediated by emotion regulation difficulties. *n*=114. Reported are unstandardized regression coefficients. Indirect effects (*b*=.70) of maternal ELM on abuse potential significant with 95% confidence interval [.14; 1.61] entirely above zero. Controlled for age of mother and child, gender of child, mother’s years of education, and presence of acute DSM IV axis I disorders. \*p<.05 \*\*p<.01 \*\*\*p<.001.

Table S1.

*Association of child abuse potential with different aspects of emotion regulation*

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| Scales | Child abuse potential |
| Nonacceptance of emotional responses | .236\* |
| Difficulty engaging in goal-directed behavior | .176† |
| Impulse control difficulties | .175† |
| Lack of emotional awareness | .402\*\*\* |
| Limited access to emotion regulation strategies | .273\*\* |
| Lack of emotional clarity | .397\*\*\* |
| Total score | .382\*\*\* |

Note. *n*=114. Reported are Pearson’s *r* correlation coefficients. †p<.10 \**p*<.05 \*\**p*<.01 \*\*\**p*<.001.