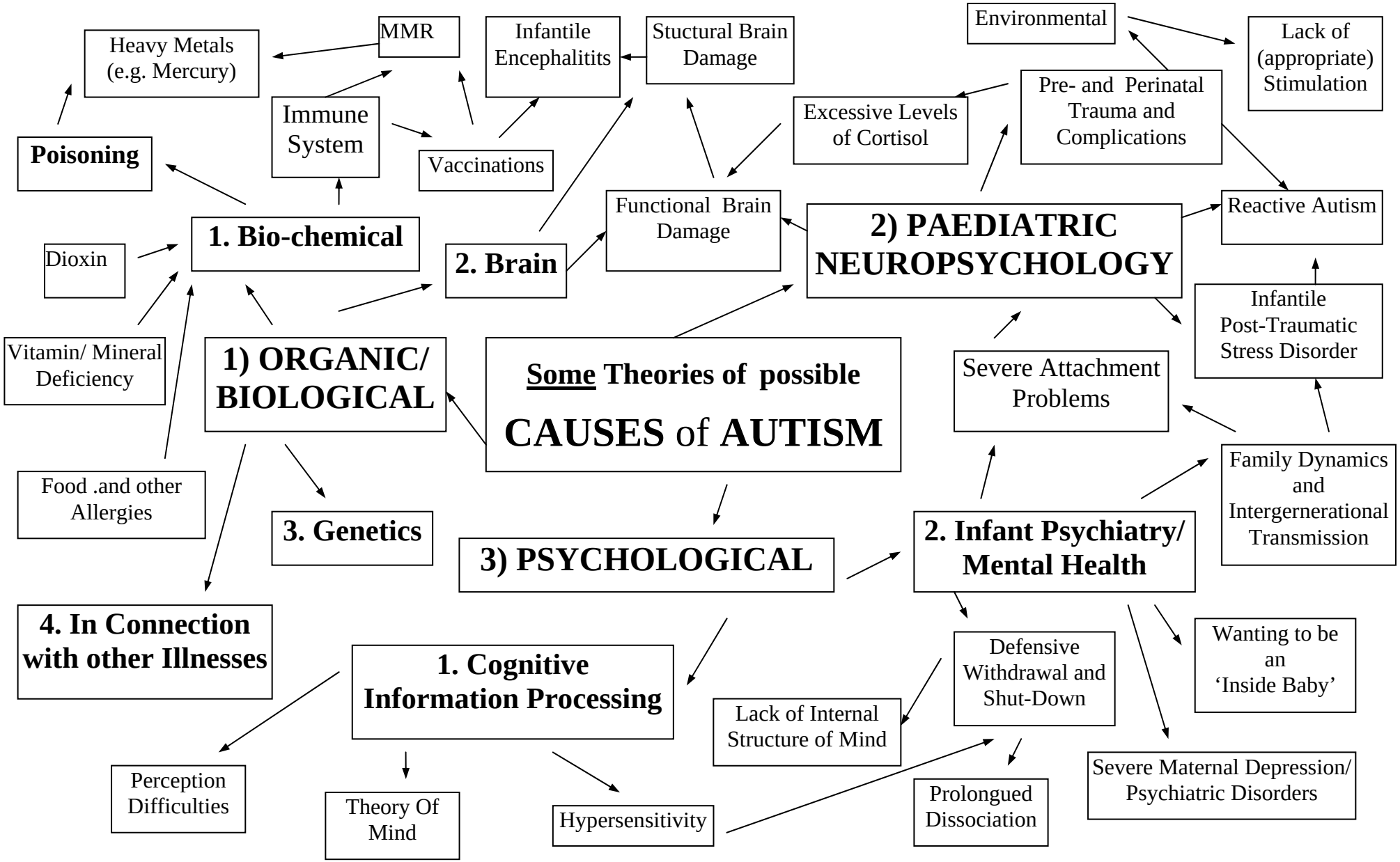
Some Theories of possible
CAUSES of AUTISM
1) ORGANIC/ BIOLOGICAL
1. Bio-chemical
Poisoning
Heavy Metals (e.g. Mercury)
Immune System
MMR
Vaccinations
Dioxin
Vitamin/ Mineral Deficiency
Food .and other Allergies
2. Brain
Infantile Encephalitits
Stuctural Brain Damage
Functional Brain Damage
3. Genetics
4. In Connection with other Illnesses
2) PAEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGY
Environmental
Lack of (appropriate) Stimulation
Pre- and Perinatal Trauma and Complications
Excessive Levels of Cortisol
Reactive Autism
Infantile Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
Severe Attachment Problems
Family Dynamics and Intergernerational Transmission
3) PSYCHOLOGICAL
1. Cognitive Information Processing
Perception Difficulties
Theory Of Mind
Hypersensitivity
Lack of Internal Structure of Mind
2. Infant Psychiatry/ Mental Health
Defensive Withdrawal and Shut-Down
Prolongued Dissociation
Wanting to be an 'Inside Baby'
Severe Maternal Depression/ Psychiatric Disorders