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To effectively serve minority clients, clinicians require a double understanding: of both evidence-based practice and the cultures involved. This particularly holds true when working with Asian-Americans, a diverse and growing population. The Guide to Psychological Assessment with Asians synthesizes real-world challenges, empirical findings, clinical knowledge and common-sense advice to create a comprehensive framework for practice. This informed resource is geared toward evaluation of first-generation Asian Americans and recent immigrants across assessment methods (self-report measures, projective tests), settings (school, forensic) and classes of disorders (eating, substance, sexual). While the Guide details cross-cultural considerations for working with Chinese-, Japanese-, Korean and Indian-American clients, best practices are also included for assessing members of less populous groups without underestimating, overstating or stereotyping the role of ethnicity in the findings. In addition, contributors discuss diversity of presentation within groups and identify ways that language may present obstacles to accurate evaluation. Among the areas covered in this up-to-date reference: Structured and semi-structured clinical interviews.

Assessment of acculturation, enculturation and culture. IQ testing. Personality disorders. Cognitive decline and dementia. Mood disorders and suicidality. Neuropsychological assessment of children, adolescents and adults. Culture-bound syndromes. Designed for practitioners new to working with Asian clients as well as those familiar with the population, the Guide to Psychological Assessment with Asians is exceedingly useful to neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, health psychologists and clinical social workers.

Schools often resort to ineffective, punitive interventions for the 10% of K-8 students whose challenging behavior interferes with their own and their classmates' learning. This book fills a crucial need by describing ways to provide meaningful supports to students with disruptive behavior disorders. Prominent authority Frank M. Gresham weaves together current research, assessment and intervention guidelines, and illustrative case studies. He reviews a broad range of evidence-based practices and offers recommendations for selecting, implementing, and evaluating them within a multi-tiered framework. Coverage includes school- and home-based approaches, multicomponent programs, prevention strategies, and social skills training.

As such, the book may be useful to a variety of professionals including regular education teachers, special education teachers, vocational education teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, and school administrators, as well as professionals employed by community agencies like Vocational Rehabilitation, Mental Health/Mental Retardation, and Social Services."--BOOK JACKET.

A hands-on resource for practitioners, this book provides step-by-step guidance for developing a comprehensive school safety plan. Moving from needs assessment to implementation and evaluation, chapters describe research-based

strategies that are readily applicable in K-12 settings. Special features include reproducible checklists and other planning tools. Described are proven ways to: create a low-crime environment, identify and support high-risk students, reduce bullying and harassment, improve the schoolwide disciplinary system, and draw on community resources for change.

Offers a thoroughly revised, comprehensive A to Z compilation of authoritative information on the education of those with special needs.

This book collects and organizes the original studies presented at PROMS 2014 conference on theories and applications of Rasch model. It provides useful examples of the Rasch model used to address practical measurement problems across a range of different disciplines including: Item Response Theory (IRT), philosophy of measurement, dimensionality, the role of fit statistics and residuals, application, educational application, language testing, health related research, business and industrial application and Rasch-based computer software.

PROMS 2014 (Pacific Rim Objective Measurement Symposium) was held August 2 – 6, 2014 in Guangzhou, China. The goal of this conference is to bring together the researchers from academia, universities, hospitals, industry, management sector as well as practitioners to share ideas, problems and solutions relating to the multifaceted aspects of Rasch Model.

This hands-on guide is designed to help school practitioners conduct effective multidimensional assessments of a wide range of emotional and behavioral difficulties. Each chapter focuses on a particular method, describes its applications in the school setting, and offers clear guidelines for implementation, illustrated with realistic case examples. Approaches discussed include direct observation, analogue assessment, child self-reports, teacher and parent interviewing, informant reports, and self-monitoring procedures.

Recommendations for working with culturally and linguistically diverse children and adolescents are also provided. The theoretical and empirical underpinnings of the assessment strategies demonstrated here are thoroughly reviewed in the companion volume, *Behavioral Assessment in Schools, Second Edition: Theory, Research, and Clinical Foundations* (see other side for more information).

Globally, there are many notable intervention programmes serving impoverished families, but few are specific to the Middle East region. This book focuses on the effects of a high quality home-education intervention programme for families living in persistent poverty in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Research evidence demonstrates that the Mother-Child Home Education Programme (MOCEP) is a powerful tool for improving children's pre-readiness abilities and parental child-rearing behaviours and strategies. As a result of the successful implementation of the programme, families living in poverty are empowered with new perceptions, ideals, goals, and opportunities that improve their lives. The book also discusses different types of intervention and suggests the need for improved standards based on clearly demonstrated «key» criteria for defining and implementing successful future intervention programmes for families at risk.

Autism spectrum disorder has received increasing research in recent years, with more information on assessment and treatment than can be readily assimilated from primary literature by clinicians. *Clinical Assessment and Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorders* summarizes evidence-based assessments and intervention for Autism across the life-span, providing clinicians with a practical overview of how best to assess and treat this disorder. The book begins with a discussion of what warrants a determination of being "evidence based" and a description of the disorder from a life span perspective. The book also provides a chapter on differential diagnosis of autism relative to other disorders. What follows are separate sections on assessment and intervention. These chapters discuss first how to assess and then separately how to treat behavioral problems, communication and social skills issues, academic and vocational skills, and the use of pharmacology and an assessment of possible pharmacological effects. Intended for practitioners assessing and treating children with developmental delays, the book provides clinicians with best practices for assessing and treating delays associated with autism. Covers the full range of Autism Spectrum Disorders Covers the lifespan Focuses on evidence-based assessment and treatment

Beschrijving van een proefproject om mensen met weinig kansen op de arbeidsmarkt door opleiding aan werk te helpen.

This book reviews evidence-based, multi-tiered practices for promoting social-emotional learning (SEL) with typically developing students as well as those with special needs. Leading authority Frank M. Gresham, codeveloper of the Social Skills Improvement System--Rating Scales, describes how to systematically assess K-12 students' social skills and plan and implement universal, selected, and intensive interventions. His approach is grounded in cutting-edge research on social-emotional competencies and their role in adjustment and academic achievement. Emphasizing what works, the book showcases programs and strategies that are sequenced, active, focused, and explicit. Detailed case examples and lesson plans illustrate different levels and types of SEL intervention. Reproducible assessment tools can be downloaded and printed in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size.

Generally recognized as the standard work in its field, *Behavioral, Social, and Emotional Assessment of Children and Adolescents* provides a comprehensive foundation and guide for conducting conceptually sound, culturally responsive, and ecologically-oriented assessments of student social and emotional behavior. It is aimed at graduate students, practitioners, and researchers in the fields of school psychology, child clinical psychology, and special education, but will also be of interest to those in related disciplines such as counseling psychology, child psychiatry, and social work. Keeping intact many of the same premises and pedagogy of the previous editions, this revised and updated fourth edition has been re-organized to emphasize culturally responsive reflective practice, with added content including updated assessment tools and strategies to be used

within a Response to Intervention (RtI) framework. In addition to updating all chapters to reflect current research and data, authors Sara Whitcomb and Kenneth Merrell move away from a more narrow view of social skills to reflect an expanded notion of strengths-based assessment, which includes such traits as coping skills, resilience, problem-solving ability, emotional knowledge, and empathy. Throughout, they strive to increase professional standards in the practice of psychological and educational assessment of children and adolescents, providing a solid, evidence-based foundation for assessment. This Handbook offers a much-needed resource of theoretical knowledge, evidence-based interventions, and practical guidelines for professionals providing group psychotherapy to youth clients. Written by leading professionals in the field of child and adolescent cognitive-behavioral therapy, this comprehensive volume offers readers a collection of innovative and well established approaches for group interventions with youth in a variety of treatment settings. It addresses a wide range of issues, not limited to assessment, group member selection, and specific protocols and strategies that readers can implement in their own practice. Integrating theoretical and practical aspects, leading experts offer their experience through case examples and vignettes, suggesting guidelines for overcoming inherent treatment obstacles. This Handbook provides not only a framework for delivering effective group therapy, but also highlights specific problem areas, and it is an invaluable reference for professionals providing therapeutic intervention to children and adolescents.

A landmark text, this volume systematically addresses the issues involved in developing behavioral assessment strategies for educational--rather than clinical--settings. The theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of widely used assessment methods are discussed, and their strengths and limitations evaluated. Attention is given to legal and professional issues, decision making processes in educational diagnosis, and culturally sensitive assessment practices.

That children are capable of pathology—not only such conditions as ADHD and learning disabilities, but also such "adult" disorders as anxiety and depression—stands as a defining moment in psychology's recent history. Within this recognition is the understanding that the social skills deficits that accompany these disorders must be targeted for assessment and treatment to ensure optimal functioning in school, with peers, and in later transitions to puberty and adulthood. *Social Behavior and Skills in Children* cuts across disciplinary lines to clarify the scope of assessment options and interventions for a wide range of disorders. A panel of leading scholars reviews current research, discusses social deficits unique to specific disorders, and identifies evidence-based best practices in one authoritative, approachable reference. This volume: Discusses theoretical models of social skills as they relate to assessment and treatment. Analyzes the etiology of social behavior problems in children and the relation between these problems and psychopathology. Reviews 48 norm-referenced measures of social

skills in children. Examines the range of evidence-based social skills interventions. Addresses challenging behaviors, such as aggression and self-injury. Focuses on specific conditions, including developmental disabilities, conduct disorders, ADHD, chronic medical illness, depression, anxiety, and severe psychopathology. *Social Behavior and Skills in Children* is an essential reference for university libraries as well as a must-have volume for researchers, graduate students, and clinicians in child, and school psychology, special education, and other related fields.

The *Handbook of Psychoeducational Assessment* is a practical guide for educational and psychological professionals using norm-referenced tests in the ability, achievement, and behavioral assessment of children. Written by key individuals involved in the construction and evolution of the most widely used tests, this book provides critical information on the nature and scope of commonly used tests, their reliability and validity, administration, scoring and interpretation, and on how the tests may differ and complement each other in their utility with specific populations. Part 1 of the *Handbook of Psychoeducational Assessment* focuses on ability assessment and the use of full battery intelligence tests as well as brief scales and short forms. Part 2 discusses achievement and the expanded role of psychologists in consultation with educators. Part 3 covers behavior assessment with special attention given to discussion of which tests are most suitable for assessing specific behavioral problems such as ADHD, anxiety, and depression. The final section recognizes the importance of context and person sensitive assessment practices, discussing cross-cultural assessment, neuropsychological assessment, and the usefulness of dynamic assessment for program planning and intervention delivery.

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Over the past two decades, the assessment of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) has evolved into a sophisticated balance of science and clinical judgement essential for arriving at reliable and valid diagnostic decisions. Because of the precarious mix of clinical and empirical skill needed to evaluate children with this disorder, diagnostic practice in this area has been found wanting by many critics. In fact, a 1998 National Institutes of Health consensus

panel concluded that “existing diagnostic treatment practices ... point to the need for improved awareness by the health service sector concerning an appropriate assessment, treatment, and follow-up. A more consistent set of diagnostic procedures and practice guidelines is of utmost importance” (p. 21). Drs. Arthur D. Anastopoulos and Terri L. Shelton have designed a book that addresses this need. A number of themes are highlighted throughout the text. Perhaps the most important is that the assessment guidelines set forth in this book represent a balance between science and practice. The authors account for the realities of clinical practice in an age of managed care while challenging clinicians to heed the lessons of empirical research. Although the use of empirically based assessment procedures may at times fly in the face of cost constraints (e. g. , systematic evaluation of medication effects), the authors present a strong argument for them. Further, they call upon their vast clinical experience to provide concrete suggestions for translating research findings into effective evaluations.

This book provides a comprehensive foundation for conducting clinical assessments of child and adolescent social-emotional behavior in a practical, scientific, and culturally appropriate manner. It is aimed at graduate students, practitioners, and researchers in the fields of school psychology, child clinical psychology, and special education but will also be of interest to those in related disciplines such as counseling psychology, child psychiatry, and social work. Section I, Foundations and Methods of Assessment, covers basic professional and ethical issues, classification and diagnostic problems, and comprehensive introductions to six primary assessment methods: behavioral observation, behavior rating scales, clinical interviewing, sociometric techniques, self-report instruments, and projective-expressive techniques. Section II, Assessment of Specific Problems, Competencies, and Populations, includes six chapters for assessing specific socio-emotional behavior domains: externalizing problems, internalizing problems, other problems, social skills and peer relations, young children, and diverse cultural groups. Key features include: New Material - Provides expanded coverage of ethnic, cultural, and linguistic diversity within socio-emotional assessment; new material on conducting assessments within the context of ecological theory and public health models; increased information on assessing children with Asperger's disorder or high-function Autism, and discussions of several new assessment tools and systems. Evidence-Based Focus - Maintains a focus on empirically validated methods that research has shown to have adequate validity and reliability. Problem Solving Focus - Throughout the book, assessment is linked to decision-making within a problem-solving framework. Functional Focus - Maintains a focus on making assessments functional within specific contexts and environments.

Social skills are at the core of mental health, so much so that deficits in this area are a criterion of clinical disorders, across both the developmental spectrum and the DSM. The Practitioner's Guide to Empirically-Based Measures of Social

Skills gives clinicians and researchers an authoritative resource reflecting the ever growing interest in social skills assessment and its clinical applications. This one-of-a-kind reference approaches social skills from a social learning perspective, combining conceptual background with practical considerations, and organized for easy access to material relevant to assessment of children, adolescents, and adults. The contributors' expert guidance covers developmental and diversity issues, and includes suggestions for the full range of assessment methods, so readers can be confident of reliable, valid testing leading to appropriate interventions. Key features of the Guide: An official publication of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Describes empirically-based assessment across the lifespan. Provides in-depth reviews of nearly 100 measures, their administration and scoring, psychometric properties, and references. Highlights specific clinical problems, including substance abuse, aggression, schizophrenia, intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, and social anxiety. Includes at-a-glance summaries of all reviewed measures. Offers full reproduction of more than a dozen measures for children, adolescents, and adults, e.g. the Interpersonal Competence Questionnaire and the Teenage Inventory of Social Skills. As social skills assessment and training becomes more crucial to current practice and research, the Practitioner's Guide to Empirically-Based Measures of Social Skills is a steady resource that clinicians, researchers, and graduate students will want close at hand.

Given the vast amount of research related to behavioral assessment, it is difficult for clinicians to keep abreast of new developments. In recent years, there have been advances in assessment, case conceptualization, treatment planning, treatment strategies for specific disorders, and considerations of new ethical and legal issues. Keeping track of advances requires monitoring diverse resources limited to specific disorders, many of which give short shrift to child assessment, overlooking developmental considerations. Much of the existing literature is either theoretical/research in focus or clinical in nature. Nowhere are the various aspects of child behavioral assessment placed in a comprehensive research/clinical context, nor is there much integration as to conceptualization and treatment planning. The Clinician's Handbook of Child Behavioral Assessment was created to fill this gap, summarizing critical information for child behavioral assessment in a single source. The Clinician's Handbook of Child Behavioral Assessment provides a single source for understanding new developments in this field, cutting across strategies, techniques, and disorders. Assessment strategies are presented in context with the research behind those strategies, along with discussions of clinical utility, and how assessment and conceptualization fit in with treatment planning. The volume is organized in three sections, beginning with general issues, followed by evaluations of specific disorders and problems, and closing with special issues. To ensure cross chapter consistency in the coverage of disorders, these chapters are formatted to contain an introduction, assessment strategies, research basis, clinical utility,

conceptualization and treatment planning, a case study, and summary. Special issue coverage includes child abuse assessment, classroom assessment, behavioral neuropsychology, academic skills problems, and ethical-legal issues. Suitable for beginning and established clinicians in practice, this handbook will provide a ready reference toward effective child behavioral assessment.

Examine ways to help prepare young people for a successful transition from group care to community living! How can we best help young people in residential care settings prepare for life “on the outside?” The editors of *On Transitions From Group Care: Homeward Bound* are devoted to helping answer the question of how providers of residential treatment services can improve the transition process when children in their care are transferred to less restrictive situations. Chapters focus on the challenges of this process when working with sexually aggressive youth, adolescents with behavioral or conduct disorders, and the families of young people in residential care facilities. You'll learn about model transitional living programs, ways to integrate family work into residential care, and programs that focus on social/life-skills training. *On Transitions From Group Care: Homeward Bound* examines:

- a program designed to involve parents and caregivers in the residential treatment and transition process for sexually aggressive youth
- diagnosis and placement variables that affect outcomes for adolescents with behavior disorders in an outpatient mental health clinic
- the redesigning of an existing residential treatment program to allow parents, caregivers, and the community a much more integral role in each child's residential treatment experience
- case studies of children who have participated in the transitional living program at Bellefaire/JCB—a large social service agency for children and families in the Cleveland, Ohio area—with both successful and unsuccessful outcomes
- the role of social skills training programs in facilitating successful transitions from residential treatment to community life

Psychologists offer an increasing variety of services to the public. Among these services, psychological assessment of personality and behavior continues to be a central activity. One main reason is that other mental health professionals often do not possess a high level of competence in this area. And when dealing with children and adolescents, psychological assessment seems to take on an even greater role. Therefore, it follows that comprehensive graduate-level instruction in assessment should be a high priority for educators of psychologists who will work with these youth. This textbook is organized into three sections, consistent with the authors' approach to teaching. Part I provides students with the psychological knowledge base necessary for modern assessment practice, including historical perspectives, measurement science, child psychopathology, ethical, legal, and cultural issues, and the basics of beginning the assessment process. Part II gives students a broad review of the specific assessment methods used by psychologists, accompanied by specific advice regarding the usage and strengths and weaknesses of each method. In Part III, we help students perform some of the most sophisticated of assessment practices: integrating and communicating assessment results and infusing assessment practice with knowledge of child development and psychopathology to assess some of the most common types

of behavioral and emotional disorders in youth. A text focusing on assessment practices must be updated every four to six years to keep pace with advances in test development. For example, several of the major tests reviewed in the text, such as the Behavioral Assessment System for Children and the Child Behavior Checklist, have undergone major revisions since the publication of the last edition making the current content outdated. Further, another major test, the Conners' Rating Scales, is undergoing substantial revisions that should be completed before publication of the next edition. Finally, the evidence for the validity of the tests and the recommendations for their appropriate use evolve as research accumulates and requires frequent updating to remain current. For example, there was a special issue of the Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology published focusing on evidenced-based assessment of the major forms of childhood psychopathology that will need to be integrated into the chapters in Part 3. This latter point reflects an important trend in the field that should influence the marketing of the book. That is, there are several initiatives being started in all of the major areas of applied psychology (e.g., school, clinical, and counseling) to promote evidenced-based assessment practices. These initiatives have all emphasized the need to enhance the training of graduate students in this approach to assessment. This has been the orientation of this textbook from its first edition: that is, *Clinical Assessment of Child and Adolescent Personality and Behavior* has focused on using research to guide all recommendations for practice. The ability of the textbook to meet this training need should be an important focus of marketing the book to training programs across all areas of applied psychology.

This volume evolved from the second life span development conference held at Southern Illinois University entitled "Assessment and Intervention Across the Lifespan." Providing an overview and consideration of important directions for research in areas of assessment and intervention across the lifespan, the presentations covered a variety of topic areas including social ecology, cultural diversity, attitudes about aging, as well as attention, visual, and linguistic skills. This volume consists of chapters based on the conference presentations as well as additional chapters by experts in related specialty areas discussing attachment theory, learning disabilities, and phonological processing. The second conference and volume continue the work of the first conference and its associated earlier volume. The chapters cover important interactions between assessment and intervention for each major developmental period; several emphasize the importance of early assessment and intervention. A common theme found throughout is the critical connection between basic research and practice. The editors hope this book will prove useful not only to researchers, but also to practitioners in related disciplines working with individuals of all ages.

This scholarly yet highly readable and practical text systematically covers the importance, development, assessment, and treatment of social skills of children and adolescents. Combining scientific rigor with a highly approachable and readable style of writing to create a practical and unique book, this volume provides a comprehensive overview of the increasingly important topic of child and adolescent social skills. A wide variety of tables, figures, and practical step-by-step guides enhance the material presented, making it particularly useful for practitioners while offering an extensive array of recent research and models of interest to researchers. The authors present a solid foundation of scientific knowledge written in a manner accessible to nonscientists

and having ample practical implications and examples for educational and clinical practice. The book is divided into two parts--the first features a foundation for conceptualizing and assessing child and adolescent social skills, whereas the second focuses on the arena of intervention. An up-to-date and unique addition to the literature, this volume will be of interest to professionals who work with or study children across several disciplines including school and clinical child psychology, special education, counseling, and social work. Although many books and other professional materials on the social competence of children and adolescents are presently available, the knowledge regarding these social skills is expanding rapidly, and there is a tremendous need to keep it current. This book helps meet this need by not only synthesizing a great deal of recent work in the field, but also by providing new information and evidence that has not yet been published. It also bridges an important gap that sometimes exists between research and practice. For instance, some books on child and adolescent social skills are clearly written for the academician or researcher, and may have little apparent application for the clinician or practitioner. Other materials are written as practical assessment or intervention guides for the clinician/practitioner, yet sometimes lack supporting evidence and rationale. This book is aimed at both arenas.

This highly engaging, eminently practical book provides essential resources for implementing social and emotional learning (SEL) in any K-12 setting. Numerous vivid examples illustrate the nuts and bolts of this increasingly influential approach to supporting students' mental health, behavior, and academic performance. Helpful reproducibles are included. The authors offer clear-cut guidance on how to: Choose the right SEL program for a particular school Teach SEL concepts to students, teachers, and administrators Weave SEL into the classroom curriculum to boost academic success Adapt interventions for culturally and linguistically diverse students and those with special needs Monitor outcomes and maximize the quality of interventions. This text will be valuable to school psychologists, counselors, social workers, and administrators; also of interest to general and special education teachers. It will also serve as a text in graduate-level courses such as Methods of School-Based Intervention.

This book has been replaced by *Conducting School-Based Functional Behavioral Assessments, Third Edition*, ISBN 978-1-4625-3873-7.

Children's display of unacceptable behavior in the school setting, school violence, academic underachievement, and school failure represent a cluster of problems that touches all aspects of society. Children with learning and behavior problems are much more likely to be unemployed, exhibit significant emotional and behavior disorders in adulthood, as well as become incarcerated. For example, by adolescence, children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder are more likely to be retained a grade, drop out of school, have contact with the law, or fair worse along a number of dimensions than their unaffected siblings (Barkely, 1998). Identification, assessment, and treatment of children with externalizing behavior problems and learning disabilities is critical to optimizing development and prevention of relatively intractable behavioral and emotional problems in adulthood. For example, poor interpersonal problem solving and social skills excesses and deficits are strongly associated with poor outcome in adolescence and adulthood. The school is where children learn essential academic, social, and impulse control skills that allow them to function effectively in later years.

School is where problems in these areas can be most easily identified and addressed. The purpose of this book is to provide an overview of assessment practices for evaluating children's externalizing behavior problems exhibited in the school environment. Reviews of approximately 100 assessment devices for measuring children's externalizing problems are included. Instruments include structured interviews, rating scales, and observational methods.

An authoritative guide to evidence-based treatment of infants and young children *Evidence-Based Practice in Infant and Early Childhood Psychology* is the first handbook of its kind to consider the complete psychological needs of infants and young children, from birth to early childhood. With a focus on evidence-based practice, the book provides a balanced perspective of diverse and ethical practice with research and educational recommendations interwoven throughout. Comprehensive in scope, *Evidence-Based Practice in Infant and Early Childhood Psychology* is divided into four sections: Foundations provides the framework for considering psychological and educational service provisions for young children and their families Assessment and Intervention includes chapters on assessing infants, toddlers, preschoolers, parents and families, and bilingual and multicultural children Evidence-Based Practice addresses evidence-based treatments for particular issues such as autism, ADHD, health impairments, and more Contemporary Issues examines current perspectives on issues such as childcare, neuropsychology, Response to Intervention (RTI) and violence prevention

Building Social Relationships addresses the need for social skills programming for children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders and other social difficulties by providing a comprehensive model that incorporates the following five steps: assess social functioning, distinguish between skill acquisition and performance deficits, select intervention strategies, implement intervention, and evaluate and monitor progress. The model describes how to organize and make sense of the myriad social skills strategies and resources available to parents and professionals. It is not meant to replace other resources or strategies, but to synthesize them into one comprehensive program. This is a much-needed practice book that demonstrates how helping professionals can emphasize their clients' resilience, strength, and capacities, rather than focusing on pathology or deficits. It offers an integrative practice model for both assessment and intervention that interweaves strengths-based (specifically solution-focused therapy and motivational interviewing) and skills-building (cognitive-behavioral) approaches. In the strengths-and-skills-based model, helping professionals assume that clients possess the necessary capacities to solve their own problems, transforming the therapeutic relationship into a collaboration focused on bolstering motivation and resources for change. When these resources are exhausted or when deficits become a substantial barrier, then practitioner and client work to develop an individualized skills-building plan. A wide range of examples, written by Jacqueline Corcoran with experts from different fields of practice, clearly demonstrate how the model can be applied to individuals and families struggling with behavior problems, depression, substance abuse, anxiety, violence, and abuse, so that both strengths and skills maximize the client's success. This innovative, dynamic resource is a must have for practitioners across the helping, social service, and mental health professions.

One volume-reference work with approximately 300 entries Each entry will contain 5-8

references Entries will kept under 7 pages, with limited references and cross-referenced to 5 other topics in the encyclopdia

"This book expands upon the knowledge base and provides a compendium of intervention strategies to support and enhance the acquisition of social skills and children and youths with visual impairments ... Part 1 ... addresses social skills from a first-person perspective. The second part ... examines how theory seeks to explain social development and influences assessment and practice ... Part 3, ties personal perspectives and theory to actual practice. Finally, Part 4 ... offers numerous examples and models for teaching social skills to students who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabling conditions."--Introduction.

This book examines the global movement of putting more emphasis on students' social and emotional development in education. It provides some order in the unstructured multitude of desirable socio-emotional educational objectives and ambitions that have resulted from this movement and builds on a careful conceptual analysis. It starts out by examining the roots of the movement and discusses different emphases. Next it makes use of instructional and psychological constructs and theories to arrive at meaningful categorizations of major domains and types of social-emotional "skills". One of the key assumptions is that social and emotional attributes are malleable by means of educational interventions. The book reviews available research evidence for this assumption, taking into account psychological studies and meta-analyses. It then creates new evidence based on a new meta-analysis, which concentrated on the effects of educational interventions on skills associated with the conscientiousness factor of the Big5 taxonomy. In the final chapter, the book discusses the implications for educational policy and practice; a discussion in which attention is given to political and ethical questions about the desirability of treating social and emotional attributes as educational goals.

Learning Disabled Childrens' Performance on the Social Skills Rating System (SSRS).Encyclopedia of Special EducationA Reference for the Education of Children, Adolescents, and Adults with Disabilities and Other Exceptional IndividualsJohn Wiley & Sons

This authoritative volume provides state-of-the-art practices for supporting the approximately 20% of today's K-12 students who have emotional and behavioral disorders (EBD) that hinder school success. Leading experts present evidence-based approaches to screening, progress monitoring, intervention, and instruction within a multi-tiered framework. Coverage encompasses everything from early intervention and prevention to applications for high-risk adolescents. Exemplary programs are described for broad populations of EBD students as well as those with particular disorders, including autism spectrum disorders and externalizing behavior problems. The book combines theory and research with practical information on how to select interventions and implement them with integrity.

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