Outline.

Foundations for ToM Development

ToM dimensions

Neuroanatomical/Neurochemical foundations for ToM types or dimensions Genetic/environmental influences on ToM DSM-5[®] diagnoses and comorbidities

Assessment of ToM Development

Formal and informal ways to assess ToM Precursors in infants/toddlers Emergence during preschool Higher order ToM in school-age children and adolescents

Cognitive/Affective ToM and Interpersonal/Intrapersonal ToM

Patterns of ToM deficits and ToM developmental levels Social and academic implications Profiles to effectively match deficits to interventions

ToM Interventions for:

Infants and Toddlers

Engage children in emotional sharing Develop several types of joint attention Promote coordination/co-regulation in

Early Preschool

Develop a sense of self through play Develop pretend play skills Nurture foundations for autobiographical memory and the ability to think about

Late Preschool/Early Elementary Foster the vocabulary and syntactic skills

necessary for ToM Identify cues and clues to help recognize and infer emotions of self and others

Promote language for counterfactual reasoning and mental time travel

Strategies for emotional and behavioral regulation

Strategies to promote social and academic comprehension

Sentence frames to develop complex syntax for explaining reasons for emotions and behaviors

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For over 20 years, Dr. Westby has been principal investigator on a number of clinical service, research and personnel preparation grants, including Project LIGHTS, a personnel preparation program to educate speech-language pathologists, special education teachers and school psychologists to work with children with autism spectrum disorders; and Project PLAY (Play and Language Attunement in Young Children), which

trained caregivers to increase the quality and frequency of interactions that promote development of Theory of Mind (ToM) and language. Dr. Westby implemented a social-emotional program to develop ToM in young elementary school children who exhibit bully-like and victim-like behaviors.

Dr. Westby is the developer of the Westby Play Scale, a checklist used to assess children's social and play skills. She has published and presented nationally and internationally on theory of mind, play, language-literacy relationships, narrative/expository development and facilitation, assessment and facilitation of written language, metacognition/executive function, and issues in assessment and intervention with culturally/linguistically diverse populations.

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- · Identify multiple contextual cues to improve ToM
- · Develop intrapersonal ToM to regulate behavior and emotions
- Determine which profiles respond to specific interventions using current research

Objectives.

- 1. Assess and describe the developmental stages of Theory of Mind (ToM) in infants/toddlers, children and adolescents with ASD, SCD, LD and hearing impairment.
- 2. Connect current research documenting neural bases for emotional understanding and ToM.
- 3. Analyze the types of difficulties making inferences exhibited by children and adolescents with ASD and SCD.
- 4. Design and implement activities to develop the social-emotional underpinnings of ToM.
- 5. Employ strategies to promote ToM in children and adolescents.
- 6. Use children's literature to promote inference making and interpersonal and intrapersonal ToM.

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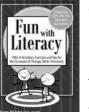
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