Outline

DSM-5® and ICD-10 Updates

Social-Pragmatic Communication Disorder Impact on service delivery (school/community) Successfully link home, school and therapy IEP/504/Do they qualify for school services? Co-morbid disorders: Why the difference is important

Social Skills Interventions

Improve social skill deficits

"Kid Cop" behaviors and why other kids get angry How to get peers to recognize them in positive ways Group activities

Early intervention strategies that can deliver long-term success

Communication Interventions

Conflict resolutions that are effective in multiple settings

Help peers and family members relate Verbal interventions that overload processing Pragmatic language and other abstract issues

Sensory Interventions

Self-stimulation (appropriate & inappropriate)
Sensory strategies to avoid
Coping/calming techniques that reduce meltdowns
Sensory diet

Anxiety Interventions

Anxiety-reducing activities How anxiety impacts rigidity Help them "self-regulate" Successful transitions

Depression Interventions

Impact on flexibility and change
Therapy that works for people with HFA
Emergence in adolescence
Solitude vs. loneliness

ADHD Interventions

ADHD vs. hyper-focus

Commonly prescribed medications and possible benefits and side effects

Specific triggers and what fuels the rage
Reduce aggressive and disruptive behaviors
Mistakes that escalate defiant behaviors
Overcome refusals to comply with even simple requests

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Interventions

What to do when they become stuck on high interest areas

Specific medication interventions
Impact on socialization and behaviors

Interventions for Specific Difficult Behaviors

Reduce Internet and electronic addictions Changes in technology, school systems and mental health delivery

Cognitive-Behavior Therapy (CBT) for mood and anxiety

Psychopharmacological Interventions

Differentiate among common medications Medications that mimic difficult behaviors Side effects and off label use

Case Studies, Demonstrations & Activities

Case studies that demonstrate specific interventions for aggressive and non-compliant behaviors

iPad® apps for social success, behavioral changes and speech and language Staff training techniques to experience what an

individual on the spectrum might

Research, Risks and Limitations

Objectives

- 1. Implement interventions to teach children/adolescents diagnosed with High-Functioning Autism (HFA) the skills to independently manage their own regulation, anxiety and fears.
- 2. Design effective strategies to approach transitions and routine life challenges for children/adolescents diagnosed with HFA.
- 3. Utilize specific interventions to improve long-term social-emotional success for children/adolescents diagnosed with HFA.
- 4. Suggest specific sensory-based calming techniques to reduce anxiety for children/adolescents diagnosed with HFA.
- 5. Recognize the potential side effects of psychotropic medication that can mimic or cause behavioral issues related to HFA.
- 6. Design specific behavioral interventions to reduce frequency, intensity and duration of difficult behaviors in children/adolescents with HFA.

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Speaker

Daniel Marston, PhD, ABPP, is a licensed clinical psychologist and an expert in the field of behavioral psychology. He is board-certified in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). He has been an adjunct faculty member for several traditional and online graduate programs and is an article reviewer for two academic journals. For over 25 years, Dr. Marston has been treating clients with autism, anxiety, depression, ODD, ADHD, learning disabilities, Tourette's Syndrome and neurobehavioral disorders. He conducts hundreds of behavioral evaluations per year for children and adolescents and works daily with school and community professionals, families and parents. Dr. Marston is the owner of Marston Psychological Services, in North Huntingdon, PA, where he provides therapy for children, adolescents and families, testing and evaluations, school consultation and behavioral healthcare supervision.

Dr. Marston presents and publishes nationally on the topics of autism, disruptive behavior disorders, ODD and behavior therapy. He has a strong focus on practical implementations of empirical research findings into behavioral interventions. Dr. Marston teaches professionals who work with children and adolescents, practical treatment and intervention strategies. His new book, Autism and Independence: Assessments and Interventions to Prepare Teens for Adult Life, was published in April 2019 (PESI Publishing & Media). This game-changing guide is filled with proven strategies and skill building exercises for a population often overlooked. Dr. Marston's book, Comparative Psychology for Clinical Psychologists and Therapists, published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers in London, focuses on the practical applications of cross-species empirical and behavioral research for clinical settings. He also presents at national conferences and in professional publications on the topic of the impact of poverty on behavioral functioning.

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