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Latest research in ASD brain development Comorbid disorders and symptoms Enhanced vs. impaired abilities Information processing: Typical brain vs. brain with autism How an individual with ASD processes tasks

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Applied Behavioral Analysis to break down targeted

Developmental interventions to express feelings and form relationships

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Case study: 2-year-old boy, working on verbal requests

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Visual systems to improve communication and reduce meltdowns

Teach turn-taking and pragmatic language Programs to assist in generalizing social skills Video modeling and role play to teach social rules Social stories and social autopsies Special interests to change unwanted or inappropriate behavior

Case study: 8-year-old male, competitive, difficulty losing at games, aggressive with peers

Manage Sensory Overload and Self-Stimulatory Behaviors

Exposure to more appropriate self-stimulatory behaviors

Fading out severe self-stimulatory behaviors Environmental strategies including classroom modifications

Case study: 6-year-old female, hand flapping, rocking, and high-pitch squealing sounds

Decode ADHD and Executive Functioning in ASD

Improve attention, on-task and organizational skills Schedules, timelines, web diagramming How to provide more preferred tasks vs. less preferred tasks

"Home base" to help organize in classroom *Case study:* 11-year-old male, difficulty planning/ organizing, needs help with social pragmatic language skills

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stealing behaviors

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Reduce Depressive Symptoms and Suicidal Ideation

Psychosocial interventions: Experiential activities with practice time Cognitive-behavioral therapies Mindfulness-based therapies Family therapies Social and vocational programs Case study: 15-year-old male, hates school and has a plan, intent, and timeline for suicide

Sexuality and Sexual Behavior Challenges

Body awareness and exploration of self Sexual arousal, puberty and sex education Address dating and sexual relationships Education on masturbation and pornography Gender Identity and LGBTQ Case study: 14-year-old male, frequent masturbation and stalking behaviors

Psychopharmacological Interventions

Commonly prescribed medications Medication efficacy Risks vs. benefits Case study: 17-year-old male, flat affect, on medication for ADHD and anxietv

Special Considerations

Trauma: Similarities and differences with ASD Independent living and career planning Guardianship and legal Issues Multicultural and gender differences Limitations of research and potential risks Case study: 5-year-old male, adopted overseas with no birth or developmental history *Case Study:* 19-year-old female, living at home with mom, no job, and never diagnosed with ASD

Ethical Challenges in Autism

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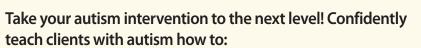
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