Outline

Oppositional and Defiant Children and What Makes Them Tick

Out of control behavior and hierarchy related Why family trauma in these cases is unseen How "teen terrorism" defeats parents and counselors

Why "rules without relationships" cause defiance Video case example: Interactional Trauma: A single parent and child out of control

Importance of Including the Parent/Caregiver in Treatment

- Motivate toughest parents to show up and cooperate
- A 7-question motivational script to start and end treatment

Beyond the "just fix my kid" parent mindset Engage your extended family at a high level Case example: A motivational phone call

Assessment and Diagnosis Quickly and Accurately

High level scaling to pinpoint the problems Locate the root cause of the extreme behaviors Locate the child's safety stressors (self-harm, suicide, aggression, drugs, etc.)

- How to stabilize the extreme behaviors and treat trauma simultaneously
- How to set goals of therapy with the entire family that work
- Video case example: "Knowing where to tap" to locate the root causes

Using a Playbook to Initiate Rules, **Boundaries, and Emotional Warm-Ups**

How to write a clear written playbook to heal both trauma and extreme behaviors How to heals the stronghold of shame, blame, performance and approval How to locate the child's love language Creative consequence to neutralize extreme behaviors such as running away, truancy, safety issues, aggression and disrespect Video case examples: "Extreme kids and Written Playbooks that Work"

Why Parents Must Practice Delivery and Think Two Steps Ahead Why defiant kids are master button pushers

- and using button busters to stop it Dress rehearsals to practice delivery and troubleshooting is needed
- Set-up and execute the best dress rehearsals and troubleshooting of your life
- Video case example: Watching a great dress rehearsal unfold to see immediate child change
- **Relapse Prevention to Achieve Permanent Changes in the Defiant Child and Family** The mini-scale technique: Consolidating

changes in treatment Map out next steps of treatment and beyond Identify red flags to prevent potential relapse Video case example: See the mini-scales in action

Using Client Feedback to Improve Outcomes

5 key guestions to ask at the end of your sessions to aet better outcomes Real-time client feedback improves outcomes Delivery vs. content: Not what you say but how you say it

Video case example: "We finally feel a part of the treatment"

Limitations of the Research and Potential Risks

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8:00 Program begins

11:50-1:00 Lunch Break

4:00 Program ends

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Objectives

- 1. Evaluate the connection between extreme behavior and an upside-down hierarchy and family trauma.
- 2. Integrate a 7-question motivational script to motivate the toughest parents to show up and cooperate.
- 3. Utilize therapeutic tools, scripts, and handouts to more effectively treat oppositional and defiant behaviors.
- 4. Assess "toxic seeds" and "undercurrents", or hidden causes of a child or adolescent's extreme behaviors within the family to increase the effectiveness of treatment.
- 5. Create clinical treatment plans using playbooks to address the specific needs of each client/family.
- 6. Utilize various scaling techniques to evaluate progress in treatment and identify potential risks for relapse.
- 7. Analyze when it is appropriate to begin active treatment as opposed to stabilization of extreme behaviors to ensure the safety of the child and family members.



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Scott P. Sells, Ph.D., MSW, LCSW, LMFT, is former tenured professor of social work, Savannah State University, Savannah, GA and associate professor at UNLV in Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Sells is the author of three best-selling books, Treating the Tough Adolescent: A Family-Based, Step-by-Step Guide (1998), Parenting Your Out-of-Control Teenager: 7 Steps to Reestablish Authority and Reclaim Love (2001), and Treating the Traumatized Child: A Step-by-Step Family Systems Approach (Springer, 2017). He has over 20 publications in such periodicals as Psychotherapy Networker, Contemporary Corrections, Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse, Professional Issues in Criminal Justice, Family Process, and Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, plus book chapters in the Handbook of Family Therapy Research Methods (1996) and Social Worker's Desk Reference, 2/E (2008).

Dr. Sells has extensive experience as a keynote speaker for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, the National Association of Social Workers, the Southeastern Psychological Association, and others. He was invited to be one of six expert presenters at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy's prestigious summer institutes as well as the world-renowned Cape Cod Institute. Dr. Sells is the founder and model developer of an evidence-based model as the FST | Family Systems Trauma Model that is being used by both juvenile justice and child welfare in over 14 states and in Europe.

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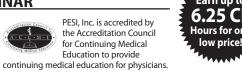
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