# Outline

#### **Students with Mental Health Issues**

- Characteristics of at-risk students' mental health problems
- · Mental health issues vs. intentionally disruptive behaviors
- How skill deficits from mental health issues create behavioral difficulties

### **Strategies for ODD and Conduct Disorder** Behaviors

- Choices everyone can live with
- What adults should never say, but usually do
- Arguments with defiant kids
- Getting to the core issues of ODD
- Kids who don't feel bad
- School-wide management program

### Strategies for ADHD

- Decrease impulsive behaviors with what YOU do
- Drawing out the behaviors you want
- Decrease disruption to other students
- Know the accompanying behaviors
- Techniques to self-regulate

#### Strategies for ASD

- It's all about social skills growth
- Sensory solutions
- Self-regulation techniques for ASD
- Most misinterpreted behaviors
- Manage high interest areas
- Move them past "kid cop" behaviors

#### **Strategies for Anxiety**

- What to do about separation anxiety
- Help their panic attack pass quickly
- School phobia...not always a fear of school
- Compromises that work
- Deep breathing and relaxation techniques

# **Strategies for Depression**

- School-wide program to promote compassions and a supportive culture
- Getting them past their sense of helplessness
- When they think they have nothing to live for
- · Goal oriented plans for schoolwork and school dav

### **Strategies for Other Challenging** Behaviors

- Cutting and self-injury: What you really need to know to effectively intervene Electronic addiction: Which kids are most susceptible and why
- Psychotropic medication side-effects vs. behavioral issues
- Electronic bullying: What adults tell kids that fuels the problem

### **Pandemic Recovery Interventions**

- Re-entering successfully
- Social issues...lost skills
- Dealing with electronics/gaming issues

#### Disciplining the Special Needs Child/ Adolescent

- How IDEA relates to discipline
- Rules for disciplining special education students
- Techniques for positive behavior support • "Pro-social" punishments

#### **Strategies for the IEP Team**

- Facts and data to make tactical decisions
- What most administrators do that burn out their staff
- What to do about non cooperative/ reluctant parents

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# **Objectives**

- 1. Articulate how behavioral-driven choices differ from mental health-driven behaviors and characterize how these differences inform your choice of intervention.
- Communicate the effective uses of medications and potential side effects that can appear as misbehaviors.
- Implement various school-based strategies, used in collaboration with community clinicians, to intervene when behavioral issues arise from mental health conditions.
- Determine effective positive behavior support strategies to successfully discipline the special needs child.
- · Discriminate how IDEA relates to mental health issues and discipline.
- Apply communication techniques that create a climate for success inside and outside the classroom



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Dr. Berk presents nationally on the topics of autism, disruptive behavior disorders, mental health issues in the classroom, ODD and social skills competency. In his workshops, he teaches professionals who work with children and adolescents, practical treatment and intervention strategies. He has been invited to present at hundreds of schools and conferences including being a repeated consultant to the Department of Education in Hawaii. As a past consultant to the United Nations, Dr. Berk authored a manual for UNICEF that was used by teachers working with children throughout Bosnia during the war. He has also worked in London, England with defiant teenagers; Kristiansand, Norway with traumatized youth; and the American Red Cross with trauma response.

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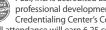
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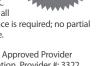
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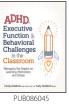
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