Sources of Anxiety and Treatment Overview

- What research tells us about therapy effectiveness applied to children
- How anxiety develops in children: the "Three Ingredients Framework"
- Biological sensitivity
- Anxiety personality style
- Stress overload
- Treatment goals, strategies and recommendations
- •The baseball analogy for behavior change and symptom reduction
- Behavioral health recommendations

Interventions: Stress Management and Anxiety-Regulation Skills

- The 1st intervention: "3-S" process for stress management
- Symptoms
- Sources
- Solutions
- The 2nd intervention: anxiety regulation skills
- "Relaxation Response"
- Breathing practices
- Mindfulness practices for children
- Flow activities
- Yoga games
- Martial arts
- "Baby Buddhas" meditation for preschoolers
- Other approaches to self-regulation

School Recommendations, Medication, DSM-5® Classification, and Interventions for **Separation Anxiety Disorder**

- Recommendations for schools
- Pros and cons of medication
- DSM-5° anxiety disorders: current updates
- Separation anxiety
- Normal separation process
- Therapeutic exposure
- "Helicopter," "bulldozer" and "snowplow" parenting
- Strategies to help parents let go

Interventions for Generalized Anxiety and Panic Disorder

- Generalized anxiety
- Why we worry
- Introduce language for new thought patterns
- 9 strategies for replacing worry with alternative cognitive habits
- Panic disorder
- Diagnosis and treatment success rates
- Agoraphobia component
- Treatment metaphors
- "Floating Technique"
- "LifeSkills" Self Help Program

Interventions for Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders

- Obsessive-compulsive disorders: expanded classification
- Relationship between obsessions and compulsions
- Trichotillomania (hair pulling)
- Excoriation (skin picking)
- Body dysmorphia
- PANDAS (medically induced OCD: Pediatric Autoimmune Disorder Associated with Streptococcus Infection)

Interventions for Social Anxiety Disorder and Selective Mutism

- Social Anxiety Disorder
- Selective mutism
- Self-esteem issues and treatment
- Social communication skills
- Group therapy

Interventions for Phobias and Stressor- and **Trauma-Related Disorders**

- Specific Phobias
- Diagnosis and examples
- Virtual realty exposure
- Stressor and Trauma-related disorders
- Expanded diagnostic classification
- Attachment disorders
- Adjustment disorders
- Acute stress disorders
- Trauma-related disorders New frontiers in trauma treatment

Wrap Up

- Therapy progress measures
- Case consultations

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