Evidence-Based Group Interventions for Children and Adolescents

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Group Therapy

- Benefits
 - Cost-effective
 - Serve greater number of clients
 - Peer support
 - Greater empowerment
 - Enhanced self-efficacy
 - Improved social networks
 - Effectiveness

Group Interventions

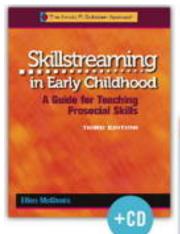
- Social Skills
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
- Trauma
- Disruptive Behavior
- Divorce

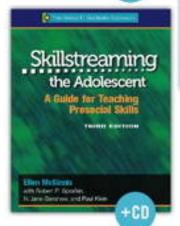
Social Skills

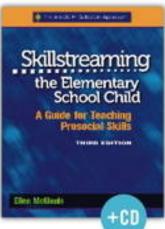
- Skillstreaming
- UCLA PEERS
- Social Skills Group Intervention (S.S. Grin)

Social Skills: Skillstreaming

- Uses modeling, role-playing, performance feedback, and generalization
- ☐ Each book includes:
 - Program content and implementation
 - Skill outlines and homework reports
 - CD with reproducible forms and handouts
- ☐ Tips for implementation in schools







Social Skills: Skillstreaming

- Skill Areas
 - Friendship-Making Skills
 - Dealing with Feelings
 - Alternatives to Aggression
 - Dealing with Stress
 - Early Childhood
 - Beginning Social Skills & School Related Skills
 - Elementary School Child & Adolescent
 - Classroom Survival Skills

Social Skills: Skillstreaming

Ages/Grades Preschool-High School

Format Adaptable

Materials Required: Program Book (\$45)

Optional: Student Manual (\$13), Lessons Plans &

Activities (\$65), other materials

Trainings: Optional: Skillstreaming DVD - Educator

Training (Includes Elementary and Adolescent

Program Books; \$125)

Language English

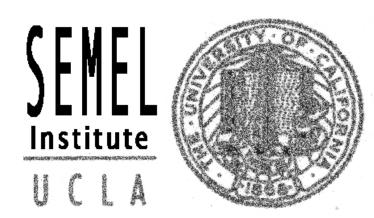
More information www.skillstreaming.com

Social Skills: UCLA PEERS

- The UCLA Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS)
- Evidence for use with teens with autism spectrum disorders
- Also treats ADHD, anxiety, depression
- Practice skills in session during real play activities
- Socialization homework assignments

Social Skills: UCLA PEERS

- ☐ Topics of Instruction
 - How to use appropriate conversational skills
 - How to find common interests by trading information
 - How to appropriately use humor
 - How to enter and exit conversations between peers
 - How to handle rejection, teasing, and bullying
 - How to handle rumors and gossip
 - How to be a good host during get-togethers
 - How to handle arguments and disagreements
 - How to make phone calls to friends
 - How to choose appropriate friends
 - How to be a good sport
 - How to change a bad reputation



Social Skills: UCLA PEERS

Ages/Grades: Middle School-High School

Format: 14 90-minute sessions

Small groups: Materials Required: Manual (\$52)

Trainings: Required to be PEERS Certified

4-day training (\$2200)

Language: English

More information: http://www.semel.ucla.edu/peers

Social Skills: S.S. Grin





- ☐ Social Skills Group Intervention (S.S. Grin)
 - **□** EC
 - **□** K-2
 - **3**-5
 - High Functioning Autism (S.S. Grin HFA)
 - Adolescent (S.S. Grin-A)

Social Skills: S.S. Grin

- Proven to reduce school violence and increase social-emotional competence
- Skills taught through dynamic instruction and practice (games & activities)
- Scripted lesson plans
 - Modeling
 - Positive reinforcement
 - Cognitive reframing

Social Skills: S.S. Grin

Ages/Grades Preschool-16 years old

Format 10-12 sessions

Materials Required: Online Kit(\$195-\$265) or Physical Kit (\$595-

\$795)

Trainings: Online training included in kit cost

Language: English

More information http://www.selmediainc.com/ssgrin/overview

Depression

- Penn Resiliency Program
- ACTION
- Adolescents Coping with Depression (CWD-A) & Group for Parents of Depressed Youth
- Coping with Stress Course (CWS)/POD-TEAMS Depression Prevention Program

Depression: Penn Resiliency Program

- Teaches cognitive-behavioral and social problem-solving skills
- Students learn to
 - detect inaccurate thoughts
 - evaluate the accuracy of those thoughts
 - challenge negative beliefs by considering alternative interpretations



Depression: Penn Resiliency Program

- Students learn techniques for
 - Assertiveness
 - Negotiation
 - Decision-making
 - Social problem-solving
 - Relaxation

- Skills introduced through
 - Skits
 - Role plays
 - Short stories
 - Cartoons
- Skills are practiced using hypothetical situations

Depression: Penn Resiliency Program

Ages/Grades: 10-13 years old

Format: 12 90-minute sessions or 18-24 60-minute sessions

(some projects have used shorter versions)

Small group

Materials: Available for research purposes

Trainings: 3-10 days

Group supervision every 1-2 weeks

Language: English

More information: http://www.ppc.sas.upenn.edu/prpsum.htm

Depression: ACTION

- ☐ Skills
 - ☐ taught using didactic presentations and experiential activities
 - ☐ rehearsed during in-session activities
 - ☐ applied through therapeutic homework

Depression: ACTION

- ☐ Components
 - Psycho-education
 - Goal setting
 - Behavioral activation
 - Coping skills and emotion regulation skills training
 - Problem solving skills
 - Cognitive restructuring
 - Improvement in self-schema
 - Self-monitoring
 - Self-evaluation
 - Self-reinforcement
 - Social reinforcement
 - Interpersonal skills

Depression: ACTION

Ages/Grades 9-14 years old

Females

Format 20 60-minute group sessions + 2 60-minute

individual sessions

Groups of 4-6

Materials Child Workbook (\$27)

Therapist Manual (\$24)

Trainings Not required

Contact developer

Language English, Spanish, Dutch

More information www.workbookpublishing.com

Depression: Adolescents Coping with Depression (CWD-A)

- CBT treatment for actively depressed adolescents
- Accompanying parent group:
 - "Group for Parents of Depressed Youth"

- Skills
 - Relaxation
 - Pleasant activities
 - Constructive thinking
 - Social skills
 - Communication
 - Negotiation
 - Problem Solving





Depression: Adolescents Coping with Depression (CWD-A)

Ages/Grades Adolescents

Format 16 2-hour sessions

Materials Teen Workbook (free)

Therapist Manual (free)

Trainings Not required

Language English

More information http://www.kpchr.org/research/public/acwd/acwd.html

Depression: Group for Parents of Depressed Youth

Ages/Grades Parents of adolescents receiving CWD-A

Format 8 2-hour sessions

Materials Parent Manual (free)

Parent Workbook (free)

Trainings Not required

Language English

More information http://www.kpchr.org/research/public/acwd/acwd.html

Depression: Coping with Stress Course (CWS)/POD-TEAMS Depression Prevention Program

- CBT treatment for adolescents at risk of becoming depressed
 - past episode of depression
 - persistent subdiagnostic dysphoria and/or other depressive symptoms
 - depressed parents
 - being a pregnant, single teen mother
 - having some other known risk factor for depression.

Depression: Coping with Stress Course (CWS)/POD-TEAMS Depression Prevention Program

- Topics
 - Psychoeducation
 - Cognitive-restructuring skills
 - Techniques for modifying irrational and negative self-statements and thoughts

- Instruction
 - Lectures
 - Discussion
 - Activities
 - Demonstration
 - Group
 - Team
 - Role-playing
 - Homework

Depression: Coping with Stress Course (CWS)/POD-TEAMS Depression Prevention Program

Ages/Grades Adolescents

Format CWS: 15 1-hour sessions 2-4 times per week

POE-TEAMS: 8 90-minute sessions once a week

Small group

Materials Teen Workbook (free)

Therapist Manual (free)

Trainings Not required

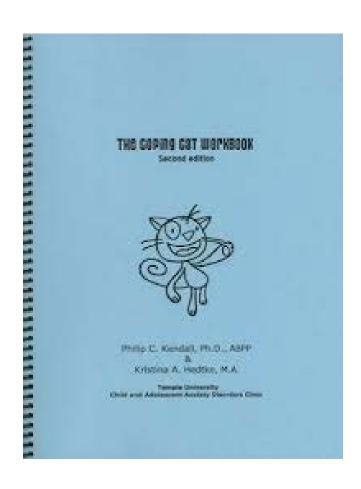
Language English

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Anxiety

- Coping Cat
- Cool Kids
- Social Effectiveness Therapy for Children & Adolescents
- Parent groups
 - Keys to Parenting your Anxious Child
 - Helping Your Anxious Child: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

Anxiety: Coping Cat



• Components:

- Psychoeducation
- Exposure tasks
- Somatic management (including relaxation)
- Cognitive restructuring
- Problem solving

Anxiety: Coping Cat

- Cognitive restructuring addresses FEAR:
 - Feeling frightened
 - Expecting bad things
 - Attitudes and actions that will help
 - Results and rewards



Anxiety: Coping Cat

Ages/Grades 7-13 years old

Format 16 50-minute weekly sessions

Groups of 4-5

Materials Child Workbook (\$27)

Therapist Manual (\$24)

Trainings Not required

Language English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Hungarian,

Norwegian

More information www.workbookpublishing.com

Anxiety: Cool Kids

- Components:
 - Psychoeducation
 - Cognitive restructuring
 - Parent skills
 - In-vivo exposure
 - Social skills
 - Coping strategies
- Specific adaptation for schools



Anxiety: Cook Kids

Ages/Grades 7-17 years old

Prevention program for 3-6-year-olds also available

Format 12 60-minute weekly sessions

Groups of 6-8

Materials Cool Kids Program Kit (Therapist Manual + 1 Parent

Workbook + 1 Child Workbook; \$60 AUS)

Workbooks (Parent & Child; \$32 AUS)

Trainings Not required

Language English, Spanish, Chinese, Danish, Icelandic, Korean,

Swedish, Turkish

More information

http://centreforemotionalhealth.com.au/pages/resourcesproducts.aspx

Anxiety: Social Effectiveness Therapy for Children & Adolescents (SET-C)

- Behavioral treatment for social phobia
- Components:
 - Social skills training
 - Peer generalization sessions
 - Individual exposure therapy sessions
 - Brief parent-education



Anxiety: Social Effectiveness Therapy for Children & Adolescents (SET-C)

Ages/Grades 7-17 years old

Child and adolescents with social phobia

Format 12 weekly 60-minute social skills training + 90-minute

peer generalization sessions + 60-minute individual

exposure sessions

Groups of 6 with 2 therapists

Materials SET-C Complete Kit (Therapist Guide+ 6 Parent

Guides + other materials; \$193)

Therapist Guide(\$60)

Trainings Not required

Language English

More information

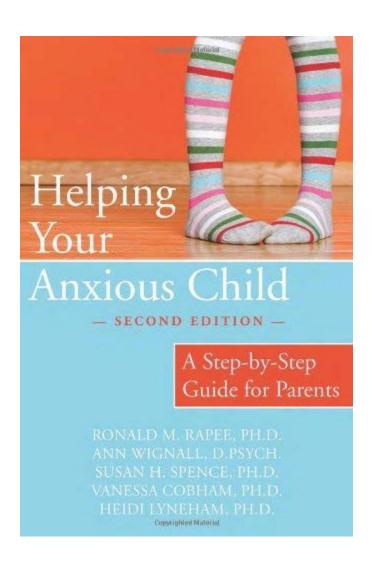
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Anxiety: Parent Groups

- Keys to Parenting your Anxious Child
 - Katharina Manassis, M.D.
 - Second Edition, 2008
 - Barron's Educational Series
 - 192 pages



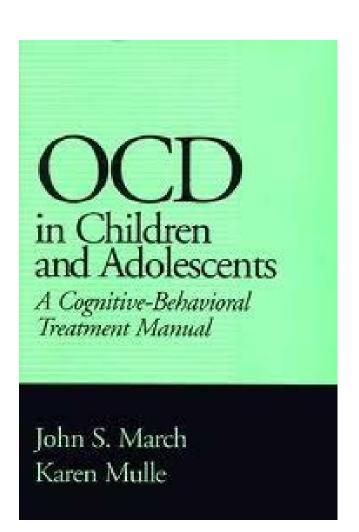
Anxiety: Parent Groups



- Helping Your Anxious Child: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents
 - Ronald Rapee, PhD; Ann Wignall, PsyD; Susan Spence, PhD, Heidi Lyneham, PhD; Vanessa Cobham, PhD
 - Second Edition, 2008
 - New Harbinger Publications
 - 296 pages

• OCD In Children and Adolescents: A Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment Manual

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 - March & Mulle, 1998



CBT Treatment Protocol

- Session 1: Psychoeducation
- Session 2: Cognitive Training
- Session 3: Cognitive Training/Mapping OCD
- Session 4: Further Mapping
- Weeks 3-18: Exposure and response prevention (E/RP)
- Weeks 18-19: Relapse Prevention
- Sessions 1, 7, and 12: Parent Sessions

Ages/Grades Children and Adolescents

Format 12-20 sessions

Adaptable

Materials Book/Manual (\$50)

Trainings Not required

Language English

More information Book/manual available through Guilford Press and

on Amazon.com

Trauma

- Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools
- "Let's Talk" books

Trauma: Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools

- School-based, group, and individual intervention
- Reduces
 - PTSD
 - Depression
 - Behavioral problems
- Improves
 - Functioning
 - Grades and attendance
 - Peer and parent support
 - Coping skills

- Utilizes CBT
 - Psychoeducation
 - Relaxation
 - Social problem solving
 - Cognitive restructuring
 - Exposure



Trauma: Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools

Ages/Grades Grades 5-12

Format 10 group sessions, 1-3 individual sessions,

2 parent psychoeducational sessions,

1 teacher educational session

Adaptable

Materials Manual ("minimal cost")

Free online resources

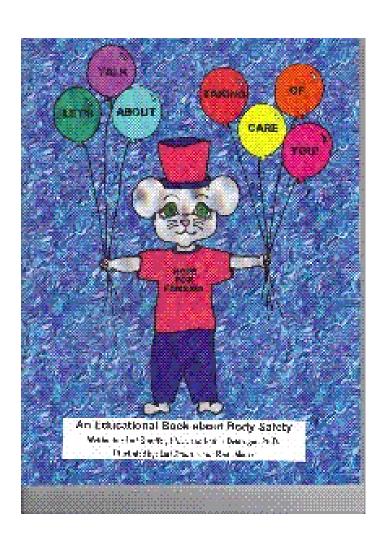
Trainings Free online training

In-person training available

Language English, Spanish

More information http://cbitsprogram.org/

Trauma: "Let's Talk" books



- Let's Talk About Taking Care of You: An Educational Book about Body Safety
 - For elementary age children
- Let's Talk About Taking Care of You: An Educational Book about Body Safety for Young Children
 - For children at 2-6

Trauma: "Let's Talk" books

- Lori Stauffer, PhD & Esther Deblinger, PhD
- Also available:
 - Let's Talk about Coping and Safety Skills: A Workbook About Taking Care of Me!
 - Let's Talk about Safety Skills for Kids: A Personal Safety Activity Book for Parents and Children
- 5 books for \$10 or 100 books for \$150
- http://hffbooks.com/Lets Talk Book Information.html

Disruptive Behavior

- Triple P Positive Parenting Program
- Defiant Children
- Incredible Years
- Coping Power
- Anger Coping Program
- EQUIP Program
- PREPARE Curriculum
- Aggression Replacement Training

Disruptive Behavior: Triple-P Positive Parenting Program



- Parenting and family support system
- Prevention and treatment of behavioral and emotional problems
- Draws on social learning, cognitive behavioral, and developmental theory

Disruptive Behavior: Triple-P Positive Parenting Program

- Triple P: parents of children up to 12 years
- Teen Triple P: parents of 12 to 16 year olds
- Specialist programs
 - Stepping Stones: parents of children with a disability
 - Family Transitions: parents going through separation or divorce
 - Lifestyle: parents of children who are overweight

Disruptive Behavior: Triple-P Positive Parenting Program

Ages/Grades Parents of children birth-16 years old

Format Varies

Materials Available once certified Trainings Required (\$1000-2000)

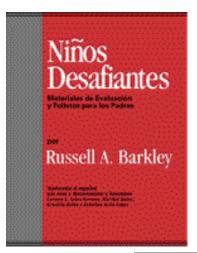
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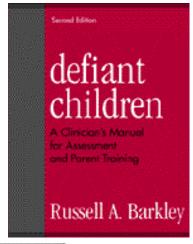
More information http://www.triplep.net/glo-en/home

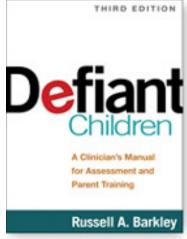
http://www.triplep-america.com/

Disruptive Behavior: Defiant Children

- Parent training program
- Can be adapted for groups
- Components:
 - Curriculum
 - Assessment materials
 - Parent handouts







Disruptive Behavior: Defiant Children

- Guidelines For Therapists in Conducting the Program
 - Step 1. Why Children Misbehave
 - Step 2. Pay Attention!
 - Step 3. Increasing Compliance and Independent Play
 - Step 4. When Praise Is Not Enough: Poker Chips and Points
 - Step 5. Time Out and Other Disciplinary Methods
 - Step 6. Extending Time Out to Other Misbehavior
 - Step 7. Anticipating Problems: Managing Children in Public Places
 - Step 8. Improving School Behavior from Home: The Daily School Behavior Report Card
 - Step 9. Handling Future Behavior Problems
 - Step 10. Booster Session and Follow-Up Meetings

Disruptive Behavior: Defiant Children

Ages/Grades Parents of children 2-12 years old

Format Varies

Materials Therapist Manual (includes handouts; \$34)

Trainings None required

Language English, Spanish

More information http://russellbarkley.org

Disruptive Behavior: Incredible Years

- Parent Training Programs
 - Babies & Toddlers (0-3 years)
 - BASIC Early Childhood (3-6 years)
 - BASIC School-Age (6-12 years)
 - ADVANCED (6-12 years)
- Strengthen parenting competencies
 - Monitoring, positive discipline, confidence
- Foster parents' involvement in children's school experiences



Disruptive Behavior: Incredible Years

- Child Training Programs
 - Dinosaur Social Skills and Problem Solving curriculum
 - Dina Dinosaur Child Training Programs (small group therapy)
 - Dina Dinosaur Classroom Curriculum (prevention)
- Skills
 - Understanding and communicating feelings
 - Using effective problem solving strategies
 - Managing anger
 - Practicing friendship and conversational skills
 - Appropriate classroom behaviors

Disruptive Behavior: Incredible Years

Ages/Grades Parents of children birth-12 years old

Children 4-8 years old

Format Parent training: Varies

Child training: 18-20 weekly 2-hour sessions

Groups of 6

Materials Parent Programs (\$1000-2000)

Child Programs (\$1150-1250)

Trainings Highly recommended

3-Day Group Leader Training Workshops (\$400)

Certification available

Language English, Spanish, French, Norwegian, Swedish,

Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Finnish, Chinese

More information http://www.incredibleyears.com/

Disruptive Behavior: Coping Power

- Preventive intervention for youth at risk for substance use and delinquency
- Developed as a school-based program
- Child and parent component
- Addresses:
 - Social competence
 - Self-regulation
 - Positive parental involvement



Coping Power

Disruptive Behavior: Coping Power

Child Component

- Ability to set short and long term goals
- Organization and study skills
- Anger management skills
- Social skills
- Problem-solving skills
- Ability to resist to peer pressure
- Entry into positive peer groups

Parent Component

- Praise and positive attention
- Clear rules and expectations
- Promotion of child study skills
- Appropriate discipline practices
- Parental stress management
- Family communication and problemsolving
- Reinforcement of problem-solving skills the children the learn in Coping Power

Disruptive Behavior: Coping Power

Ages/Grades Children grades 4-6 + parents

Format Child component: 34 weekly group sessions + periodic

individual sessions

Parent component: 16 weekly group sessions + periodic

individual sessions and home visits

15-18 months (abbreviated version available)

Materials Group Facilitator Manuals (\$60)

Child Workbook(\$67 set of 8)

Parent Workbook (\$100 set of 8)

Trainings Recommended

2-3-Day Workshops

Language English

More information www.copingpower.com

Disruptive Behavior: Anger Coping Program

- Social relations intervention for aggressive/rejected youth
- Designed to inhibit responses of violence and aggravation

Disruptive Behavior: Anger Coping Program

- Social skills training + CBT =
 deliberate, non-impulsive problem solving skills
- Components
 - Social problem solving
 - Positive play training
 - Group-entry skill training
 - Dealing effectively with strong negative feelings

Disruptive Behavior: Anger Coping Program

Ages/Grades Grades 3-6

Format Varies

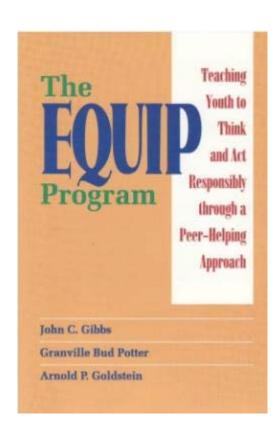
Materials Therapist Manual (\$26)

Trainings Available (Coping Power training)

Language English, Spanish

More information http://www.copingpower.com/Manuals.aspx

Disruptive Behavior: EQUIP Program



- A three-part intervention
 - Moral judgment
 - Anger management/correction of thinking errors
 - Pro-social skills
- Two types of group sessions
 - Equipment Meetings
 - Leader taught
 - Mutual Help Meetings
 - Leader coaches students as they use the skills they've learned to help each other

Disruptive Behavior: EQUIP Program

Ages/Grades Middle School – High School

Format Varies

Materials EQUIP Book(\$30)

EQUIP Implementation Guide (\$33)

Book + Implementation Guide (\$57)

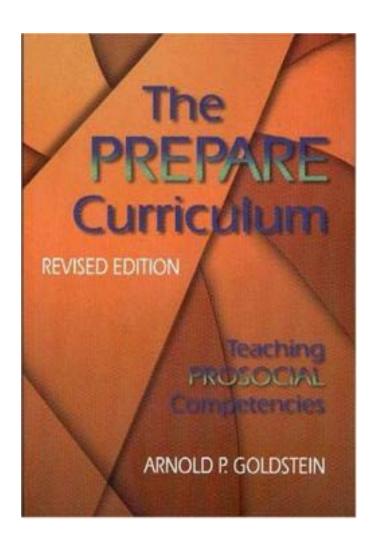
Trainings Not required

Language English

More information https://www.researchpress.com/books/528/equip-program

Disruptive Behavior: The PREPARE Curriculum

- ☐ Three target areas:
 - Reducing aggression
 - Reducing stress
 - Reducing prejudice
- \square 93 exercises:
 - **□** Games
 - Role plays
 - Reading and writing
 - Drawing
 - Brainstorming
 - Group discussion
 - Relaxation
 - Tape recordings
 - Photography



Disruptive Behavior: The PREPARE Curriculum

Ages/Grades Middle School – High School

Can be adapted for younger children

Format 10 sessions

Materials Manual (\$40)

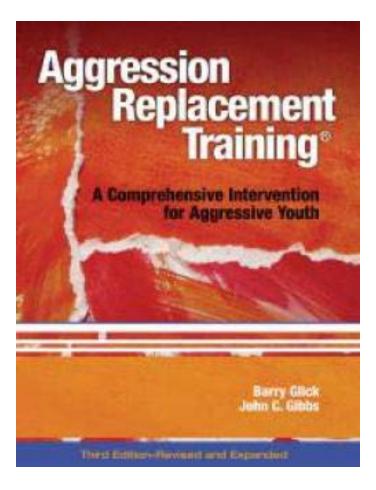
Trainings In-service trainings and workshops available

Language English

More information

https://www.researchpress.com/books/818/prepare-curriculum

Disruptive Behavior: Aggression Replacement Training



- Three components:
 - Social Skills Training
 - Anger Control Training
 - How to respond in a nonaggressive manner and rethink anger-provoking situations
 - Moral Reasoning
 - Raise level of fairness, justice, and concern for the needs and rights of others

Disruptive Behavior: Aggression Replacement Training

- Social Skills Training
 - Behavioral component
 - Utilizes Skillstreaming curriculum
- Anger Control Training
 - Affective component
 - Utilizes CBT
- Moral Reasoning
 - Cognitive component
 - Utilizes hypothetical "problem situations"

Disruptive Behavior: Aggression Replacement Training

Ages/Grades Middle School – High School

Format 10 sessions for each component

Materials Manual (\$40)

Trainings In-service trainings and workshops available

Language English

More information www.aggressionreplacementtraining.com

Divorce

• Children of Divorce Intervention Program

Divorce: Children of Divorce Intervention Program

• Goals:

- Minimize emotional and behavioral problems
- Increase ability to identify and appropriately express feelings
- Increase understanding and acceptance of divorce-related concepts
- Reduce anxiety and worry
- Build confidence

• Benefits:

- Children share their experiences and learn from one another
- Reduced desire to blame self or someone else for the divorce
- Increased coping and problems solving skills
- Enhanced positive perceptions of self and family

Divorce: Children of Divorce Intervention Program

Ages/Grades Grades K-8

Format 12-15 sessions Materials Manuals (\$125)

Trainings Available, but not program specific

Language English

More information www.childrensinstitute.net/programs/codip

Resources for EBT's

- SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices
 - www.nrepp.samhsa.gov
- California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare
 - www.cebc4cw.org