

Mental Health Primary Resources

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<p>National Child Welfare Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice. (2003). <i>Best practice/next practice. Best Practice/Next Practice</i>, Summer 2-31.</p>	<p>This publication contains multiple articles focusing on the challenges within the child welfare system with respect to children and families with mental health issues. Articles include issues regarding the need for system-wide changes to permit more effective mental health diagnosis, assessment and access and delivery of services. Also, discussed in several articles is the critical role played by the foster families in a child's mental health treatment. Additionally, cross-system (child welfare, mental health, juvenile justice, education) coordination and cooperation is discussed fully, with suggestions made.</p>	<p>Good overview highlighting mental health challenges facing the child welfare system, with several articles containing some excellent system-wide suggestions. Also, good quick reference of common disorders diagnosed in children (i.e. ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, PDD, among others).</p>
<p>Skowyra, K.R., & Coccozza, J.J. (2007). <i>Blueprint for change: A comprehensive model for the identification and treatment of youth with mental health needs in contact with the juvenile justice system</i>. Delmar, NY: The National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (OJJDP Grant # 2001-BR-JX-0001). Retrieved January 11, 2011, from http://www.ncmhjj.com/Blueprint/default.shtml.</p>	<p>This publication was developed with funding provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and is heavily geared towards youth in the juvenile justice system. The Model is suggested for use in developing strategies, policies and services aimed at improving mental health services for youth involved with the juvenile justice system with emphasis on the four areas of collaboration, identification, diversion and treatment. A summary of what is known about the best way to identify and treat mental disorders among youth at key stages of juvenile justice processing is provided.</p>	<p>Given the cross-over of youth in dependency and delinquency systems, this is good background information for any judge working with children in either system.</p>