

Mental Health Additional Resources

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<p>National Institute of Mental Health. (2008). <i>Mental health medications</i> (NIMH Publication No. 08-3929). Retrieved January 11, 2011, from http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/mental-health-medications/index.shtml</p>	<p>This website is very user-friendly. While the overall focus is geared towards adults and the general population, there are excellent links to issues specific to children. This includes a six-page fact sheet in simplistic language dealing with the Treatment of Children with Mental Illness, and other specialized publications dealing with topics of suicide, ADHD, autism, and coping with violence and disasters as they relate to children.</p>	<p>This is an excellent resource with a wealth of information on a wide-range of topics that is updated regularly.</p> <p>http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml</p>
<p>Duncan, R. (2007). <i>Judges' guide to mental health jargon: A quick reference for justice system practitioners</i>. Delmar, NY: Center for Mental Health Services.</p>	<p>This 106-page bound booklet is a product of the Judges' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative (JLI) and is a comprehensive resource for judges involved with criminal justice/mental health initiatives in their communities. It contains a reference guide with six tabbed sections devoted to mental health acronyms, treatment and supports, diagnoses, medications, frequently asked questions and resources.</p>	<p>This is not geared towards children or the juvenile system in anyway. May be most helpful in understanding the needs of adult household members of dependent children.</p> <p>http://www.prainc.com/flash/index.html</p>
<p>Osher, F.C. & Levine, I.S. (2005). <i>Navigating the mental health maze: A guide for court practitioners</i>. New York, NY: Council of State Governments. Retrieved January 11, 2011, from http://consensusproject.org/JLI/info/judges_resources/mhservices-JLI/index.html</p>	<p>This document of roughly forty pages is a great resource for topics related to adults. It contains an understandable analysis of how mental illnesses are diagnosed and relates the range of services needed for treatment in a community-based system of care.</p>	<p>Valuable as a secondary resource; not geared specifically towards children.</p> <p>http://consensusproject.org/</p>

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<p>Tynan, D.W. (2010, Jan 22). <i>Conduct disorder</i>. Retrieved February 15, 2011, from http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/918213-overview</p>	<p>Conduct Disorder (CD) is one of the most difficult and intractable mental health problems in children and adolescents. Marked by chronic conflict with parents, teachers and peers CD can result in damage to property and physical injury. Behaviors used to classify CD fall into four main categories: (1) aggression toward people and animals; (2) destruction of property without aggression toward people and animals; (3) deceitfulness, lying and theft; and (4) serious violations of rules. Parent Management Training (PMT) is highlighted as an effective strategy.</p>	<p>This article provides an outstanding overview of this CD, along with a vivid description of its progression as the child ages and possible treatments.</p> <p>http://emedicine.medscape.com/</p>
<p>Dicker, S., Gordon, E., & New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. (2004). <i>Ensuring the healthy development of infants in foster care: A guide for judges, advocates & child welfare professionals</i>. Ret. from http://main.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=ter_pub_courtteam.</p>	<p>This article is an excellent overview for judges to assess whether an infant is receiving appropriate mental health evaluations and care.</p>	<p>The article is well referenced and clearly written. It makes a compelling case for better services for maltreated children and suggests how judges can play a role.</p> <p>http://www.courts.state.ny.us/</p>
<p>Silver, J & Dicker, S. (2007). Mental health assessment of infants in foster care. <i>Child Welfare Journal</i>, 86(5), 35-55.</p> <p>http://www.cwla.org/articles/cwjabstracts.htm Volume 86:5</p>	<p>This article summarizes existing guidelines for infant mental health assessments and recommends practice modifications based on legal requirements and other distinctive issues associated with foster care. It includes information on when mental health assessments should occur and what the necessary components of an evaluation are. It also stresses that mental health evaluations must take into account the infants' atypical life experiences and the complexity imparted by the wide variety of stakeholders, including parents, foster parents, child welfare professionals, attorneys and judges.</p>	<p>This paper informs the professional practice of those involved in the mental health assessment of infants in foster care. Thus, the information is not directly relevant to judges, but could be useful because it contains information about the overlap between legal considerations and effective mental health evaluations.</p>