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To increase your effectiveness with the various manifestations of child anxiety, Dawn will address each of the following disorders with case examples and clinical vignettes:

- Separation Anxiety Disorder
- Panic Disorder
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder
- Obsessive-compulsive disorders (including skin picking and hair pulling)
- Social Anxiety Disorder/Selective Mutism
- Specific phobias
- Trauma- and Stressor-related disorders

Emphasis will be on creative psychotherapy involving insight-oriented, cognitive-behavioral, biological, mindfulness, and family systems interventions.

OBTECTIVES

- 1. Incorporate motivational therapeutic activities into your practice to improve client engagement in treatment.
- 2. Implement structured clinical interviewing strategies to aid in developing comprehensive treatment plans.
- 3. Summarize the "3 ingredient framework" of how anxiety develops in children to assist with assessment and treatment planning.
- 4. Analyze the efficacy of prescription drugs as compared to complementary medicine for treatment of anxiety symptoms in children.
- 5. Implement a three-step skill building model for stress management among young
- 6. Evaluate exposure therapy interventions for effective treatment of OCD, separation anxiety, social anxiety and phobias.
- 7. Design effective strategies to decrease the stress response in kids with learning disabilities to improve information processing, listening skills, and comprehension.

- 8. Implement calming techniques to reduce overall anxiety, such as mindfulness and yoga, to reduce fight or flight response and simultaneously engage the relaxation
- Evaluate the impact deep breathing exercises have on anxiety to enable task completion in children with ADHD.
- 10. Utilize specific anxiety techniques to minimize the ruminative nature of obsessive thoughts that often precede dysfunctional compulsive behaviors.
- 11. Teach clients to engage the parasympathetic nervous system to create new neuropathways to reduce hyper arousal and decrease maladaptive behaviors.
- 12. Implement clinical strategies to decrease symptoms of pervasive separation anxiety in children and adolescents.

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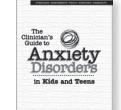
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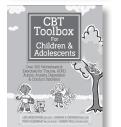


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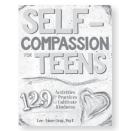


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- What research tells us about therapy effectiveness applied to children
- How anxiety develops in children: the "Three Ingredients Framework"
- Biological sensitivity
- Anxiety personality style
- Stress overload
- Treatment goals, strategies and 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
- Nature's remedies
- Herbal treatments
- Homeopathy
- 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
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