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Mental Health Matters in Early Childhood

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Agenda: Tools For Your Clinical Toolbox

- Why Mental Health Matters in Early Childhood
- Signs and Symptoms
- History of Mental Health Assessment
- PTSD
- ADHD
- ASD
- FASD
- Depression and suicidal behavior
- Resiliency and protective factors





The Time Is NOW!

*"Jim" age 26

- **Incarcerated**
- **No family or friends**
- **History of violence**
- **Long history of drug and alcohol abuse**



*"Jimmy" age 10 months

- **Removed from parents' care at birth**
- **Currently in 3rd resource/foster home**
- **Family history of domestic violence**
- **Born prenatally exposed to drugs and alcohol**



*fictitious person



What Can We Do For Little “Jimmy” NOW?Over Time?

Adult & Adolescent Mental Health By The Numbers

1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year

1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year

1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year

50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and **75%** by age 24

Suicide is the **2nd leading** cause of death among people aged 10-34

Source: NAMI

Early Childhood Mental Health Numbers

ADHD, behavior problems, anxiety, and depression are the most commonly diagnosed mental disorders in children

9.4% of children aged 2-17 years (approximately 6.1 million) have received an ADHD diagnosis.

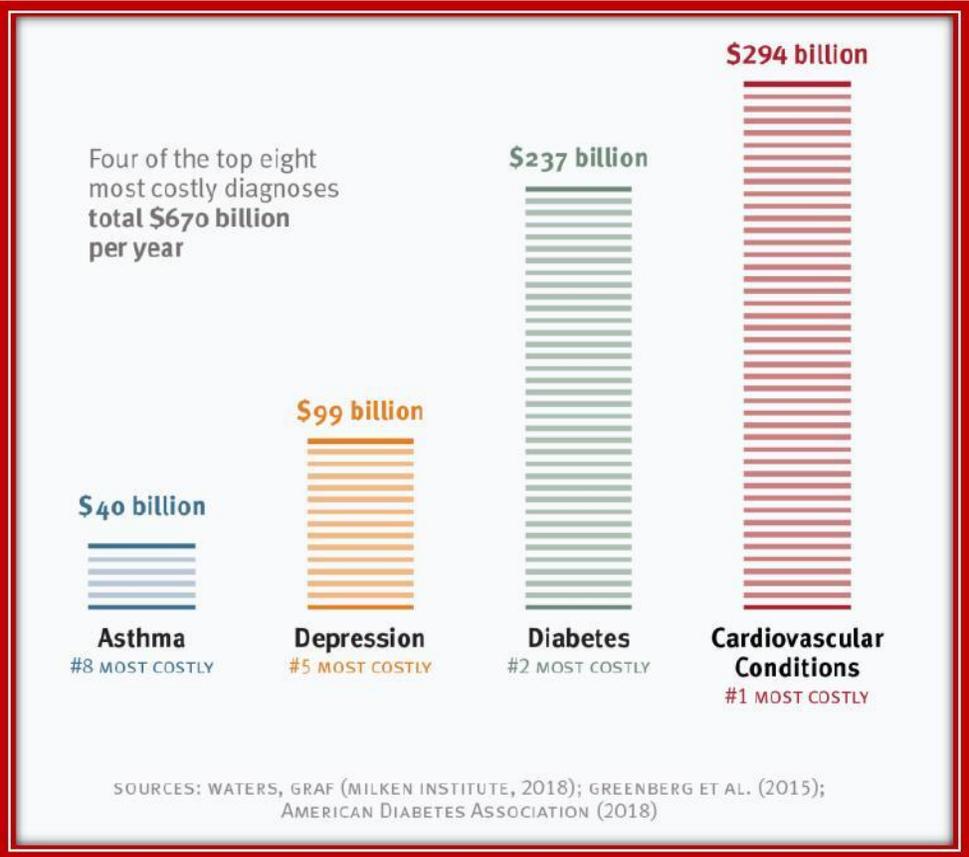
7.4% of children aged 3-17 years (approximately 4.5 million) have a diagnosed behavior problem

7.1% of children aged 3-17 years (approximately 4.4 million) have diagnosed anxiety

3.2% of children aged 3-17 years (approximately 1.9 million) have diagnosed depression

Source: CDC

Adult Diseases Associated with Childhood Adversity & Impact on U.S. Health Care Costs

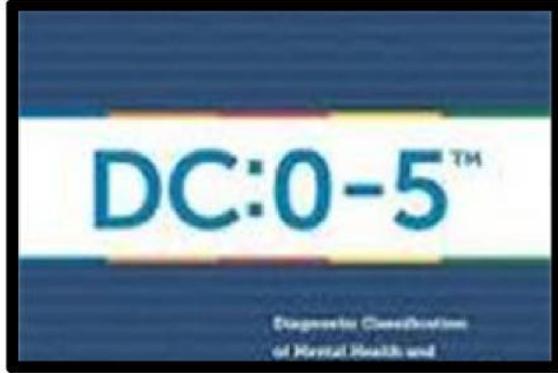




Signs of Wellness



Historical Perspective



1893: ICD-1

1949: ICD-6

1952:
DSM-1

1968:
DSM-II

1980: DSM-III

1987:
DSM-R

1994:
DSM-IV

1994: DC
0-3

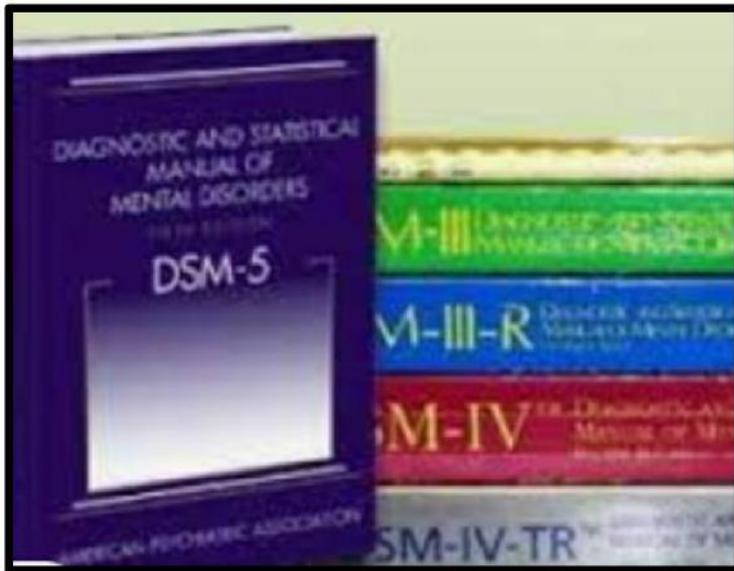
1997: DC 0-3
casebook

2000:
DSM-IV-TR

2005: DC
0-3R

2013: DSM 5

2017:
DC:0-5



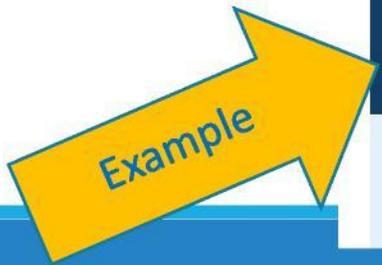
Crosswalk : DSM5 - DC: 0-5 - ICD 10

- Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- Sensory Processing
- Anxiety Disorders
- Mood Disorders
- Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders
- Sleep, Eating, and Crying Disorders
- Trauma, Stress, and Deprivation Disorders
- Relationship Disorder



Sleep, Eating, and Crying Disorders

Sleep Disorders



DC:0-5™	DSM-5	ICD-10	ICD-10 Code
Sleep Onset Disorder	Insomnia Disorder	Nonorganic Insomnia	F51.0

Trauma

- A thorough assessment starts with asking questions about stress and trauma exposure
- **Types**
- **Acute trauma**
- **Chronic trauma**
- **Complex trauma**



Using a Trauma-Informed Approach

Understands the impact of trauma on behavior, development, and relationships

Takes the child's developmental level into consideration

Integrates this understanding into treatment planning

Understands the provider's role in responding to child traumatic stress

Reflects sensitively to the family



How is Early Childhood Trauma Unique?

- Profound sensory impact
 - Less able to anticipate danger or to know how to keep safe
 - Cannot express in words whether they feel afraid, overwhelmed or helpless
 - Early childhood trauma has been associated with reduced size of the brain cortex
 - Exclusive dependence on parents/caregivers for survival and protection—both physical and emotional

National Childhood Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN), www.nctsn.org

Symptoms and Behaviors Associated with Exposure to Trauma

- Returning to behaviors shown at earlier ages
- Problems with toileting (bedwetting, soiling)
- Thumb sucking
- Fear of the dark
- Loss of language skills and acquired language
- Memory problems
- More immature behaviors
- Aimless motion, disorganized behaviors, and or/freezing
- Behavior changes
- Fear of being separated from parent/caregiver
- More clinging and dependent behaviors
- More aggressive behaviors
- More withdrawn behaviors showing little emotion
- More crying, whimpering, screaming, tantrums
- Unable to comfort self
- Difficulty falling asleep, night waking
- Less ability to tolerate frustration



Effects of Trauma Exposure:

Neurological / Biological:

- Disruptions in biological / regulatory rhythms
- Fundamental changes to structure and function of developing brain
- Problems with movement and sensation
- Somatic symptoms, increased medical problems.

Self-Regulation:

- Challenges regulating affect, attention, action, and arousal
- Difficulty knowing and describing their feelings and internal states.

Attachment

- Challenges to basic trust and safety
- Socially indiscriminate, lack of selectivity or preference
- Attachment disturbances, insecure patterns of attachment

Developmental:

- Regression - loss of previously acquired skills or disruption in developmental progress
- Exacerbation of normative developmental fears

Effects of Trauma Exposure (Cont.)

Social relatedness:

- Lack of consistent or discernable engagement vs. disengagement cues
- Avoidance or indiscriminate patterns of social interaction
- Difficulties with pro-social skills; sibling relational aggression

Behavioral control

- Poor impulse control
- Self-destructive or injurious behavior
- Aggression

Cognition:

- Difficulty focusing on and completing tasks, or planning for and anticipating future events.
- Some exhibit learning difficulties and problems with language development.

The Impact of Trauma: Still Face Experiment

- <https://youtu.be/apzXGEbZht0>



Autism Spectrum Disorder

A behaviorally described disorder affecting 1:44 children

Core features include Difficulties With:

Social Skills

Verbal and Nonverbal Communication

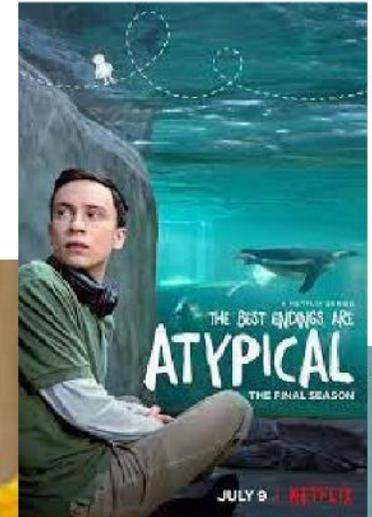
Repetitive behaviors /Restricted interests



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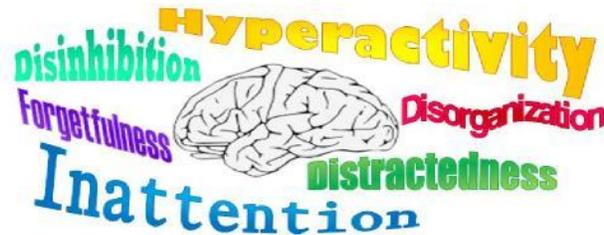
- Changes in our diagnostic system: As of 2013 the terms Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder were replaced by the single term Autism Spectrum Disorder or ASD
- Use of levels to define need for support
- ASD is different from cognitive delay
- Growing support for an increase in girls with ASD
- More individuals with ASD identify as gender non-conforming, fluid, trans, etc
- Neurodiversity movement

ASD in the Media Over Time..



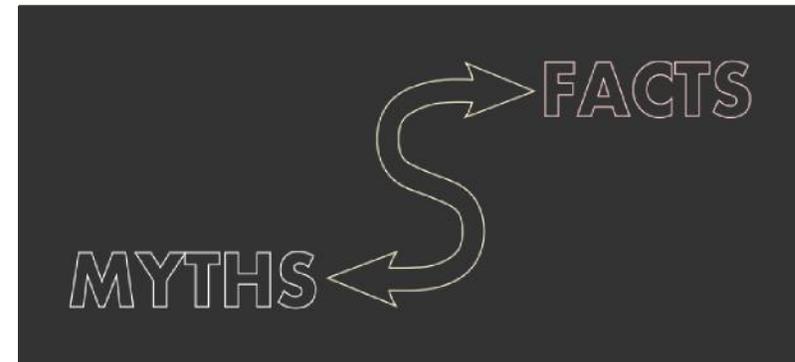
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

- A persistent pattern of **inattention** and/or **hyperactivity-impulsivity** that interferes with functioning or development:
- Several inattentive or hyperactive-impulsive symptoms present prior to age 12 years
- Several inattentive or hyperactive-impulsive symptoms present in two or more settings (e.g. at home, school or work; with friends or relatives; in other activities)
- Clear evidence that the symptoms interfere with life
- Symptoms are not better explained by another mental disorder or an event
- Different levels of severity

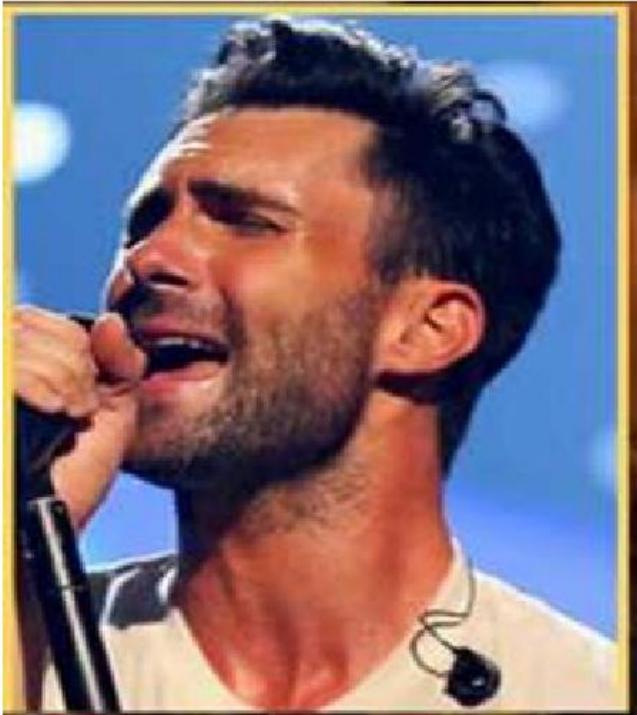


Myths About ADHD

- ADHD isn't a "real" diagnosis
- All individuals with ADHD are hyperactive
- Individuals with ADHD cannot pay attention
- Individuals with ADHD are not smart
- Medication is the only treatment for ADHD



Famous People With ADHD



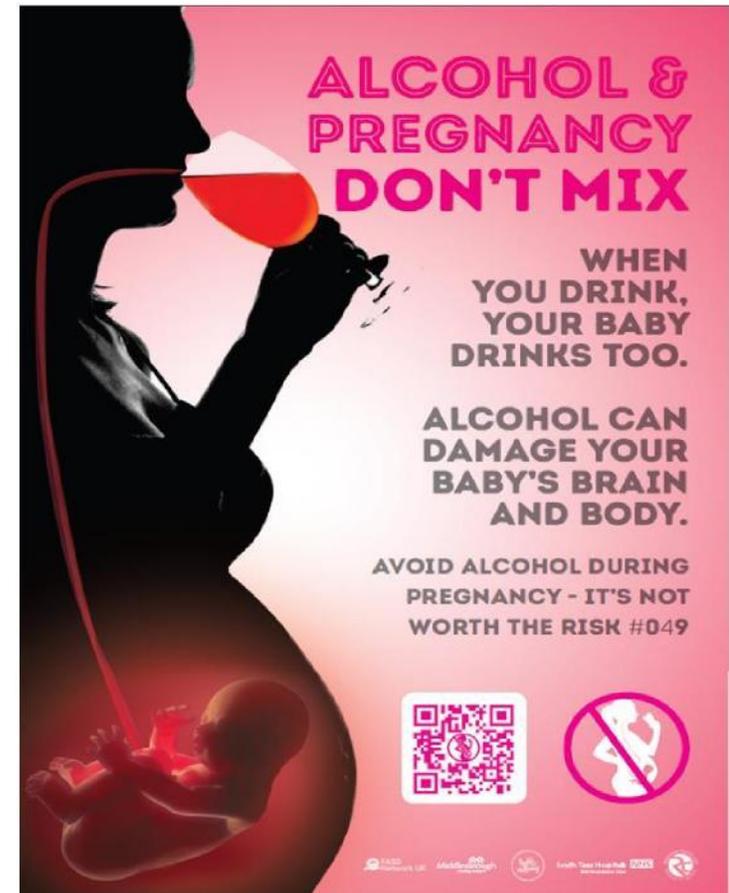
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

- Of all the substances people abuse ---including cocaine, heroin and marijuana--- alcohol produces the most serious neurobehavioral effects in the fetus
- No predictable correlation exists between the amount of alcohol exposure and the likelihood of development of an FASD
- During pregnancy, there is no safe time no safe amount, no safe type of alcohol



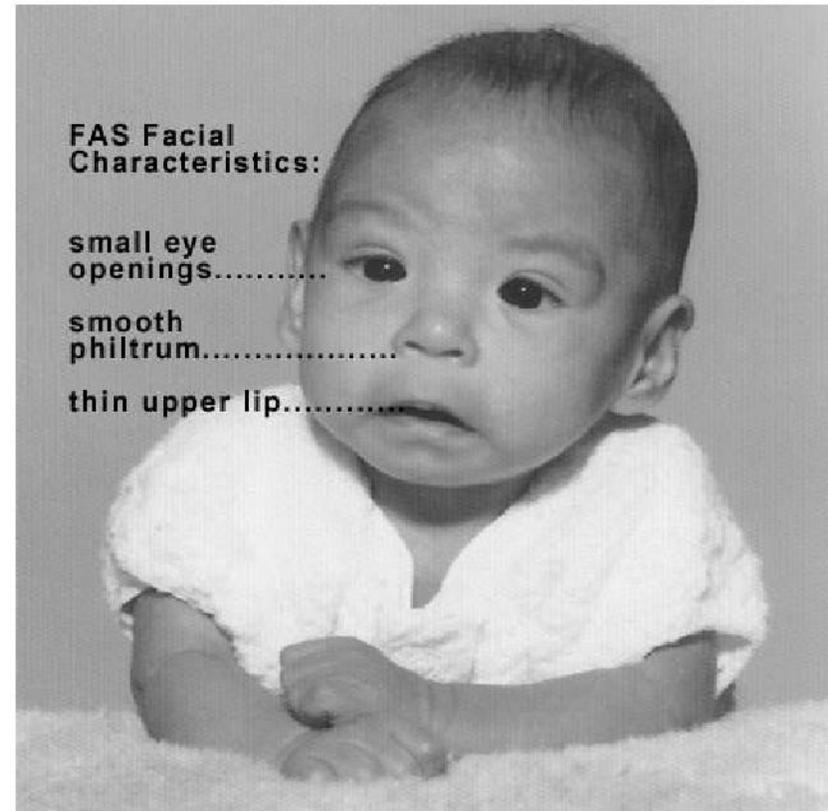
Criteria for FASD

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Contributing Factors to FASD

- 45% of pregnancies are unplanned
- Unaware of pregnancy until 8 or more weeks
- Lack of knowledge and misconceptions about alcohol use while pregnant
- May not think of beer or wine as 'alcohol'
- May not be aware of or are in denial of the amount they drink
- Mixed messages

Behaviors seen with FASD

Babies

- Irritable, nervous, or sensitive to sound and light
- Cry often
- Very quiet and not very responsive

Children

- Aggression or defiant behaviors
- Depression or psychosis
- Anger control problems
- Poor impulse control
- Attention problems
- Difficulties with problem-solving
- Poor social skills
- Sensory processing issues





Childhood Depression

- Does the baby appear withdrawn, perhaps frequently staring into space?
- Does the baby's facial expression appear sad (infrequent smiling)?
- Is the baby expressing a vibrant range of emotions?
- Is it difficult to get your baby to engage with you socially?
- Is the baby quiet and subdued?
- Is there interest in toy play as expected for age?
- Is this behavior a change from the baby's usual **presentation and temperament**?

Risks for Self Injury and Suicide

Prior suicide attempts

Family history of suicide

History of mental health conditions such as severe depression, anxiety disorders and psychotic disorders
Substance misuse

Impulsivity or aggressiveness

Serious family problems

Breakups or other major relationship losses

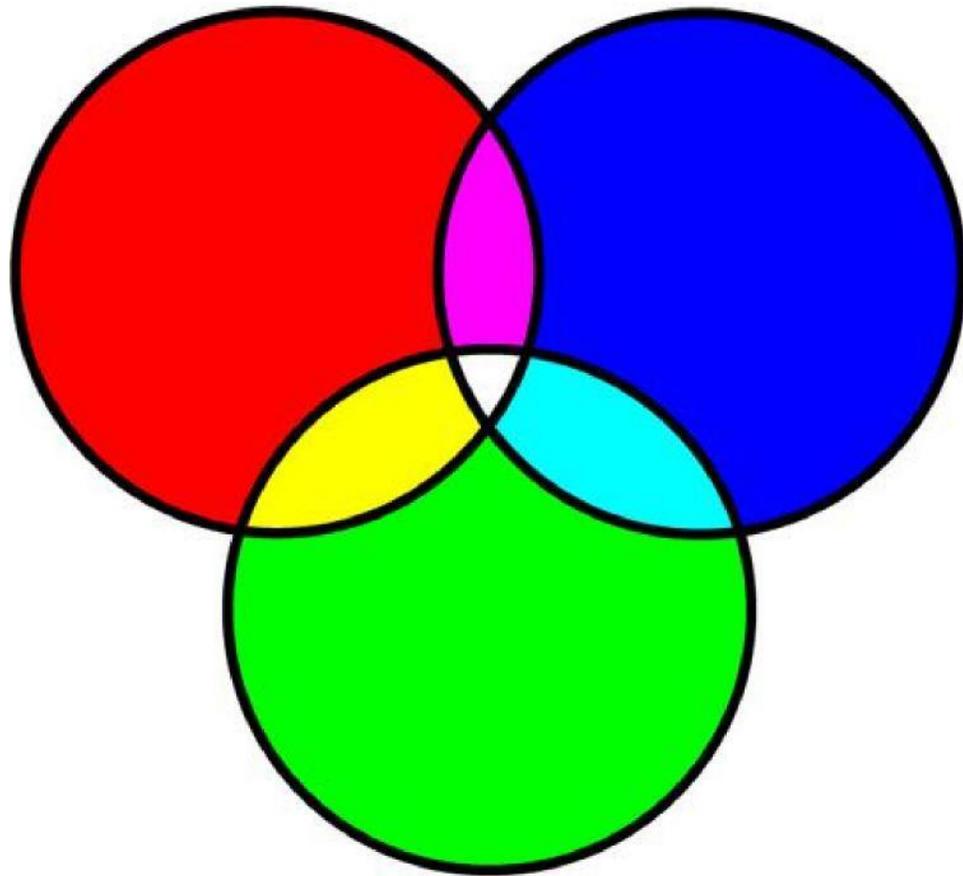
Access to means for self-harm (unsecured firearms, prescription medications, poisons)

Social isolation

History of traumatic experiences such as sexual violence or severe episodes of racial prejudice/violence, bullying

Lack of access to mental health
care

Multiple exposures to suicide in one's community or through unsafe coverage of suicide in the media



Overlapping Symptoms of Childhood Disorders

Trauma Reactions

ASD

ADHD

FASD

Depression

ODD

Anxiety

Auditory Processing Disorder

Sensory Processing Challenges

OCD

Gifted

Motor Coordination Disorder

“Nathan’s” Story



Changes in Cognition Over Time

Differential Ability Scales 2nd Edition

	Age 3	Age 5
Verbal	92 (Average)	114 (Above Average)
Nonverbal Reasoning	100 (Average)	115 (Above Average)
Spatial	108 (Average)	123 (High)
General Cognitive Ability	100 (Average)	122 (High)

ADOS-2 and Diagnostic Impression

Age 2 Module 1	Age 3 Module 2	Age 5 Module 3
<i>Just Met</i> classification for autism spectrum	Met classification for autism spectrum	Non-spectrum
Adjustment Disorder primary	Adjustment Disorder primary	No diagnoses
Expressive Language Disorder Rule out PDDNOS vs. Early signs of ADHD	PDDNOS Provisional	

Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework



Protective Factors: In our systems & in our homes





Health Steps

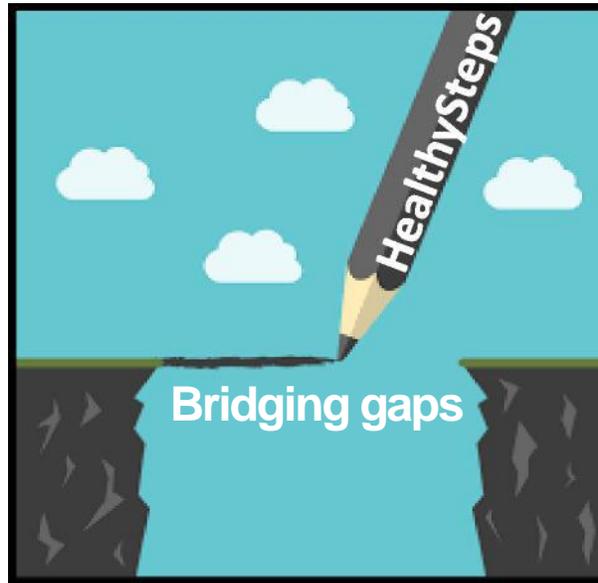
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A Program of ZERO TO THREE



Developmental Specialists

Partners in Primary Care

- Team-based well-child visits for children birth-5
- Developmental and mental health screening
- Care coordination around recommendations/referrals
- More frequent consultation for behavior and development
- Support for parents, including depression screening and linkage to services



What Have We Learned? Rate of Need



*FY20-21 data

<https://youtu.be/Yn8j4XRxSck>



Questions?

