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Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

May is Mental Health Month. This issue is devoted to library resources on infant and early childhood mental health, including social and emotional development.

Check out the new additions to the collection on page 10!

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health - Books

The ASQ:SE User's Guide for the Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional (English and Spanish) Jane Squires, Diane Bricker and Elizabeth Twombly, 2002. (525 S774 2002 ECI).

This book contains both the English and Spanish version of the questionnaires, which offer a system for assessing children's socialemotional development at 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48, and 60 months, and a user's guide to accompany both.

Assessment of Childhood Disorders. Eric J. Mash, 1997. (227 M378 ECI).

This book considers the assessment of children with challenging behaviors and families from a behavioral systems perspective. A major focus of the book is on the family and the broader social environment as a context for understanding the child's strengths and weaknesses and as a focus for assessment and intervention. The book considers behavior, emotional, social, developmental and health-related disorders as well as children at risk for abuse and the problems of adolescence.

Attachment and Psychopathology. Leslie Atkinson and Kenneth J. Zucker, 1997. (271.5 A876 1997 ECI).

This book contains information about attachment and psychopathology in three sections: general considerations, risk and prediction, and in the clinic.

NEW! Beautiful Beginnings : A Developmental Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers. Helen H. Raikes, 2006. (525 R151b 2006 ECI). Developed by two research consultants for Early Head Start, this extensive

curriculum takes a joyful activity-based approach to enhancing the development of infants and toddlers. This research-supported curriculum helps children progress in their social and emotional development.

Behavioral Problems in Preschool Children: Clinical and

Developmental Issues. Susan B. Campbell, 1990. (540 C153 1990 ECI). This volume focuses exclusively on children from toddlers through the preschool period. It integrates theory with clinical and developmental research, and presents illustrative case material. It provides practitioners and researchers as well as child psychiatrists, social workers, pediatricians, and nurses an account of this significant stage in the behavioral development of children.

Best Beginnings: Helping Parents Make a Difference Through Individualized Anticipatory Guidance: Handouts for Parents (Birth to Three Years). Brenda Hussey-Gardner, 1999. (555.5 H972 1999 ECI). This binder contains information professionals may give to parents about what to expect in their child's current and next developmental phases. Best Beginnings addresses issues related to child development in each of the five developmental domains: cognition, language, motor, social-emotional, and self-help. It also addresses issues related to feeding, sleeping, guiding behavior, toilet learning, and choosing a preschool. It includes a Best Beginnings chart.

Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health Practice Guide. Michael Jellinek, 2002. (266.5 J48 2002 ECI). This book focuses on promotion of mental health and on prevention and early recognition of psychosocial problems and mental disorders. The information and resources in this guide provide primary care health professionals with the tools needed to promote mental health in children, adolescents, and their families, to recognize the early stages of mental health problems and mental disorders, and to intervene appropriately.

Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health Tool Kit. Michael Jellinek, 2002. (266.5 J48 2002 ECI). The materials in this tool kit accompany, *Bright Futures in Practice: Mental Health: Practice Guide*, and contain materials for health professionals or families to use as they go through the Practice Guide, and may be photocopied for individual use.

Building Strong Foundations: Practical Guidance for Promoting the Social-Emotional Development of Infants and Toddlers. Rebecca Parlakian, 2003. (266.5 P252 2003 ECI).

This publication provides readers with a thorough grounding in how supportive relationships promote the socialemotional development of very young children. It includes a description of what infant mental health is; what is so important about good relationships; good relationships are catching; practical strategies for promoting infant mental health; and guidelines for identifying infant mental health needs.

The Carey Temperament Scales: Professional Practice Set, Test Manual, and Users Guide. (540 C188 1995 ECI).

This is a series of behavioral rating instruments developed by William B. Carey, M. D. and associates for assessing temperamental characteristics in infants and children up to 12 years of age. The questionnaires in the Carey series measure nine temperament characteristics: activity level, rhythmicity, approach-withdrawal, adaptability, intensity, mood, attention span and persistence, distractibility, and sensory threshold.

Case Management for Children's Mental Health: A Training Curriculum for Child-Serving Agencies. Lenore Behar and Irene Nathan Zipper, 1994. (555.5 B395 1994 ECI).

Effective services for children and families should be planned and provided through a collaborative effort involving children, families, and service providers. This curriculum is aimed at addressing the need for service providers who value collaboration. It explores the broad range of issues in case management for children's mental health. Modules include an introduction to case management, diversity and cultural competence, crisis intervention, team development, and survival skills for the case manager.

Case Studies in Infant Mental Health: Risk, Resiliency and Relationships. Joan J. Shirilla, 2002. (266.5 C337 2002 ECI).

This volume contains twelve detailed and diverse case studies written by infant mental health specialists about their work with a young child and family. Each case study reveals the supervision and consultation that supported the specialist and the specialists' interaction with the larger service system.

The Child with Special Needs: Encouraging Intellectual and Emotional Growth. Stanley I. Greenspan and Serena Wieder, 1998. (540 G858 1998 ECI).

This book presents a complete, step-by-step approach for parents, educators, and others who work with children with developmental problems. It covers all kinds of disabilities (autism, PDD, language and speech delays, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and others) while offering an understanding of the nature of these challenges as well as offering specific ways of helping children extend their intellectual and emotional potential. Sections include: discovering each child's unique strengths, developmental capacities, and challenges; encouraging emotional and intellectual growth; and family, therapy, and school.

Children's Mental Health: Creating Systems of Care in a Changing Society. Beth A. Stroul, 1996. (266.5 S925c 1996 ECI).

This volume presents a road map for designing and implementing comprehensive, community-based and family-focused mental health services for children of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Children's Psychological Testing: A Guide for Nonpsychologists. David Woodrich, 1997. (266.5 W819 ECI). This book explains in layperson's terms the principles behind psychological testing, the definitions of key terminology, and how psychologists interpret test data. Practitioners and students will learn about the validity and reliability of numerous widely used measures of intelligence, special abilities, behavioral and emotional status, and academic achievement. Special attention is given to instruments used for developing IEPs and for identifying children for services under IDEA.

Child's Play: Revisiting Play in Early Childhood Settings. Elizabeth Dau, 1999. (655.2 D235 1999 ECI). A variety of experts present their ideas about play and how it furthers the social, cognitive, and emotional development of the young child. The author emphasizes the importance of social skills and the development of attitudes.

Coping in Young Children: Early Intervention Practices to Enhance Adaptive Behavior and Resilience. Shirley Zeitlin, 1994. (540 Z37 1994 ECI).

This book describes ways to assist children to integrate and apply their developmental skills for greater flexibility, self-initiation, social reciprocity, and independent problem solving.

DC 0-3 Casebook: A Guide to the Use of Zero to Three's Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood in Assessment and Treatment Planning. Alicia F. Lieberman, 1997. (226.5 L615 ECI).

This book, a system for diagnostic classification of mental health and developmental disorders of infancy and early childhood, encourages clinicians to try to understand the developmental process in the earliest years of life.

Developing Outcome Strategies in Children's Mental Health. Mario Hernandez, 2001. (266.5 H557 2001 ECI). This book presents the process of measuring and evaluating outcomes in mental health services for children.

Developmental Play Group Guide. Barbara C. Browne, 1995. (655.2 B816 1995 ECI).

This book presents the developmental play model which is geared to teach parents and caregivers about many of the skills required for infants to become developmentally competent. It contains bilingual (English-Spanish) lesson plans which are based on the belief that cognitive understanding, emotional development, social skills, language use, and physical and motor development are all influenced by the child's play experiences.

Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood: DC: 0-3R, Rev. ed. (520 D574 2005 ECI).

This book seeks to address the need for a systematic, developmentally based approach to the classification of mental health and developmental difficulties in the first four years of life. It is designed to complement existing medical and developmental frameworks for understanding mental health and developmental problems in the earliest years.

Early Intervention with High-Risk Children: Freeing Prisoners of Circumstance. Arthur Zelman, 1996. (227.2 Z38 ECI).

Many children live in circumstances that threaten their emotional and physical development. What they face: abuse, abandonment, neglect, domestic violence, homelessness, and parental mental illness, is painful in the extreme. This book describes innovative intervention techniques and modalities effective with these children.

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education: Recommended Practices. Samuel L. Odom, 1996. (556.1 O25e 1996 ECI).

This book includes a chapter titled, "Strategies for Promoting Social Interaction and Emotional Development in Infants and Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families."

Emotional Connections: How Relationships Guide Early Learning. Perry M. Butterfield, Carole A. Martin and Arleen Prairie, 2004. (540 B988e 2004 ECI)

This book includes the following chapters: Relationships nurture early learning; The caregiver builds relationships; Relationships are emotional connections; Relationships foster a positive sense of self; Responsive relationships model and promote social skills; Relationships guide and regulate behavior; Relationships promote learning and cognition; Relationships promote language and literacy; Relationships with families; Making responsive relationships work in your program.

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Emotional Development in Young Children. Susanne A. Denham, 1998. (540 D393 1998 ECI).

This book presents information about the beginnings of emotional competence in young children. Denham looks at what toddlers and preschoolers understand about their own and other people's feelings, and the connections between emotions, socialization, and healthy relationships.

The Emotional Development of Young Children: Building an Emotion-Centered Curriculum. Marion C. Hyson, 1994. (540 H999 1994 ECI).

This book provides readers with an innovative resource that brings together theory and research into children's early emotional development, and applies this knowledge to practice. Proposing specific teaching strategies that advance children's understanding and appropriate expression of their emotions, Hyson focuses her suggestions for practice through the lens of classroom anecdotes drawn from observation. This book will serve as a text in graduate and undergraduate early education courses in curriculum and child development, and as an important reading for early childhood teacher educators, teachers, and school and child care administrators.

Enhancing Early Emotional Development: Guiding Parents of Young Children. Jean W. Gowen, 2002. (540 G722 2002 ECI).

This book helps home visitors, social workers, and other professionals provide the guidance and support parents of newborn children need to form secure attachments during the first two years of their child's life.

From Case Management to Service Coordination for Children with Emotional, Behavioral, or Mental Disorders: Building on Family Strengths. Barbara J. Friesen, 1995. (227.2 F913 ECI).

This book concerns the increasingly rapid changes in service coordination for child and adolescent mental health, examining the state of the field and detailing the shift to more collaborative, family-centered service delivery. This volume describes how to develop links among providers and among agencies. It also includes case studies drawn from successful programs that illustrate how to translate innovative ideas into practice.

From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development. Jack P. Shonkoff, 2000. (525 S559 2000 ECI)

This book presents knowledge about early childhood development and the effects of child care, family stress, brain development, and the parent's role in early development on children's development from before birth until the kindergarten years.

A Guide to Social-Emotional Growth and Socialization. J. Ronald Lally, 2002. (540 G722 2002 ECI). The purpose of this book is to present a wealth of information to help caregivers with their day-to-day efforts to nurture social and emotional growth in infants and toddlers.

Handbook of Infant Mental Health. Charles H. Zeanah, 2000. (266.5 Z41 2000 ECI).

This handbook offers a broad multidisciplinary analysis of the developmental, clinical, and social aspects of infant mental health. With chapters written by scholars and clinicians from a variety of perspectives, the work is grounded in a relational view of infancy and applies current research in developmental psychology to the problems encountered in clinical practice. It contains models of development, risk conditions and protective factors, and social policy considerations, as well as assessment, evaluation, and diagnosis for all children from birth to three years of age.

Helping Babies Learn: Developmental Profiles and Activities for Infants and Toddlers. Setsu Furuno, 1993. (525 F984 1993 ECI).

This book provides developmental activities that fit easily into daily life. Parents and professionals alike will enjoy a deeper understanding of child development and a renewed enthusiasm for encouraging - and enjoying - a child's growth. Developed by a team of professionals experienced in child development work, this book encompasses a wide range of developmental domains: social and emotional, cognitive, expressive language, gross motor skills, fine motor skills, and self-help.

Helping Children Take Healthy Steps: Abstracts of Selected Articles on Early Childhood Interventions. Jeanne Brooke Gunn, 1997. (555.5 B873 1997 ECI).

This book contains abstracts of articles on infant social and emotional development as well as other topics.

Infancy and Early Childhood: The Practice of Clinical Assessment and Intervention with Emotional and Developmental Challenges. Stanley Greenspan, 1992. (525 Gr853 1992 ECI).

Clinical work with infants, young children, and their families is mutually satisfying because of the unique opportunity to foster dramatic shifts toward adaptive development. This book includes detailed discussion of the steps in the assessment and treatment process, as well as detailed case studies.

Me, Myself and I: How Children Build Their Sense of Self 18 to 36 Months. Kyle D. Pruett, 1999. (520 P971 1999 ECI).

This clear, practical guide helps parents enhance their child's growth in language and social skills and cognitive and emotional development. It is the result of the author's decades of experience as a developmentalist and child-family psychiatrist and of important research in the field.

Mental Health Consultation In Early Childhood. Paul J. Donahue, 2000. (266.5 D674 2000 ECI). This book contains practical suggestions vignettes, and common sense information for the mental h

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Outcomes for Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders and Their Families: Programs and Evaluation Best Practices. Albert Duchnowski, Michael H. Epstein, and Krista Kutash, 1998. (560.4 E64o 1998 ECI).

This book provides descriptions and evaluations of programs that serve children who have emotional disturbances. A summary of applied research on interventions, mental health services, and case management is also included.

Pathways To Competence: Encouraging Healthy Social and Emotional Development in Young Children. Sarah Landy, 2002. (540 L264 2002 ECI).

Nine critical aspects of social and emotional development in children from birth to six years of age are covered in this comprehensive reference for anyone working with children. Aspects covered are a sense of body self, including body control and a positive body image; attachment to caregivers; play and imagination; language and communication; self-esteem; morality and conscience; emotion regulation; concentration, planning and problem solving; and social competence or empathy.

NEW! Pivotal Response Treatments for Autism: Communication, Social, and Academic Development. Robert L. Koegel and Lynn Kern Koegel, 2006. (203.6 K77p 2006 ECI).

Pivotal Response Treatment uses natural learning opportunities to target and modify key behaviors in children with autism, leading to widespread positive effects on communication, behavior, and social skills.

Promising Practices in Children's Mental Health. Sharon Hodges, 1998. (266.5 C737 1998 ECI).

The Promising Practices Initiative of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program provides effective, coordinated care to children with a serious emotional disturbance and their families. The lessons learned by grantees of the program are collected in this 7 volume set. Topics include new roles for families in systems of care, family and provider collaboration, the role of education and training strategies.

Promoting Cultural Competence in Children's Mental Health Services. Mario Hernandez, 1998. (275 H43 ECI).

This book offers ways to improve children's mental health programs in a multicultural society. It defines cultural competence and outlines strategies for fostering it in a variety of mental health programs for children from birth to age 18 and for their families. The book includes self-assessment tools, troubleshooting suggestions, planning assistance, methods for recruiting and retaining ethnically diverse staff, and tips on operating in a managed care environment.

NEW! Relationship Development Intervention with Young Children: Social and Emotional Development Activities for Asperger Syndrome, Autism, PDD, and NLD. Steven E. Gutstein and Rachelle K. Sheely, 2002. (203.6 G984 2002 ECI).

Friendship is a difficult skill for children with autism spectrum conditions to learn. This comprehensive set of activities for children between the ages of two and eight emphasizes foundation skills such as social referencing, regulating behavior, conversational reciprocity and synchronized actions. The authors include objectives to help plan and evaluate a child's progress. Parents, counselors and teachers will find the activities helpful to use with children.

NEW! The Temperament Perspective: Working with Children's Behavioral Styles. Jan Kristal, 2005. Book. (540 K92t 2005 ECI)

This book provides practical guidance for professionals in order to transform knowledge of temperament into positive interactions and better outcomes. Readers will examine how temperament traits combine to affect children's behavior; how behavior patterns typically manifest in children of various age groups and how environmental factors affect temperament in child care, school, home, health care and mental health settings. Case studies, tips and practical guidelines are included.

NEW! Treating Neurodevelopmental Disabilities: Clinical Research and Practice. Janet E. Farmer, Jacobus Donders and Seth A. Warschausky, 2006. (226.5 T784 2006 ECI)

This book synthesizes the knowledge and clinical strategies for assessing and treating the psychosocial aspects of acquired and congenital neurodevelopmental disorders. Included are chapters introducing childhood disability, on traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, early medical risks, physical impairments, chronic illness, hard-of-hearing and deafness, visual impairments, and a whole section on innovative treatment strategies.

NEW! Treating Parent-Infant Relationship Problems: Strategies for Intervention. Arnold J. Sameroff. (266.5 T784 2004 ECI)

This book presents a range of interventions that address the connections between infant-caregiver relationships and infant mental health. Leading experts describe ways to intervene in early interactional difficulties, promote more sensitive and responsive parenting and support the healthy development of children and families.

Vineland SECC Social-Emotional Early Childhood Scales: Manual. Sara S. Sparrow, 1998. (540 S737s 1998 ECI).

This scale is an individually administered assessment of social and emotional functioning for children from birth through 5 years 11 months. It examines the child's world of feelings and relationships and documents how he or she interacts in the home and external environments. The scales assess the skills of paying attention, entering into intentional social interactions, understanding expressions of emotion, constructing and observing relationships, and developing self-regulation behavior.

NEW! WAIMH Handbook of Infant Mental Health. Joy D. Osofsy, 2000. (266.5 O83 2000 ECI).

This set of four handbooks on infant mental health have these subtitles: Vol. 1- Perspectives on Infant Mental Health; Vol. 2- Early Intervention, Evaluation, and Assessment; Vol. 3- Parenting and Child Care; and Vol. 4-Infant Mental Health in Groups at High Risk.

NEW! Young Children and Trauma: Intervention and Treatment. Joy D. Osofsky, 2004. Book. (130.5 Y68 2004 ECI)

This book is full of practical information on the assessment and treatment of young children exposed to trauma and violence.

Who Will Hear My Cry? Developing a System of Care to Meet the Mental Health Needs of Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers. Edward Feinberg, 1996. (266.5 F327 ECI).

This book is a summary of the two day invitational conference held the last two days of November 1995 to address the social-emotional and behavioral needs of young children, especially those from birth to age 7.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health - Videos

ASQ: SE In Practice: Ages And Stages Social Emotional Questionnaire. 26 min. (VT2519).

A companion to the Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE) screening system, this video gives an overview of emotional and social development and provides a thorough introduction to ASQ:SE. Viewers get an inside look at the screening system in practice as they watch a home visitor using ASQ:SE with the family of a 4-year-old boy. With this video, early interventionists, home visitors, pediatricians, teachers, and other professionals will be fully prepared to administer and score ASQ:SE.

Conducting an Infant Mental Health Family Assessment. 59 min. (VT1680).

This video (part 2 of the series "The Awakening and Growth of the Human") examines, at both practical and theoretical levels, the process of clinical assessment for infant mental health. Clinicians working in an array of clinical settings are featured. Michael Trout discusses transference, cultural differences, and how to help parents who may be resistant to discussing their child's challenges.

Early Intervention with Special Needs Children. 92 min. (VT0336).

This training resource, which contains three videocassettes, is intended to help professionals and parents work together to stimulate the development of motor, speech, language, social-emotional, sensory, self-help, and cognitive skills in children with special needs. The three videos contain the following programs: It's Time to Ask; Play is Wonderful; If Your Child Needs Special Help to Grow; How to Deal with the System; Being Special...What It Means;And Some Do Not.

ECI Teleconference: Intervention Facilitating Healthy Emotional Functioning. 44 min. (VT1676).

In this teleconference broadcast on June 9, 2000 from San Antonio, Sonya T. Lopez discusses how the ECI specialists in the front line deal with facilitating the emotional development of children by doing the assessments in the child's home.

ECI Teleconference: Introduction and Mental Health Current Viewpoints. 91 min. (VT1675).

In this teleconference broadcast on June 9, 2000 from San Antonio for occupational therapists and others in ECI, Tom Carey talks about infant and child mental health. He describes the important role the occupational therapist plays in the lives of children and their families in helping them to improve their mental health. He also describes cases from his experiences in his private child psychologist practice and in a hospital setting to illustrate his presentation.

ECI Teleconference: Implementing a Mental Health Perspective in Early Intervention Services. 77 min. (VT0326).

In this teleconference broadcast on October 16, 2002, presenters Betty Ablon and Barbara Moss discuss infant mental health and the importance of attachment.

Emotional Development. 30 min. (VT2218).

Psychiatrist Stanley Greenspan discusses his six stages of emotional development in children. Knowledge of these milestones will help parents and caregivers to interact with the child in a way that will enhance the child's emotional development, thus making it possible to experience more satisfying relationships with the child. He also discusses how children with disabilities fit into these six stages, and how adjustments can be made for their special needs.

Emotional/Social Development. 22 min. (VT2205).

This video begins with a brief discussion of Erikson's first two stages of man and traces the developmental processes by which the newborn becomes a social being. It includes discussion of temperament, attachment, and social responses such as smiling, stranger anxiety and separation anxiety. Self-awareness, development of empathy, and the development of standards are discussed at length.

Infant Mental Health: A Psychotherapeutic Model of Intervention. 95 min. (VT1679).

This video examines the question of whether it is possible to clinically intervene with families of children who have a prolonged illness or a disability. Intervention may help preserve the attachments that normally develop between the child and his family or can help to repair the bond if it has been interrupted. This program features several clinicians and their work, and presents a psychotherapeutic model of intervention.

The Professional's Role with the Newborn. 52 min. (VT0461).

Early caregiver-infant interaction, particularly communicative interaction, can have long-term effects on the development of cognitive, social, and linguistic skills, as well as the ability to form emotional bonds. But a number of conditions may interfere with this natural communication process, and place an infant at risk for communication disorders. Directed at health-care professionals, this video explores three important questions: 1) How are newborns identified as at-risk for communication disorders? 2) What assessment and intervention services do we provide to newborn infants and their families? 3) What is our role in the prevention of communication disorders for at-risk newborns?

Raising America's Children - #110 A Sense of Self. 30 min. (VT0277).

A Sense of Self (program 110) looks into what it takes for children to develop a positive image of themselves. Basic concepts include showing children that they are loved and accepted; fostering peer support among children; appreciating the child as a unique, separate individual; allowing both boys and girls to explore feelings of power as well as feelings of tenderness.

Trainer's Manual Module I: Social-Emotional Growth and Socialization. 138 min. (VT0305).

This module contains one trainer's manual, three videos: First Moves: Welcoming a Child to a New Caregiving Setting (1988); Flexible, Fearful or Feisty: The Different Temperaments of Infants and Toddlers (1990); and Getting in Tune: Creating Nurturing Relationships with Infants and Toddlers (1990) and three companion booklets. These videos were created for professional caregivers. They present an overarching vision for the development of children's social and emotional competence.

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Positive Beginnings: Supporting Children with Challenging Behavior. (CR0006)

These CDs contain presentation and print materials. Reproducible training modules cover social and communication development, determining the meaning of challenging behavior, positive behavior interventions and support, teaming to build a behavior support plan, intervention in everyday settings, and supporting families. These materials were designed for use by instructional personnel in higher education institutions and by inservice training personnel who support programs for young children. They require the use of a lap top computer, LCD projector, and sound amplification. The software programs required to operate the modules are Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Media Player and Acrobat Reader.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health - Websites

Definition and principles of infant mental health: http://www.ilaimh.org/aboutimh.html

The web page "Early Childhood Mental Health, Social-Emotional Development, and Challenging Behaviors" lists links to definitions of infant mental health; federal efforts; national associations; foundations; resource centers; and articles on systems of care for children's mental health services, compiled by the National Early Childhood TA Center (NECTAC). See http://www.nectac.org/topics/menhealth/menhealth.asp

*From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development is a report from the Institute of Medicine issued in 2000. The report presents evidence about "brain wiring" and how kids learn to speak, think, and regulate their behavior. It examines the effect of the climate-family, child care, community-within which the child grows. The whole report is available at http://www.nap.edu/books/0309069882/html/

The National Library of Medicine has compiled a set of links to reliable information on child mental health. See http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/childmentalhealth.html

As babies grow, their ability to understand language, solve problems, and get along well with other people will be strongly influenced by what they experience as infants and young children. There is mounting evidence that while early experiences help the brain to develop well, poor early experiences can literally cause a genetically normal child to develop serious difficulties. See "Starting Smart: How Early Experiences Affect Brain Development" at http://www.ounceofprevention.org/downloads/publications/Starting_Smart.pdf

Texas Association for Infant Mental Health (TAIMH) is a non-profit affiliate of the World Association for Infant Mental Health. The mission of TAIMH is to provide awareness of the critical importance of the first three years of life in human development; conditions which enhance the quality of infant/caregiver relationships; and policy and practice which optimize the emotional development of infants. See http://www.taimh.org/

Zero to Three has several resources on early childhood mental health, including resources aimed at professionals, parents and policymakers. See http://www.zerotothree.org/site/PageServer?pagename=key_mental

New Additions - Books

Damaged Angels: an Adoptive Mother Discovers the Tragic Toll of Alcohol in Pregnancy. Bonnie Buxton, 2005. Book. (201.4 B991d 2005 ECI)

Part heartfelt memoir, part practical guide, this book recounts the author's struggles to raise an adopted daughter whom she did not realize was afflicted with fetal alcohol syndrome. The book offers guidance to parents who have children with fetal alcohol syndrome.

The Elephant in the Playroom: Ordinary Parents Write Intimately and Honestly about the Extraordinary Highs and Heartbreaking Lows of Raising Kids with Special Needs. Denise Brodey, 2007. Book. (271.3 B865e 2007 ECI)

This book is a group of essays written by parents or siblings of children with special needs. It explains the difficulties and the high points of raising a child who is different from other children. It includes essays on how to take care of the caregiver; the search for a good school; whether or not to medicate; going public and other success stories.

Group Parent Education: Promoting Parent Learning and Support. Deborah Campbell and Glen Palm, 2004. Book. (261.1 C187g 2004 ECI)

Contents: Group parent education: rationale and assumptions -- The history and evolution of group parent education -- Conceptual frameworks, part I: models for understanding group dynamics -- Conceptual frameworks, part II: models for understanding the role of the group leader -- Relationship building: the heart of group parent education -- Designing educational content for group parent education -- Facilitation skills -- Managing difficult moments in parent groups -- Parent-child interaction time: laboratory for learning -- Leading groups with complex issues -- Professional growth and development for parent educators.

Handbook of Pediatric Nutrition. Patricia Queen Samour and Kathy King Helm, 2005. Book. (247.4 S191 2005 ECI)

This handbook covers all aspects of pediatric nutrition. It includes clinical research, accepted practice protocols, and study of the child from preconception through adolescence. Chapters are included on nutrition for children with special needs. The book includes growth charts and dietary guidelines.

Pediatric Nutrition in Chronic Diseases and Developmental Disorders: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment. Shirley W. Ekvall and Valli K. Ekvall, 2005. Book. (247.4 E36 2005 ECI)

This book, which links nutrition research and its practical application to children with chronic diseases and developmental disorders, helps translate research into clinical practice and provides information on treatment and techniques on assessment and prevention for children of all ages.

So This Is Normal Too? Debbie Hewitt, 1995. Book. (540 H611s 1995 ECI)

This book includes a description of sixteen challenging behaviors and provides child development information on each behavior, especially for the teacher and parent. It includes forms that can be used to create action plans to help improve any child's behavior. Included are subjects like separation anxiety, toilet training, finicky eating, temper tantrums, turn taking, tattling and more.

Touchpoints: Birth To Three: Your Child's Emotional And Behavioral Development. T. Berry Brazelton, 2006. Book. (540 B827t 2006 ECI)

In this book, the author presents a map of behavioral and emotional development designed to help parents navigate the predictable spurts in development and the equally predictable issues they raise in families. This multidimensional map is based on the concept of touchpoints. Touchpoints are those times that occur just before a surge of rapid growth in any line of development - motor, cognitive, or emotional - when, for a short time, the child's behavior falls apart. Dr. Brazelton sees these touchpoints as normal. His book is divided into three parts:

1. Touchpoints of development (includes the child's development from pregnancy to three years); 2. Challenges to development (Includes allergies, bedwetting, crying, depression and other topics); and 3. Allies in development (includes the child's support group - fathers and mothers, grandparents, friends, caregivers and the child's doctor).

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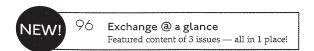
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