

UVM Project ECHO School Nurses: Mental Health in the School Setting

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- RECORDING OF SESSION TO BEGIN



Agenda

- Introductions
- Objectives
- Didactic Presentation (~20-30 min)
- Case presentation
 - Clarifying questions
 - Participants – then faculty panel
- Discussion
- Recommendations
- Summary
- Closing Announcements
 - Submission of new cases
 - Completion of evaluations



Series Objectives

Learning objectives for this ECHO series include the ability to:

- Apply wellness and self-care techniques to personal and professional life.
- Describe best practices in managing anxiety, psychiatric emergencies, oppositionality and disruptive behaviors, and eating disorders.
- Identify ways to apply strategies learned about caring for mental health in the school setting to school nursing practice.
- Use the resources available in your community in school nursing practice.



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Addressing the non-compliant child: oppositonality and disruptive behavior for school nurses

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We have no conflicts to disclose.



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- 1) Behavior type and epidemiology
- 2) Approach
- 3) Evidence based treatments
 - Therapeutic
 - Medical
- 4) Medical care referral sources

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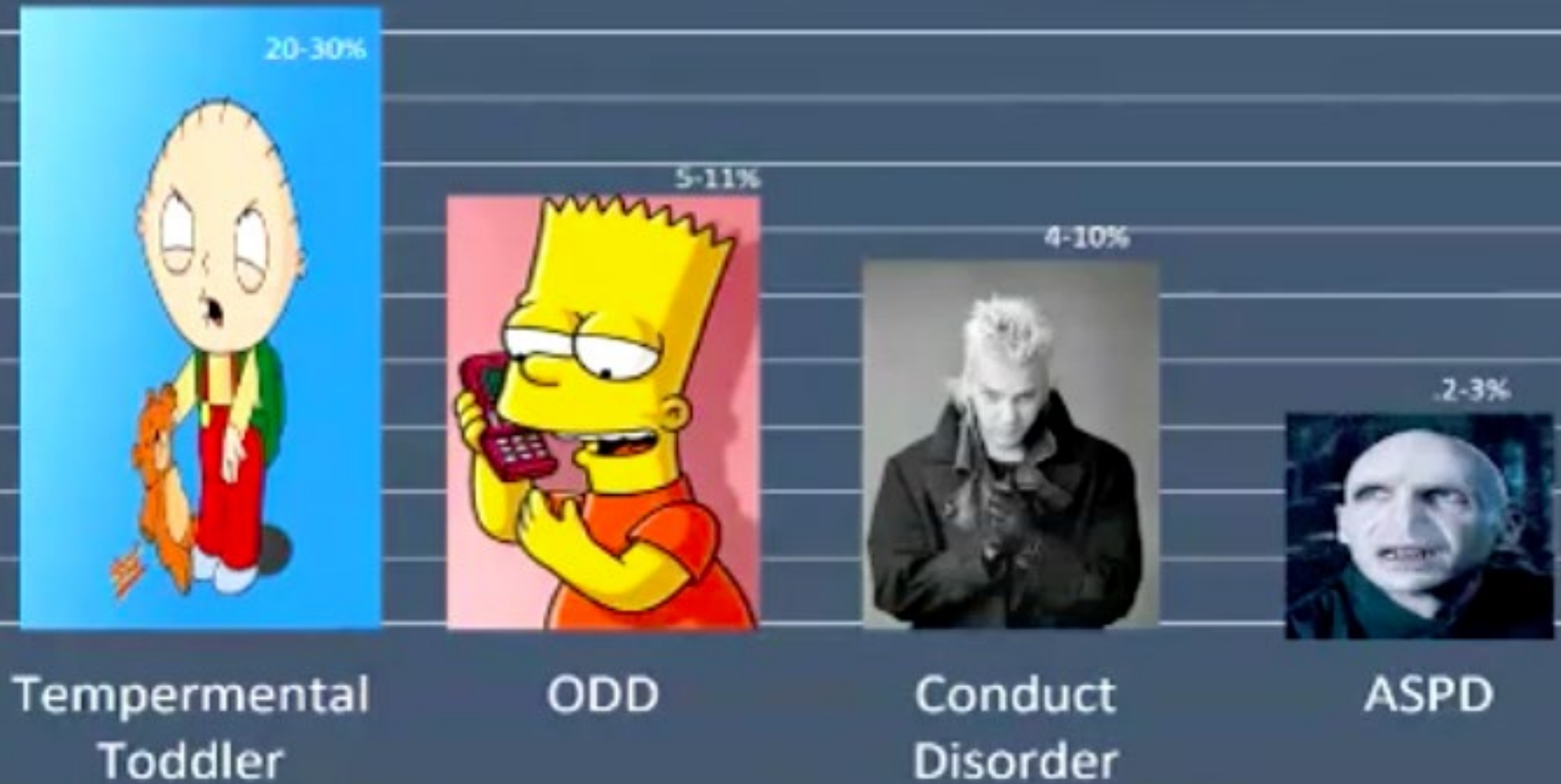
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School nurse alerted by...

1. **School staff:** direct/indirect
2. **Parent report:** if <60% child compliance, parent avoids, expresses fear/contempt, doesn't like friends, child lacks responsibility for actions
3. **IEP/504 meetings:** dependent on school

Urgent Intervention Needed...

Conduct Problems Diagnosis Across the Lifespan



Epidemiology

- ★ 17% age 2-5y present with externalizing behavior
- ★ <8y primary MH presentation to PCP is disruptive/aggressive/defiant
- ★ 12% (4-16 year olds)--psychosocial dysfunction +/- ADHD, ODD/CD, ASD
- ★ Subclinical disruptive behaviors
 - Overlap
 - Increased risk of later dx

Epidemiology: Etiology

Birth complications

Low IQ/Learning differences

Mental health disorders:
ADHD, PTSD, ODD

Temperament

Poor communication skills

Male gender (if > preschool)

Disadvantaged neighborhood

Nonresponsive parenting 0-2y

Coercive **discipline** as toddler

Parent modeled aggression

Lack of supervision as
adolescent

Trauma

Lack of parental warmth

Parental **maltreatment**

Violent video games*

Epidemiology: Etiology

Self Care

- Sleep hygiene
- Eating a healthful diet
- Exercise
- Screen limits and monitoring

Health class topics

Education insufficient → Change the environment!

✓ Move it, Move it

Epidemiology: Etiology

Disorder	Features
ODD (5-11%)	Noncompliance Frequent tantrums/anger Mean when upset Arguing with adults Blame others/question rules
Conduct disorder (4-10%)	Repetitive persistent violation of others Aggressive to people/animals Destruction of property Deceitful Fires/stealing/lying/truant
ADHD (9-12%)	Impulsive prior to age 12 2+ settings Family correlation



Epidemiology: Etiology

FURTHER DIFFERENTIAL

Depression/anxiety—PHQ-9, GAD-7

ASD--CAST and AQ screeners, AACAP guide, kids rehab gym, consult for formal dx

Reactive attachment issues (e.g. adopted)--parent therapist for better attachment

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders--3-10% of children, adjust expectations

Bipolar spectrum--clear long episodes, often conflated with ADHD, consult if concern or fam hx

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**Negative
Attention**

**Negative
Behavior**

(adult attends to
negative behavior,
applies discipline)

(child reacts
negatively, has
outburst)

School
Interventions

Child
Interventions



Approach

FAIR Plan

Functional Hypothesis of behavior
Accommodations
Interaction strategies
Response strategies

Approach: ABC Functional Hypothesis

1. Assess across locations, times, staff
2. Assess teacher expectations/skills

ANTECEDENT

BEHAVIOR

CONSEQUENCE

- What occurred just prior?
- Intensity
- Duration
- Frequency
- How did it end?
- What did staff do?
- What did child do?

Antecedents – Behaviours – Consequences (ABC) Chart

Date: _____ Data collected by: _____

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____ Teacher: _____ School: _____

A	B	C
Antecedents	Behaviour	Consequences
(Describe what happens before the behaviour)	(Describe what the student does)	(Describe what happens after the behaviour)

Section 4 - Appendix
Functional Behavioural Assessment
with Planning Process

Approach: Accommodations

- Environmental
- Curriculum
- Teach underdeveloped skills explicitly
- Replacement behaviors
- Regulation of self and self-monitoring

Accommodations:

Spelled out in IEP/504 material, should be constantly adjusted as warranted – these are “living” documents

Approach: Interaction Strategies

Accept the feelings driving the behaviors first...

then set limits around behaviors



Approach: Interaction Strategies

- Strength-based terminology
 - Explicit relationship building
 - Transition warnings/strategies
 - Positive reinforcement
 - Noncontingent reinforcement
 - Leadership-building, self-esteem-building activities
- Strategies for giving instruction:
- Avoid asking, saying “ok?”
 - Embed choice
 - Give demand, move away
 - Extended time for compliance
 - Use humor when appropriate
 - Make it a game



Approach: Response Strategies

Determine response based on function:

Escape

No time-out/removal/avoidance

Attention

No verbal/visual response

Tangible

No giving an object/allowing to do something

Sensory

Provide an acceptable form of stimulation



Approach: Response Strategies

- Rewards/points for self-regulation/pro-social
- Answer simple questions
- Redirect challenging questions/provide a limit
- Enforceable/reasonable/simple limits
- Incremental rewards/consequences
- Address frustration tolerance

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Evidence Based Treatments: Therapeutic

Therapy	Description	Indication
CBT	correct cognitive errors in thinking, encourages different behaviors	ODD, depressive, anxiety, PTSD, SUD
Family therapy	Change family interaction patterns that cause dysfunction	Conduct depressive, substance, eating
Behavior parent (management) training	caregiver responses, positive interaction, changing caregiver behavior	ODD, CD
Applied behavioral analysis	1:1 intensive to gradually teach socially normative behaviors, resource intensive	ASD
Social skills training	class/group/1:1, basic behavioral/cognitive skills, social problem solving	ODD, ADHD, ASD
Motivational interviewing	nonconfrontational/nonjudgmentally helping pts state own reasons for change	SUD



Evidence Based Treatments: Therapeutic

“Special time” as a given

- Praise good behaviors, instead of 1:1 when dysregulated only

Encourage parent management training

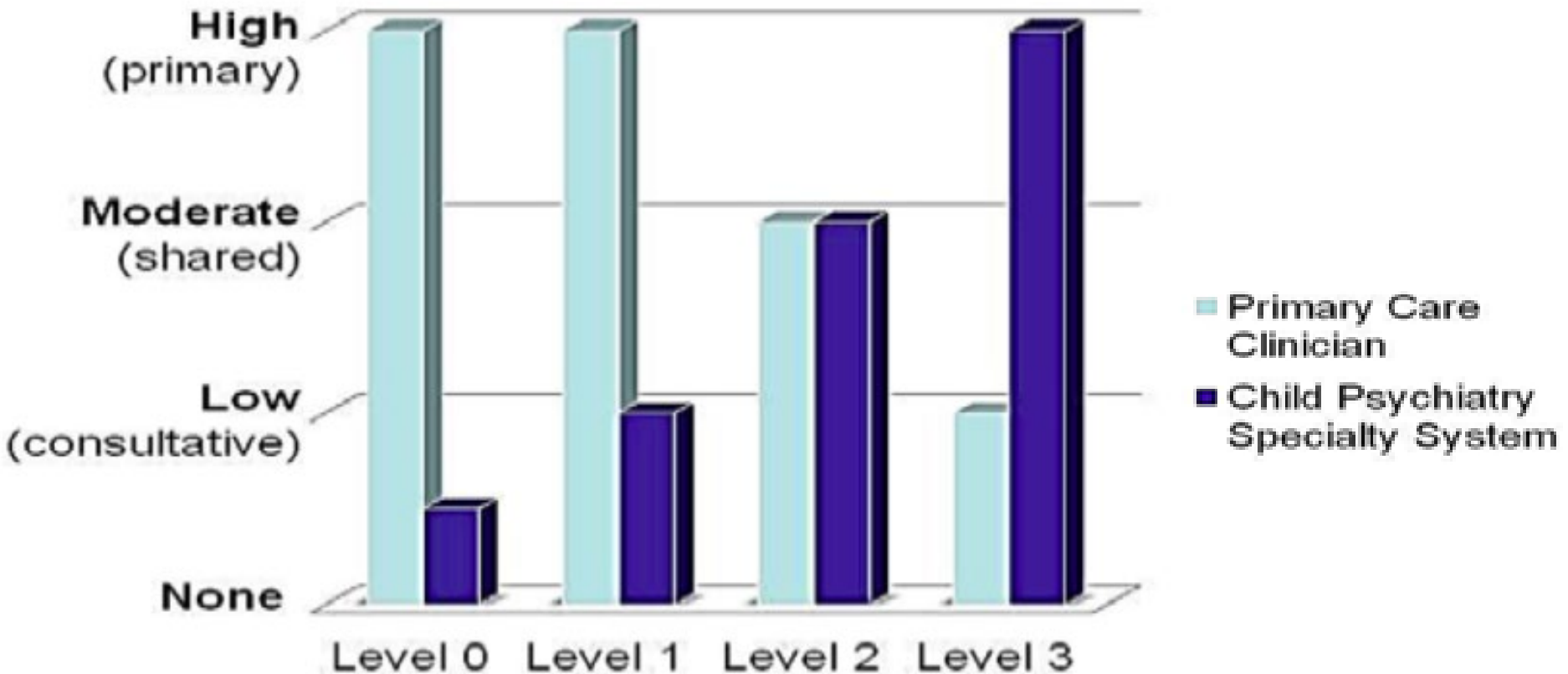
- Engage caregivers/parents for success
- Offer parent programming

Use self-regulation curriculum

- Zones of regulation
- Superflex curriculum
- School/home notes CAT Track

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Evidence Based Treatments: Medical Care



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ADHD

- a. Treat to target symptoms

Serial Vanderbilt/Conners rating scales

- a. Organizational Skills Training (parent, child, school)
- b. Methylphenidate as first line, other stimulants, guanfacine, atomoxetine
- c. Reassess the efficacy of treatment/medication
- d. *Majority in community care not benefitting from medication after >2 years*

DEPRESSION/ANXIETY

- a. Treat to target symptoms

PHQ-9 for teens, or GAD-7, Vanderbilt to screen

- a. Fluoxetine (most activating), sertraline, escitalopram
- b. In younger kids--choose target symptoms
- c. Therapy/parent support
- d. Underlying cause, externalizing comes from something

“It might be helpful to talk to your PCP about this”

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Medical Care

Medications supplementary

No FDA approval for aggression

Risperidone

Dev Dis, Conduct Dis, ADHD

Large effect size (0.9)

Alpha-2 agonist

Autism, ADHD

Medium effect size (0.5)

Methylphenidate

ADHD

Large effect size (0.9)

Atomoxetine

ADHD

Low-med effect size (0.2)



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Referral Sources

Start with PCP

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Designated Agencies

Howard Center
Counseling Service of Addison
County
United Counseling Service
Northwestern Counseling and
Support Services
Lamoille County Mental Health
Clara Martin Center
Northeast Kingdom Human Services
Rutland Mental Health Services
Washington County Mental Health
Healthcare and Rehabilitation
Services
Pathways Vermont
Northeastern Family Institute

UVM MC Child Psychiatry
DHMC Child Psychiatry

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<https://www.vermont211.org/>

Partners for Access (HC)
<https://howardcenter.org/pfa/>

PCP consult until connected:
Vermont Child Psychiatry Access
Program

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Discussion and Q & A

Cases/HIPAA

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- Medical Record #



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Case Presentation Format

Case presentation from a participant (*a real-world case, from the field*)

Then

Clarifying questions about the case from group to case presenter

Then

Ideas, suggestions, recommendations from participants

Then

Ideas, suggestions, recommendations from ECHO faculty team

Then

Additional discussion, if any (All)

Then

Summary of case discussion

(course co-directors: Michael Hoffnung, DO and Katherine Mariani, MD, MPH)



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Prep for Next Session

Prior to each session, if you have specific questions for our faculty expert(s), please let us know and we will pass along ahead of time.

****SESSIONS ARE ON THURSDAYS FROM 3:00PM TO 4:30PM****

DATES	SESSION	DIDACTIC TOPICS (in addition to case review)
Jan 13	TeleECHO Session 1	Wellness and Self Care for Ourselves and Our Students (Michael Hoffnung, DO)
Feb 10	TeleECHO Session 2	Eating Disorders (Katherine Mariani, MD)
Mar 10	TeleECHO Session 3	Addressing the Non-compliant Child: Oppositionality and Disruptive Behaviors (Margaret Spottswood, MD and Rebecca Ruid, PhD)
Apr 14	TeleECHO Session 4	Managing Psychiatric Emergencies (Haley McGowan, DO and Yasmeen Abdul-Karim, MD)
May 12	TeleECHO Session 5	Managing Anxiety: What School Nurses Need to Know (Stephanie Fosbenner, MD and Cynthia LaRiviere, PhD)



Conclusion

- Slides are posted at www.vtahec.org
- Volunteers to present cases (this is key to the Project ECHO model)
 - Please submit cases to lizmanzvt@gmail.com
- Please complete evaluation survey after each session
- Once your completed evaluation is submitted, CE information will be emailed to you.
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