

Practice Issues in Psychology AAIDD, Texas Chapter 2009

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Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale

- ❑ Field Trials/ Developed by AAIDD
 - ❑ Administered in face-to-face interview
 - ❑ Requires about 60 minutes
 - ❑ 259 items
 - ❑ 3 domains-conceptual, social, practical
 - ❑ Normed for ages 4-21
 - ❑ Rating System: 0-3, NS-No Score
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Conceptual Skills Areas

- Language
 - Reading / Writing
 - Money Use
 - Self-Direction
 - Time
 - Numbers/Measures
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Social Skills

- Interpersonal
 - Responsibility
 - Self-Esteem
 - Wariness
 - Naivete
 - Follows Rules / Obeys Laws
 - Manners
 - Social Problem Solving
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Practical Skills

- Activities of Daily Living
 - Occupational Skills
 - Use of Money
 - Maintains Safe Environment / Safety
 - Healthcare
 - Travel / Transportation
 - Schedules / Routines
 - Use of Telephone
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Environmental Teleconferences

- **Association of Early-life Exposure to Household Gas Appliances and Indoor Nitrogen Dioxide With Cognition and Attention Behavior in Preschoolers**
Jordi Sunyer, MD
Center for Research in Environmental Epidemiology,
Barcelona Spain
Tuesday, July 14 from 2:00-3:00 pm ET
 - **Prenatal tobacco smoke and postnatal secondhand smoke exposure and child neurodevelopment**
Michael Weitzman, MD
Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, New York University
School of Medicine
Tuesday, September 8 from 2:00-3:00 pm ET
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NADD Environmental Health Project

- Raise the awareness of the mental health community about the role that exposure to environmental toxins may play in causing or triggering psychiatric symptoms or mental illness.
 - helped organize and is chairing a work group on Mental Health and Environment
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NADD Psychotherapy SIG Web-Based Discussion Group

- ❑ Explore subjects related to the study and practice of psychotherapy for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
 - ❑ open to all NADD members with an interest in psychotherapy.
 - ❑ If interested, please e-mail BronwynRobertson.LPC@gmail.com.
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NADD CONFERENCE

- NADD 26th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show – *Advancing Mental Wellness Through Excellence in Mental Health Care in Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*
 - Wednesday, October 21 through Friday, October 23, 2009
 - New Orleans
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Web Based Training

- NADD Teleconferences
 - PESI: Professional Education Systems, Inc provides programming, publications, and products on mental health issues
<http://www.pesi.com/>
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DSM-V

- ❑ Controversial changes and methodology
 - ❑ new categories to capture subthreshold (eg, minor depression, mild cognitive disorder) or premorbid (eg, prepsychotic) versions of the existing disorders
 - ❑ new series of behavioral addictions to shopping, sex, food, videogames, the Internet
 - ❑ Paradigm shift with dimensional ratings to increase precision of dx
 - ❑ Expected publication date: May 2012
 - ❑ <http://www.psychiatrictimes.com/dsm-v>
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PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

- ❑ ELIGIBILITY – STATE REGULATIONS VS. NATIONAL PRACTICES
 - ❑ RELATED CONDITIONS
 - ❑ AGE SCORES
 - ❑ FLYNN EFFECT
 - ❑ CLINICAL JUDGMENT
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PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

□ WAIS-IV & SB5

□ LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS

□ FORENSIC EVALUATIONS

□ DIAGNOSTIC FORMS

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

□ ABA VS. PBS

□ RESTRAINT

□ PHYSICAL PROMPTING

□ RIGHTS RESTRICTIONS

BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

- ❑ NATURAL CONSEQUENCES
 - ❑ COORDINATION WITH
PSYCHOACTIVE MEDICATION
REGIMENS
 - ❑ VIDEOCONFERENCE REVIEWS
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Texas Psychological Association

- ❑ Continued emphasis on doctorate as entry level to the profession
 - ❑ Committee structure
 - ❑ Convention in Houston Nov. 5-7 –
keynotes include James Bray, Melba Vasquez & Donald Meichenbaum
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Psychopharmacology Update

- Prescriptive movement
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Medicaid News

- A proposed rule is in the process of approval that would allow licensed psychologists to be reimbursed for the services of an LPA under their supervision, either in private practice or in an agency where both are employed
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Legislative Issues

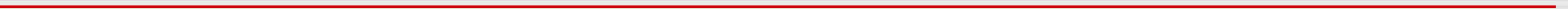
- State School legislation that passed
 - Dyslexia practitioners
 - Info given to new parents
 - Reentry & reintegration of offenders
 - Parenting Coordinator & Parenting Facilitator
 - Workgroup to study integration of behavioral & mental health
 - Clarification of role of LPA in Psychology Licensing Act
 - Removal of exemption clause
 - Authority of psychologists to delegate certain activities
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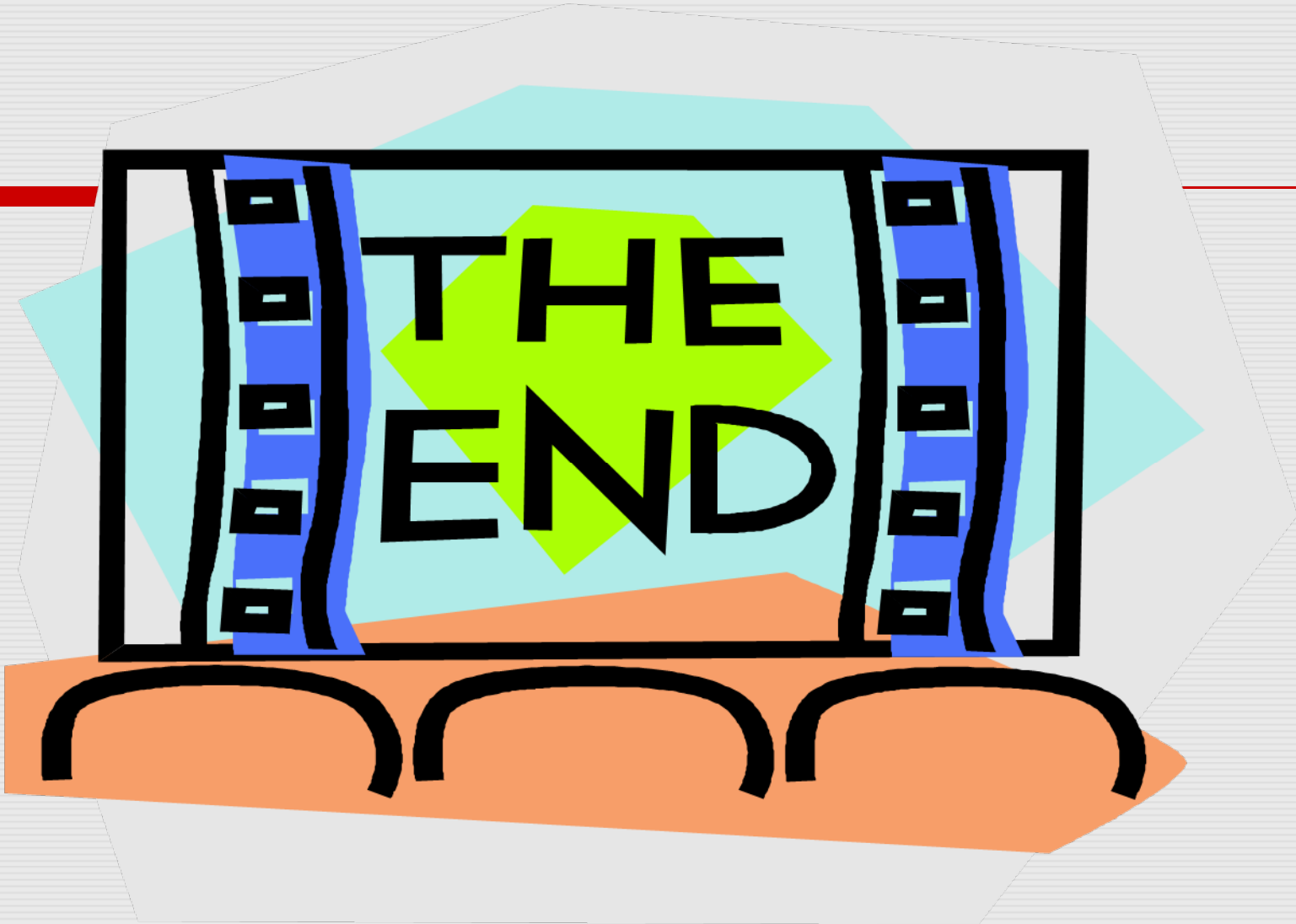
Behavior Analysts

- Credentials
 - Licensure?
 - Carve out service / license?
 - Reimbursement
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Other Issues / Discussion

Topics?





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