

Sunday Psycho-diagnostic Clinic for Children Ages 1.5 to 10 Years Old

The Problem

You know or you are the parent of a child 1.5 to 10 years of age that has been evaluated by many different professionals, but the child has been given different diagnoses, no one really knows what is wrong with the child or how to help. Knowing the correct and valid psychological diagnosis for a child is extremely important because it strongly determines and influences recommendations about treatment, therapy, education, placement, expected progress and prognosis (what to expect in the future). The correct diagnosis is also essential to facilitate communication between professionals who treat and/or do research on children.

Why This Problem Exists

Child development is complex, multifaceted, and occurs with great variability, so understanding what is usual versus unusual and the nuances of the diagnostic categories takes many years of training, education, and experience with children. Sadly, many professionals who evaluate young children in the public sector are inexperienced, poorly trained, and most certainly rushed. Also, professionals who are constrained by the cost cutting by insurance or managed care cannot provide enough time to thoroughly and accurately evaluate a child with a psychological, behavioral, emotional or developmental problem. Many well intentioned professionals also tend to attempt to minimize the emotional impact on a parent of the devastation of getting a diagnosis for their child, and thus are reluctant to make one or only do so vaguely in order to avoid hurting the parent.

How We Solve the Problem

Dr. Mike Eberlin and Dr. Stuart Ibel are both highly trained, knowledgeable, and experienced clinicians who specialize in children. Indeed, between them they have evaluated thousands of children in that age range. They solve the problem with accurate child diagnosis and prognosis by providing you with their expert diagnostic opinion after thoroughly and accurately assessing the child in all essential realms of functioning and development.

How We Do This

A three hour block of time on a Sunday is scheduled for late morning or afternoon. With the assistance of an experienced assistant who is with the child the whole time, Drs. Eberlin and Ibel interview and observe parent and child separately in order to complete diagnostic and developmental rating scales, to complete a thorough history, and to perform functional analyses of various behaviors. The child will enjoy the session by receiving rewards and praise and encouragement for cooperation, with frequent breaks, and fun activities. With permission, the session is videotaped for review. Various valid and reliable child assessment methods will be conducted based on need and selected in advance by the Drs. In addition, they review any and all previous reports from other professionals that are provided.

Informing Session

One week later, or sooner if possible, Drs. Eberlin and/or Ibel will meet with the parents, and discuss in detail each of the assessment measures, what the results mean, and what to expect for the child in the future. Important portions of the videotape will be reviewed in order to better explain in visual detail certain observations and conclusions. A diagnosis will be given and their level of confidence in this diagnosis will be stated. They will also attempt to give an expert professional prognosis and recommendations for effective and comprehensive treatment interventions for the child. They will then be available as needed for educational consultation and the direct provision of cognitive and behavioral services to the family.

Report There are two options for a report:

SIMPLE: A simple one page report lists the assessment methods used, the scores, the diagnosis, and recommendations.

OR

DETAILED : A more detailed report which includes everything in the previous report in more detail, plus more information on how the diagnosis was made, the child's history and present behavior, and more thorough recommendations.

Cost: For the entire evaluation, informing conference, and simple report: \$2200.00. To include the more detailed report: \$2400.00. Sorry, **NO INSURANCE ACCEPTED**