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Social Work ASWB Masters Exam Guide Dawn Apgar, PhD, LSW, ACSW,2015-05-11 “Dawn gave us the tools we needed to take the exam, and let me tell you - she was on point! Not only did she cover the content areas we needed to focus in on, but she also showed us how to read and interpret the questions on the exam.” —Ammu D. Kowolik, LMSW, McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research Students and social workers preparing for the social work masters licensure exam will find an invaluable study resource in the Social Work ASWB® Masters Exam Guide. Written by a prominent social work leader and trainer for social work licensing exams in the United States, this guide is based on years of time-tested exam prep workshops conducted by the author. It mirrors the ASWB Masters “Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities” upon which the exam is based and incorporates information from the DSM-5®. The guide is comprehensive yet focuses on the material most likely to be included on the exam, so readers can prioritize information as they study. A self-assessment section helps identify strengths and weaknesses before tackling the material. The author shares her extensive knowledge of the exam by providing useful test-taking strategies and tips for overcoming test anxiety. The 170-question practice test at the end of the guide (with explanations of the correct answers) mirrors the actual exam in both length and structure. Content includes human development, diversity, abuse and neglect, assessment and intervention planning, direct and indirect (micro and macro) practice, and professional values and ethics. This book will be a valuable asset for social workers throughout the United States and Canada. Key Features: Developed by a highly respected educator of social work licensure candidates Covers all the content areas on the masters examination, including new content added in 2015 Begins with a self-assessment section to help identify areas of strength and weakness Offers a wealth of test-taking tips and strategies to foster exam confidence Includes a practice test (with explanations of the correct answers) that mirrors the exam ASWB® is a registered service mark of the Association of Social Work Boards, which neither sponsors nor endorses this product.

Through a Therapist’s Eyes Christopher A. Gazdik, LCSW,2020-12-01 Through a Therapist’s Eyes helps individuals grow as a person and equips them to tackle the challenges of life and flourish emotionally in all that they accomplish. Universally, human beings are said to have what is referred to as the Human Condition. This human condition refers to the massive set of feelings and emotions including insecurities, hurts, and hang-ups that have a tendency to arrest development and suffocate people emotionally. In Through a Therapist’s Eyes, Christopher A. Gazdik, LCSW presents powerfully unique information he has developed over his 25 years of being a therapist in order to help people through the tough moments and situations they find themselves in throughout the journey of life. Chris provides tools people need to manage these tough life circumstances which are synthesized from specific moments he experienced in various individual psychotherapy experiences. Through a Therapist’s Eyes helps people destroy insecurities, manage fears, and identify personal strengths and methods to cope with the life circumstance they might find themselves in.

The Changing Face of Health Care Social Work Sophia F. Dziegielewska, PhD, LCSW,2003-11-12 Updated and revised, this text advocates a proactive stance for health care social workers. It will serve as a practical guide that addresses the principles of practice in our current health care environment. With the advent of numerous health care changes such as managed health care with its focus on behaviorally-based outcomes and objectives, this volume illustrates the new face of health care social work. This comprehensive text is full of practice-oriented tips, professional profiles in such diverse arenas of practice as the emergency room, home care, case management, and hospice, questions for further study, and select Website resources per chapter. It will help prepare social workers for the practice change needed in order to become viable clinical practitioners.

Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect Dr. Kenneth Lau, LCSW,Ms. Kathryn Krase, JD, LCSW,Mr. Richard H. Morse, LMSW,2008-12-02 [A] concise and detailed description of a very complex issue...rich in detail and insight. --Leslie J. Temme, LCSW School of Social Work, Adelphi University [A] 'must have' resource for practicing professionals and an invaluable teaching tool for social work students....This is precisely the book that mandated reporters seek to assist in the reporting process and understanding their legal obligations. --Keva M. Miller, PhD, LCSW School of Social Work, Portland State University In all states, social workers are required to report suspected child abuse and neglect, and face serious penalties if they fail to do so. But not all cases of abuse are obvious. Mandated reporters are thus confronted with a host of both legal and ethical quandaries when filing a report: What are the responsibilities of mandated reporters? What are appropriate grounds for reporting abuse? How and when should a report be made? Does reporting suspected abuse violate client confidentiality? What if my employer encourages me not to report my suspicions? Addressing these questions and more, this book provides clear definitions of different types of child abuse, including physical, sexual, and emotional, and delineates guidelines on how to identify risk factors and signs of child maltreatment. The authors also clarify difficult ethical issues, including client confidentiality and privileged communication, and present numerous case studies and theoretical vignettes culled from their own experiences as social workers. This guide will be the one resource mandated reporters and social work students cannot do without.

The Boundary Boss Workbook Terri Cole, MSW, LCSW,2023-10-31 From boundary expert Terri Cole comes an empowering workbook featuring a wide variety of new practices, exercises, and encouragement. Our culture is finally recognizing the importance of having and maintaining strong personal boundaries. But were you ever taught exactly how to set healthy boundaries? Fortunately, you don’t have to figure it out for yourself. Following on the runaway success of her book Boundary Boss, Terri Cole presents a practice-packed guide to help you establish the robust boundaries that are essential for an empowered and deeply satisfying life. The Boundary Boss Workbook greatly expands on the transformational tools Cole introduced in her debut book. You’ll start with the essential truths about boundaries and how they operate, then dive straight into potent exercises—including assessments, scripts, mindfulness, embodiment, gratitude, celebration, and more. Here you’ll explore: • The importance of boundaries and how they affect every part of your life• Self-assessment quizzes to identify your preferences, desires, limits, and deal-breakers• Your self-care tool kit—meditations, reflections, and empowering practices• Getting proactive—how to anticipate and prepare for boundary-setting situations• Boundary scripts—creating the right words in your own voice for asserting boundaries • Internal boundary practices to shift your self-talk, habits, and unconscious behavior• Establishing and upholding new rules for healthy, authentic, and lasting relationships Boundary work takes intention and commitment—but the results are worth it. “Drawing healthy boundaries is one of the highest expressions of self-love,” says Cole. “When you do, every part of your life will blossom. You’ll become more empowered in all your relationships—especially the one you have with yourself.”

Find the Way Back to You with Lola Lola Yanette Novoa LCSW,2023-12-14 Find The Way Back to You with Lola Lola is a self help guide that will take you back to some basic principles with the idea to reconnect to your true self and be able to embark in your journey to become the thriving you. As in Micheal Angelo painting in where he shows God reaching out to create human life, this self-help guide encourages you to be the sculptor and painter in the recreation of yourself. This guide will motivate you to indentify in what Find-The-Way phases you are in, the common hide outs, the importance of silence, sexual abuse impact over time and the importance of remaining curious in your journey and ask how other individuals were able to thrive despite the many hardships or traumatic events they had to endure. It takes you on a wild and exhilarating inner self-reflection adventure in where you become even closer to friends as Optimism, Humor, Descretion, and Patience. You will be provided with the necessary tools to start and maintain yourself in this life enriching ride until you are thriving as an individual. Plan A, B, C, tools, and resources to help you along the way are briefed with the emphasis on never losing sight on your friend the Humor. Find the Way Back to you with Lola Lola will take you on a journey to find you and to thrive while you are at it. This will be a life changing decision in where the urgency of courage is

emphasized throughout. Lola Lola invites you to immerse yourself in this positive and freeing life changing event with the end result of immeasurable positive consequence to include, the new thriving you.

Caresharing Marty Richards, MSW, LCSW, 2011-04-01 Rebalancing the Roles in Caregiving So All Involved Are Supported When you care for someone who is dealing with the complexities of aging, illness, or disability, you share intense emotions and form deep bonds. You each have the opportunity to recognize what is most deeply human—and most deeply Divine—in the other. This sense of reciprocal sharing—between the caregiver, care receiver, and with others around you—is the essence of the dance in caresharing.—from the Prelude The word caregiver typically suggests someone doing all the giving for a frail, physically or mentally challenged, or aging person who is doing all the receiving. Marty Richards proposes a rebalanced approach of “caresharing.” From this perspective, the “cared for” and the “carer” share a deep sense of connection. Each has strengths and resources. Each can teach the other. Each can share in grief, hope, love and wisdom. Richards shows you how to move from independent caregiving to interdependent caregiving by engaging the spiritual and emotional aspects of caring for a loved one. Whether you are a daughter or son, a husband or wife, a sibling, long-term partner or good friend, Caresharing offers a multilayered, reciprocal process that will help you keep your spirit—and your loved one's spirit—alive in challenging times. Sharing Wisdom: What the Frail Teach the Well Sharing Roles: Reinventing Family Roles in Sharing Care Sharing “Soul to Soul”: A Special Relationship with People with Dementia Sharing Grief: Dealing with the Little Losses and the Big Ones Sharing Forgiveness: A Key Spiritual Journey Sharing Hope and Heart: An Active Process One Step at a Time

Strengthening the DSM, Third Edition Betty Garcia, PhD, LCSW, Randall Nedegaard, PhD, MSW, John Paul Legerski, PhD, LP, 2020-11-06 Note to Readers: Publisher does not guarantee quality or access to any included digital components if book is purchased through a third-party seller. This essential companion to the DSM uniquely integrates intersectionality and resilience that helps mental health practitioners assess clients from a strength-based perspective. The third edition expands the section on neurocognitive disorders to include traumatic brain injury, includes more information on assessment and treatment of common childhood disorders, and brings a new focus on the impact of today's culture wars and their impact on mental health professionals, policy, and clients Also new to the third edition is an emphasis on meta-analysis literature and a module on wellbeing discussing neuroscience and wellness concepts in relation to a strengths-based approach to diagnosis. By demonstrating how to practically integrate diversity and intersectionality into the diagnostic process rather than limiting assessment to a purely problem-focused diagnostic label, this successful textbook strengthens the DSM for social workers and other mental health practitioners by promoting the inclusion of intersectionality, resiliency, culture, spirituality, and community into practice. It includes multiple case studies featuring complex, real life scenarios that offer a greater depth of learning by demonstrating how a strength-based assessment of the whole person can lead to more effective and successful treatment. Discussion questions promote critical thinking, key points in each chapter highlight and reinforce important concepts, and abundant web resources encourage additional study. The book also includes a robust instructor package. Purchase of the print edition includes access to Ebook format. New to the Third Edition: Adds traumatic brain injury to neurocognitive disorders section Expands information on treatment of common childhood disorders Emphasizes meta-analysis literature Discusses neuroscience and wellness concepts in relation to a strengths-based approach to diagnosis Focuses on wellness and health care delivery in the context of today's culture wars Key Features: Delivers a unique formulation integrating intersectionality and resilience to provide strengths-based assessment and treatment Demonstrates the rationale for strengths-based DSM practice Includes real-life case scenarios for complex problem-solving Uses a standard format for each disorder for quick access to information Reviews key literature on disorders and evidence-based best practices Provides classroom questions and activities to foster critical thinking Identifies professional and scholarly activities to promote increased effectiveness in diagnosis

Gender Inclusive Treatment of Intimate Partner Abuse John Hamel, LCSW, 2005-02-08 This breakthrough handbook for mental health professionals and educators offers practical, hands-on information for conducting assessments and providing treatments that take the entire family system into account. Rich with research that shows women are abusive within relationships at rates comparable to men, the book eschews the field's reliance on traditional domestic violence theory and treatment, which favors violence interventions for men and victim services for women and ignores the dynamics of the majority of violent relationships. Thus, the author identifies and measures protocols that help practitioners make accurate assessments for both men and women and then carefully selects the treatment modality and curricula for group, couples, and/or individual work that will help clients break their particular cycle of violence while ensuring victim safety.

Social Work and Family Violence, Second Edition Joan McClennen, PhD, Amanda M. Keys, PhD, LCSW, Michele Day, PhD, MSW, 2016-08-28 The second edition of this comprehensive text for MSW and BSW students studying family violence is fully reorganized for improved flow of information, is substantially revised, and is updated to reflect current scholarship and practice. Focusing on child abuse and maltreatment, intimate partner violence (IPV), and older adult abuse, the book covers assessment procedures and evidence-based treatments used by social workers with victims and perpetrators of all age groups and of both genders. It provides expanded information on agencies advocating on behalf of children including child advocacy centers, guardians ad litem, and court-appointed special advocates as well as child welfare laws and policies. The textbook provides updated information related to IPV and vulnerable/at-risk populations including sex trafficking victims, veterans, and male victims. The second edition also features more in-depth theoretical information integrated with case studies, and new information regarding technological issues and criminal justice reform. The authors address assessments and interventions for adult victims of family violence, adult survivors of child abuse, child witnesses of domestic violence, adolescent victims of dating violence, older adult victims of abuse, and both male and female perpetrators of abuse. The text encompasses several features that make it particularly useful in the classroom, including real-life case studies in every chapter, key terms, and discussion questions. An updated and robust instructor package includes a fully revised Test Bank and more detailed PowerPoints. New to the Second Edition: Aligns with 2015 CSWE Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards Adds updated news articles to help stimulate discussion on chapter content Updated instructor package including fully revised Test Bank Updated and expanded PowerPoint presentations Expanded information in the child maltreatment section on child advocacy centers, guardians ad litem, and court-appointed special advocates A new child maltreatment case example and SMART plan Updated child welfare laws and policies Expanded coverage of safety planning and protection orders for IPV victims New coverage of IPV and sex trafficking Expanded coverage of IPV with male victims and their female perpetrators Coverage of multiple vulnerable and at-risk populations Use of pet therapy and service dogs for IPV in military Updated material on causation of older adult abuse Inclusion of instrument to screen for maltreatment Expanded chapter on assessment and intervention of older adult abuse Example of a possible risk assessment for older adults

Sheryl the Shrink, says... Sheryl Schembari, LCSW, 2015-02-23 “There is an overwhelming sense of calm with every word that Sheryl pens to a page. Her professionalism is commendable while her fun-loving approach, an absolute joy.” ---Gemma P. “Sheryl the Shrink, says, gives such a positive perspective on our human experiences. It offers humbling reminders on how we can enrich our lives with a healthy conscience.” ---Anne Y. “I have been reading Sheryl the Shrink, says blogs since its inception and I am grateful to Sheryl for using everyday topics of which I can relate.” ---Nicholas T. “Sheryl captures the differences between love and attachment within one paragraph, concluding with the line, ‘Love comes from the heart; attachment comes from the head. Always listen to your heart!’ This is a quote that one can easily read, remember, and apply!” ---Lauren H. “Sheryl the Shrink, says is my go-to series for

insight and inspiration. I love how Sheryl is able to slice through the jargon and get to the heart of the matter. The advice is straightforward and framed in common language that's clear and concise." ---Greg J. "I love and truly look forward to posts by Sheryl the Shrink. The advice is always spot on, relevant and presented in a way that makes you think." ---Ruby G. Sheryl the Shrink, says, is a compilation of insights, life lessons, observations and strategies by psychotherapist, Sheryl Schembari, LCSW. Sheryl provides practical solutions to common issues that often create barriers in people's lives. According to Sheryl, "The pearls of wisdom contained in this book have helped me, family members, friends, and clients to live according to our authentic selves." Emotional freedom is a blessing that most of us have trouble experiencing. It allows us the safety to live within our truth. However, in order for people to experience emotional freedom, they must first face the truth about themselves. Psychotherapy helps people access suppressed emotions that enable them to heal and grow. As you read this book, be in your truth, accept your truth and allow yourself the freedom to let go. The purpose of this book is to give those searching for answers to ordinary problems a tool to achieve immediate success. Each chapter is designed to educate, inspire and empower others to make the best choices that support their emotional freedom.

Treating Addictions With EMDR Therapy and the Stages of Change Nancy J. Abel, LCSW, LADC, John M. O'Brien, PhD, 2014-06-26 Mental health practitioners must be prepared to treat addiction-related issues affecting up to 50% of mental health clients whether or not clients present with addiction as a primary concern. This practical roadmap to the treatment of addictions advocates an underutilized yet highly effective method of intervention: eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) therapy. It is the first book to integrate the Stages of Change Model with EMDR's phases for successful treatment outcome. The book addresses the scope of problems relating to addiction, including relevant statistics and descriptions of substance and process addictions, and considers the connection between addiction and trauma. While focusing on the use of EMDR therapy in treating addictions, the book also considers traditional models for each stage of treatment so interventions can be individualized according to the needs of each client. The authors describe in detail the Transtheoretical Model, tracing its development and theoretical foundations. They discuss each of its stages in depth, presenting and integrating EMDR interventions used by therapists in each stage. The interventions are useful for helping clients at any motivational level. Case vignettes in each chapter illustrate how EMDR techniques are used, and several detailed cases are provided at the end of the book. The appendix features additional resources and EMDR protocols. The text will be useful for therapists currently using EMDR for addiction treatment as well as those using other modalities who are seeking an effective alternative. Key Features: Provides a practical roadmap to using the Stages of Change Model and EMDR therapy for effectively treating addictions Addresses substance and process addictions in depth Focuses on the trauma-addiction connection and treatment options Describes each Stage of Change and EMDR protocols and interventions for each stage Includes case vignettes and detailed case examples

Strengthening the DSM, Second Edition Dr. Anne Petrovich, PhD, LCSW, Dr. Betty Garcia, PhD, LCSW, 2015-07-16 "In this revised edition of *Strengthening the DSM*, the authors use a comprehensive yet easy-to-grasp formulation of diversity and resilience to establish the most accurate diagnostic criteria for each psychiatric condition. Their readers will be edified by the clarity with which they describe the major changes that were introduced with the publication of the DSM-5. This is a very helpful adjunct text for mental health practitioners of all disciplines." —Hani Raoul Khouzam, MD, MPH, Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, UCSF Fresno Praise for the First Edition: "Garcia and Petrovich... provide a balanced overview of the strengths and weaknesses of the DSM, a comprehensive review of the nature, etiology, and treatment of major mental disorders, and most importantly, a perspective based on solid scholarship that makes clear how much we are missing by only looking at signs and symptoms in the diagnostic process. Their arguments leave no doubt that paying attention to cultural and resiliency factors can open up critical new pathways for understanding and help." —Sharon Berlin, PhD, Helen Ross Professor Emerita, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago Mental health practitioners have long recognized the failure of the DSM to address important sources of strength and resiliency that can significantly affect diagnosis and treatment, a deficit that has become more pronounced with the DSM-5's elimination of the multiaxial format. The second edition of *Strengthening the DSM*® presents a new conceptual framework—the Diversity/Resiliency Formulation—that encompasses the whole person in order to promote effective diagnosis and treatment. It considers patient strengths, sources of resilience, support, and cultural identity that are essential to the accurate understanding of an individual, and demonstrates how mental health practitioners can draw upon these resources during treatment. The second edition also addresses significant changes resulting from implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and features a completely new chapter on trauma and stressor-related disorders. Key Features: Reflects major changes in the DSM-5 and the implementation of the ACA Presents contrasting clinical vignettes illustrating diagnosis with and without the Diversity/Resiliency Formulation Features a new chapter on trauma and stressor-related disorders Includes discussion questions and activities for clinicians and students

The Changing Face of Health Care Social Work Sophia F. Dziegielewski, PhD, LCSW, Diane C. Holliman, PhD, LCSW, 2019-08-12 This practical guide provides the knowledge and skills social workers need when navigating the complex health care environment, while having to continuously adapt to change. Substantially revised and updated, the fourth edition delivers a wealth of new information reflecting the rapidly evolving health care landscape. Full of practice-oriented advice, it encompasses all aspects of professional health care social work in the U.S. health care system, across all key settings. Throughout the fourth edition there is a strong emphasis on the importance of developing best practices that are evidence-based, culturally-sensitive, supportive, and ethically accountable. The book is also a call to action for social workers, who must not only be therapeutically effective but also professionally competitive with other health care providers offering similar services. Each chapter contains professional profiles in diverse practice areas along with a glossary, reflective questions, and relevant websites. New to the Fourth Edition: Major updates on all recent changes in health care practice and the ACA and the role of the health care social worker, including an increased emphasis on the role of social justice Updated information related to the NASW Code of Ethics, including use of technology and evaluation Increased emphasis on Evidence-Based Practice throughout Updated with the different roles of social workers, including medical social work in the military, VA hospitals and clinics, and advocacy for those who are serving or have served New sections on behavioral health and integrative practice, telehealth, Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), social work practice in emergency departments, and home health, intimate partner/domestic violence, mandated reporting, and duty to protect/duty to warn Major changes to health and mental health assessment, including updated DSM-5 and WHO assessments Examining ethical dilemmas, including vaccinations and new sections on pain and spirituality Completely rewritten content on prevention, health, and wellness coaching Key Features: Encompasses all aspects of professional health care social work in the U.S. health care system, across key settings and patient populations Highlights the need for more organizational and leadership knowledge Provides tools for adapting to all major changes in health care with updated roles and functions Includes a wealth of advice through professional profiles Supplementary material for instructors includes PowerPoints and an Instructor's Manual with sample syllabus, course-related CSWE accreditation suggestions, classroom activities, and a test bank for each chapter

Self-Empowerment Lcsw Ken Howard, 2013-03-01 If you read only one self-help book this year, make *Self-Empowerment: Have the Life You Want!* it. It's the portable therapist to help you close the gap between how life is, and how you would like it to be, in important areas of your life, such as your Mental Health, Health, Career, Relationships, Finances, Family, Community, and Spirituality, based on over 20 years of counseling, psychotherapy, and coaching by Ken Howard, LCSW.

Life Recipes from a Therapist Fran DiGioia McClain LCSW ACSW, 2023-08-26 *Life Recipes from a Therapist* is a blend of

professional and personal experiences of the author in her thirty-five years as a licensed clinical social worker. Each short chapter includes insights about toxic ingredients to leave out of your life, such as shame, guilt, and comparison to others. Other topics include how to cope with main ingredients of anxiety, doubt, and fear. Mixing things up with mindfulness, the spice of friendships, and good boundaries and one may find even as life throws us many changes, it can be a savory dessert. Taking first steps to get the life you want is never easy, but the author offers examples of how to rise above the challenges.

Strengthening the DSM, Second Edition Anne Petrovich, Betty Garcia, 2015-07-16 Print+CourseSmart

Ghost Mothers Kathryn Rudlin, Kathryn Rudlin LCSW, 2012-10 ARE YOU HAUNTED by your past, unable to be the person you long to be? The core cause of your emotional, physical or spiritual problems may be unresolved issues from being raised by a GHOST MOTHER. Ghost mothers are unable to connect emotionally. You needed so much from her, and got so little. Now this reality keeps you from becoming the empowered woman you want to be. Illuminating the ghost-issues that keep you stuck will immediately help you to move beyond the pain of your past. Based on the author's healing journey, and the haunting stories of other ghost daughters, this book explores the impact of an illusive past, and provides healing strategies for embracing a visible life. LEARN the 6 proven ghost-busting strategies to create a life in which you are no longer haunted by the pain of being raised by a ghost mother. RECOGNIZE: the reality of your past and what your ghost mother couldn't provide. RELEASE: the pain that creates negative emotions, and damages your spirit. REFOCUS: on a strong identity that allows you to get your needs met. RESTORE: your confidence, emotional strength, and self-knowledge. RENOVATE: your perception of yourself in powerful ways. REWRITE: a new life-script using the hidden gifts of being raised by a ghost. You will have no choice, if you are willing, than to create the kind of powerful life you want. I am very proud of how Kathryn decided to take her painful experiences and turn them into a positive opportunity to help others heal. This book combines her challenging experience, and all that she has learned from counseling others in a compelling and very personal way, to show how to reduce the amount of time spent suffering from similar issues, how to take steps to heal at all levels, and how to take responsibility for moving forward. -Dr. Carolle Jean-Murat, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., author of *Voodoo in My Blood: A Healer's Journey From Surgeon to Shaman*, and *Moving Beyond Sexual Trauma: A Victim No More!*

Solution-Focused Case Management Dr. Robert G. Blundo, PhD, LCSW, Joel K Simon, MSW, ACSW, BCD, 2015-11-06 "Blundo and Simon have successfully outlined how a solution-focused perspective can be a powerful tool for case managers. Their understanding and presentation is based upon practice scenarios that are real and applied...They clearly demonstrate the impact of 'thinking and language' and the importance of building a collaborative relationship with clients. Their work challenges the traditional theory-driven interventions that focus on problems and arrive at a diagnosis. They encourage a 'shift' to a co-constructive partnership that requires a practitioner to respect that clients are 'experts of their own lives'...They provide a clear step-wise discussion of techniques and strategies that can be employed working with individuals and families in case management settings. This book is a must read." -Lawrence T. Force, PhD. LCSW-R Professor of Psychology, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY From the Foreword Solution-focused practice is a paradigm that stresses client abilities, strengths, and individual goals rather than disability. Written by a team of educator/practitioners noted for their expertise in solution-focused therapy, this "how-to" text for social work, counseling, and psychology students guides current and future case managers in learning this strengths-based, collaborative approach to case management. It discusses both the philosophical basis for solution-focused casework and demonstrates how it is ideally suited for the case management process. The book is based on teaching materials the authors have developed and used in their classes and workshops with undergraduate and graduate students and professionals. The text incorporates new research and theoretical developments in solution-focused therapy as well as actual practice scenarios demonstrating the process of building a collaborative relationship with individual clients and families. Replete with strategies and tools for practicing solution-focused case management, the text describes such essential skills as identifying goals, monitoring progress, working with other agencies, and transitioning out of treatment. It discusses issues related to ethical practice and presents strategies for self-care. Additionally, the book addresses diversity and social justice and their relationships to solution-focused practice. Student exercises help to reinforce knowledge. The text will assist case managers in a variety of settings—hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, community-based mental health agencies, schools, prisons, court systems, and shelters for the homeless and victims of domestic violence—to partner with their clients towards finding strengths-based and solution-focused approaches to resolving issues in a positive way. Key Features: Authored by noted experts in solution-focused education and practice Facilitates a reframing of casework and case management around client strengths and resources Provides specific case examples that allow readers to troubleshoot and apply solution-focused principles to practice Includes student exercises throughout the book

Transformational Reminiscence John A. Kunz, MS, Florence Gray Soltys, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, 2007-04-23 [A]s recently as fifty years ago people believed that reminiscing was a sign of senility....Today, along with a greater understanding of the significance of reminiscence we have seen the rising popularity of private memoirs in various forms, from oral histories by universities to audio and videotapes for family archives. John A. Kunz and Florence Gray Soltys have made a major contribution to the field by providing a framework for individuals and groups engaged in this enriching and important work. --Robert N. Butler, MD Finally, a book that takes a big picture look at the complexities of using life story work with older adults. Using the life story matrix as a framework, the authors and their contributors cover the complexities of reminiscence and life review, techniques and advice for making a personal story public, and the delicate balance of when to focus on content and when the process of telling one's life story can be therapeutic or destructive. Transformational Reminiscence teaches the reader how to use the full spectrum of life story approaches to enhance quality of life for older adults, ameliorate social and psychological problems, and intervene if they occur. Practical applications, anecdotes, exercises that help clarify the experiential side of the content, and helpful suggestions enhance each chapter and ensure a safe and ethical application of this technique. This book is a must read for anyone who uses a life story approach in his or her work with older adults or is teaching or supervising others in doing so.

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