



Providing tips, tools, news & fun about the System Of Care (SOC) philosophy

SOC WRAP



What makes a good evaluation? (Part II)

The following are vital elements that contribute to producing a good evaluation: (The evaluator):

- 1). Collaborates with individuals involved (i.e. parent/custodian/legal Guardian, teacher, caseworker, providers, etc) who would be able to provide information on how the client functions on a daily basis
- 2). Reviews treatment/medical records, school records, and legal records
- 3). Integrates test findings in a way that focuses on the person's psychological functioning
- 4). Provides a good summary towards the end of the evaluation that includes explanations of conclusions that are clear and based on all of the information obtained

- 5). Provides treatment recommendations that are clear, based on all of the information obtained, and that assist in making child-centered placement decisions .
- 6). Participates in a verbal discussion of the overall conclusions and recommendations with the referral agent, parent/custodian, and/or legal guardian; etc.

While these tips were provided using a CMH perspective, all departmental familial and child assessors may incorporate them into casework which will assist current and future DSCYF contact staff in providing service from a holistic perspective, and make all of our jobs a lot easier in the process!

Quote Corner:

"The only man who behaves sensibly is my tailor; he takes my measurements anew every time he sees me, while all the rest go on with their old measurements and expect me to fit them"

George Bernard Shaw



Keep this in Mind when Making Referrals

The evaluator should be reviewing a complete and informative referral packet - it is very helpful if the person referring the client for the evaluation has provided specific and concise questions that need to be addressed during the evaluation.

July Riddles

Answers will be in the August issue

1. You cannot see him in the same way as you see others. His voice is different than what you hear. He is always with you when you are alone or in a crowd. He listens to each and every word you utter and he is your best friend but speaks to you once in a blue moon? Who is he?
2. I eradicate problems. My first half, when capitalized, is an acronym related to sleep. What am I? _____

June NHL Team Trivia Answers: 1. Tampa Bay Lightning; Philadelphia Flyers; Nashville Predators; Columbus Blue Jackets; Calgary Flames; San Jose Sharks.

