

Mindful Continuing Education

How Mood Disorders Impact Children

1. Which of the following is NOT a sign of Major Depressive Disorder in children?

- A. Loss of interest or pleasure in almost all activities
 - B. Not experiencing weight changes
 - C. Recurrent thoughts of death
 - D. Feeling of worthlessness or guilt
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2. What is not a risk factor for depression in children and adolescents?

- A. High-functioning autism
 - B. Physical, sexual, or emotional abuse or neglect
 - C. Academic difficulties
 - D. Having a well-balanced diet and regular physical activity
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3. Which therapy is considered the gold standard of evidence-based therapies to treat depression in children?

- A. Behavioral therapy
 - B. Psychoanalysis
 - C. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - D. Dialectical behavior therapy
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4. Which of the following is a misstatement about the similarities and differences between Major and Persistent Depressive Disorder in children?

- A. Persistent Depressive Disorder lasts for a longer period compared to Major Depression
 - B. Major Depressive Disorder is less severe compared to Persistent Depressive Disorder
 - C. Persistent Depressive Disorder has less severe symptoms compared to Major Depression
 - D. Major Depressive Disorder can have a more profound impact on a child's capacity to handle daily life compared to Persistent Depressive Disorder
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5. When diagnosing Major Depressive Disorder, which criteria below does not need to be met?

- A. Depressed or irritable mood
 - B. Loss of interest or pleasure in almost all activities
 - C. Significant unintentional weight loss/gain
 - D. Symptoms persist for longer than two months
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6. Which type of therapy helps in identifying triggers to depressive and manic episodes in children with bipolar disorder?

- A. Interpersonal psychotherapy
 - B. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
 - C. Psychotherapy
 - D. Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
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7. What symptom is common to both persistent depressive disorder and bipolar disorder in children?

- A. Rapid speech which jumps around to different topics
 - B. Difficulty staying focused and racing thoughts
 - C. Poor concentration or difficulty making decisions
 - D. Decreased need for sleep
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8. Under the DSM-V criteria for a persistent depressive disorder diagnosis in children, which of the following is NOT listed?

- A. Depressed mood or irritable mood for most of the day
 - B. Symptoms cause clinically significant impairment or distress in important areas of functioning
 - C. Symptoms do not meet the criteria or are not better accounted for by major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, or psychotic disorder
 - D. Extended periods of intense happiness or silliness
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9. Which of the following best describes the key focus of treatment for persistent depressive disorder in children?

- A. Use of antidepressant medication only
 - B. Psychotherapy concentrating on individual counselling only
 - C. Treatment most often involves a combination of psychotherapy and medication
 - D. Solely focus on improving how individuals view their environment
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10. Which assessment is NOT typically used for diagnosing bipolar disorder in children?

- A. Symptom reports and observations
 - B. Child Bipolar Questionnaire
 - C. Family and child interviews
 - D. Visual memory tests
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11. What is a frequent symptom observed in children with Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder (DMDD)?

- A. Verbal outbursts less than three times a week

- B. Severe temper outbursts, verbal and behavioral, at least three times a week
 - C. Chronic moods of happiness and contentment
 - D. Extended periods of calm and quiet
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12. What impact can a child's mood disorder have on families?

- A. Increases stable familial relationships
 - B. Decreases emotional distress amongst family members
 - C. Can cause disruption in regular routines and daily life
 - D. No indirect effect on a family's financial state
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13. Which of the following is not a suggested therapeutic approach for treating children with DMDD?

- A. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
 - B. Dialectical Behavior Therapy for children (DBT-C)
 - C. Parent Training
 - D. Repression focused therapy
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14. What are some effects of mood disorders on children's social interactions and peer relationships?

- A. Increased number of high-quality friendships
 - B. Increased social inclusion and acceptance by peers
 - C. Avoidance of social interaction and possibilities of being a victim of bullying
 - D. Better reputation and respect amongst peers
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15. What is a proven risk factor for developing early-onset mood disorders?

- A. Low academic pressure
 - B. Distanced and unengaged parenting styles
 - C. Childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect
 - D. Limited exposure to diversity
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16. What is a crucial part of a safety plan for at-risk children who may have suicidal tendencies as according to Boston Children's Hospital (2023)?

- A. Maintain an inventory of the child's favorite belongings
 - B. The child should take personal responsibility for asking help in times of need
 - C. A detailed account of the hospital care versus crisis care
 - D. A precise plan of care for any other children in the household when their sibling is experiencing a crisis
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17. Which of the following are reported as protective factors which can help children build positive relationships as per Cooper (2023)?

- A. Encouraging children to isolate from peers and keep to themselves
 - B. Parents who provide random and unpredictable routines
 - C. Participation in school activities, like clubs and team sports, where they can build new skills and develop self-confidence
 - D. Maintaining a high level of secrecy between parents and kids to prevent them from getting hurt
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18. What is the widely suggested recommendation for parental roles when it comes to the mental health of their children at home, according to Spiteri (2021)?

- A. Engaging them in extensive household chores to keep them busy
 - B. Isolating them from physical activities for their safety
 - C. Encouraging them to exercise daily and engage in school work
 - D. Making them responsible for their own mental health
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19. What does Yale University's RULER program, mentioned in the teaching method suggested by Abramson (2022), aim to teach?

- A. Five different languages
 - B. Group physical activities and educational games
 - C. Five emotional intelligence skills of recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing, and regulating
 - D. Methods to deal with bullies in schools
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20. In the context of risk or threat, which of the following is NOT considered to be a multisystem resilience factor according to Mesman et al., 2021?

- A. Sensitive caregiving, close relationships, social support
 - B. Developing superior athletic skills
 - C. Positive views of self, family, or group
 - D. Problem-solving and planning
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