#### Students with Mental Health Issues Strategies for Depression

- Characteristics of at-risk students' mental health problems
- Mental health issues vs. intentionally disruptive behaviors
- · How skill deficits from mental health issues create behavioral difficulties

#### **Strategies for ODD and Conduct Disorder Behaviors**

- Choices everyone can live with
- · What adults should never say, but usually do
- · Arguments with defiant kids
- Getting to the core issues of ODD
- Kids who don't feel bad
- School-wide management program

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- Decrease impulsive behaviors with what YOU do
- Drawing out the behaviors you want
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- Know the accompanying behaviors
- Techniques to self-regulate

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- Sensory solutions
- Self-regulation techniques for ASD
- Most misinterpreted behaviors
- Manage high interest areas
- Move them past "kid cop" behaviors

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- Help their panic attack pass quickly
- School phobia...not always a fear of school
- Compromises that work
- Deep breathing and relaxation techniques

- School-wide program to promote compassions and a supportive culture
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- When they think they have nothing to live for
- Goal oriented plans for schoolwork and school day

#### **Strategies for Other Challenging** Behaviors

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- Electronic addiction: Which kids are most susceptible and why
- Psychotropic medication side-effects vs. behavioral issues
- Electronic bullying: What adults tell kids that fuels the problem

#### Disciplining the Special Needs Child/Adolescent

- How IDEA relates to discipline
- Rules for disciplining special education students
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- "Pro-social" punishments

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- Side-effects of common psychotropic medications
- How skill deficits from mental health conditions create behavioral difficulties
- Characteristics of at-risk students' mental health problems
- Strategies to gain collaboration with clinicians

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## Speaker

Cheryl Catron, LPCC-S, RPT-S, leads a team of clinicians in the Chillicothe City Schools that provides mental health services in the school setting to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, ADHD, depression and other challenges.

In addition to being a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor-Supervisor and a Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor, Ms. Catron spent a dozen years as a teacher working with diverse students including typical, gifted and those with learning disabilities and emotional

Her background as both a trained mental health professional and as a teacher allows her to provide insightful guidance to teachers and school staff that helps them identify classroom based strategies to facilitate improved behavioral and academic performance for students with a variety of needs.

Ms. Catron earned both her Bachelors of English in Secondary Education and her Masters of Education in School Counseling & Professional Counseling from Ohio University.

Speaker Disclosures:

Financial: Cheryl Catron has an employment relationship with The Counseling Source. She receives a speaking honorarium

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## Objectives

- Articulate how behavioral-driven choices differ from mental health-driven behaviors and characterize how these differences inform your choice of intervention.
- Communicate the effective uses of medications and potential side effects that can appear as misbehaviors.
- · Implement various school-based strategies, used in collaboration with community clinicians, to intervene when behavioral issues arise from mental health conditions.
- Determine effective positive behavior support strategies to successfully discipline the special needs child.
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