

Child Behavior

This website presents general information about mental health disorders in children. The authors briefly describe a number of behavior disorders.

http://www.psychology.com/resources/child_behavior.php

This fact sheet developed by the National Institute Of Mental Health_(NIMH), addresses common questions about diagnosis and treatment options for children with mental illnesses. Disorders affecting children may include anxiety disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism spectrum disorders, bipolar disorder, depression, eating disorders, and schizophrenia. The CASA may find the facts described under psychotropic medications in children useful.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/treatment-of-children-with-mental-illness-fact-sheet/index.shtml>

This “Facts for Families” page on the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) website provides an alphabetical listing of topics which families can search to gain basic facts on a desired topic. Those behavior disorders in children which the CASA may want to look up on this page include: Anxiety, Asperberger’s, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity, Autism, Bipolar Disorder, Conduct Disorder, Learning Disabilities, Manic Depression, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Reactive Attachment Disorder, Schizophrenia, Self –Injury, Separation Anxiety, Tourette’s, and Violent Behavior.

http://www.aacap.org/cs/root/facts_for_families/facts_for_families_keyword_alphabetical

Bi-polar

NIH Guide to Bi-polar in Children (Easy to Read) This site is a short, easy-to-read guide from the National Institutes of Health to provide a quick overview of bi-polar disorder directed to help parents of bi-polar children but it makes a good introduction to the disorder for the CASA. It is also available in Spanish.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/bipolar-disorder-in-children-and-teens-easy-to-read/complete-index.shtml>

NIH Guide to Bi-polar in Children (Long form)

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/bipolar-disorder-in-children-and-teens-a-parents-guide/complete-index.shtml>

AACAP Guide to Bi-polar in Children

This is a long guide on bi-polar disorder from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. It includes information on specific medications.

http://www.aacap.org/galleries/default-file/aacap_bipolar_medication_guide.pdf

NPR News Story

This is a news story from National Public Radio. It discusses upcoming changes to the bi-polar diagnosis in the new DSM-V (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) and

addresses some of the controversy surrounding the use of the label bi-polar.
<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=123544191>

ADHD (ADD)

NIH ADHD Guide (Easy to Read) This is a quick overview of ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) from the National Institutes of Health written in basic language directed at parents of ADHD children but makes a good introduction to the disorder for the CASA. It is also available in Spanish.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder-easy-to-read/complete-index.shtml>

NIH ADHD Guide (Long Form) This is a longer form guide of the above with more complete information on ADHD written in more technical language. It includes a medication section for information on specific medicines and information about adults that could be helpful if one of your parents has ADHD.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder/complete-index.shtml>

The CDC's ADHD Fact Sheet

This is a one-page fact sheet about ADHD from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which gives the CASA basic information on ADHD. This PDF includes a Spanish language version of the document.

http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/parents_pdfs/ADHDFactSheet.pdf

The CDC's ADHD Homepage

This is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's homepage for ADHD and it is a large site with a wealth of information if the CASA is interested in completing more research on specific aspects of ADHD. It contains sections on statistics and scientific articles and other areas that may be of use in your research.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/adhd/index.html>