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The first of its kind, *Doing What Works in Brief Therapy* is a guidebook to strategic solution focused therapy, a model which combines the principles and techniques of the Mental Research Institute's brief strategic therapy and the Brief Family Therapy Center's solution focused therapy. The book explains how the strategic emphasis on clarification of the problem and interruption of what does not work can complement and enhance the solution-focused emphasis on amplification of what does work. The text reviews the theory and presents specific treatment techniques. Case examples illustrate how the model has been used in brief, intermittent, and single-session therapy in a managed care setting. Brief psychotherapy doesn't have to result in chronic frustration for the therapist or superficial, second-rate care for the client. This book presents an approach that is upbeat, practical, and eminently workable in managed care. The reader learns to focus on critical issues with exquisite precision and to construct creative, individualized interventions that amplify what works and interrupt what does not. Integrates strategic therapy and solution focused therapy Includes guidelines for intervention and when to do what Provides applications for couples: indications for separate or joint sessions Considers both therapy and medication as successful and unsuccessful solutions Features excerpts and clinically rich examples  
Solution Focused Brief Therapy in Alternative Schools Jossey-Bass  
Many books on solution-focused brief therapy provide histories, overviews, and uses of the approach. *Doing Something Different* does not do any of those things. Instead, it provides those interested in the solution-focused approach with a plethora of ideas for practice, training, and simply enjoying the solution-focused approach and its practice in therapy, consulting, coaching, and

training. It contains a varied and rich array of interventions, training ideas, uses with different populations and approaches, and resources written by contributors who represent many countries and viewpoints, and who are well known in the training and practice of the solution-focused approach. Chapters are presented in simple language, as befits the solution-focused approach, and complement the many serious and whimsical sections of the book, which include practice and training ideas, favorite quotes and stories, "outrageous" moments in therapy, and a list of solution-focused songs. Anyone who enjoys the approach in any manner should find something that grabs the interest and tickles the senses and sensibilities. Readers will come away informed, thoughtful, and entertained.  
*Solution-Focused School Counseling* Oxford University Press  
The most current trends in solution-focused counseling are explored in the latest edition of this updated and expanded text. Dr. Guterman provides a comprehensive and straightforward discussion of solution-focused theory and describes how the model can be used throughout the therapeutic process. Clinical techniques and detailed case studies illustrate counseling with clients experiencing a range of problems, including depression, substance abuse, grief, morbid jealousy, and trichotillomania. New chapters and sections in this edition address anxiety, eating disorders, migraine headache, psychosis, spiritual and religious problems, self-injurious behavior, and suicide. Additional features include excerpts of dialogue from actual counseling sessions, sample forms and supplementary materials, and troubleshooting tips for getting unstuck in difficult cases. \*Requests for digital versions from the ACA can be found on wiley.com. \*To request print copies, please visit the ACA website here. \*Reproduction requests for material from books published by ACA should be directed to

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*Beyond Technique in Solution-Focused Therapy* Springer Publishing Company  
This is a comprehensive step-by-step guide to incorporating solution focused techniques into everyday practice. Solution focused therapy helps clients to identify how their lives would be without their problems by exploring current client resources and strengths, and their hopes for the future. Instead of dissecting the problem, it looks at what is different when the problem isn't happening or is less severe. These times are the building blocks of solutions. Solution focused methodology is increasingly used within community mental health teams, mental health charities, inpatient settings, education and business, as it is a well-structured and demonstrably effective approach. This book provides: guidance for practitioners to gain the skills they need to move from problem focused work to searching for solutions; a comprehensive step-by-step guide to using solution focused techniques and integrating them into existing practice; a brief review of the evidence base on solution focused therapy; ample exercises to give to clients to help them move away from their problems to finding solutions; and, clear instructions on how to adapt these techniques for specific populations such as individuals with substance misuse problems, individuals in crisis, anger management and working with couples. This is a very clear and practical guide to using solution focused brief therapy in everyday practice and will be invaluable for all practitioners wanting to incorporate these techniques into their work.  
More Than Miracles John Wiley & Sons  
Revised edition of: *Solution-focused brief therapy in schools: a 360-degree view of research and practice* / Michael S. Kelly, Johnny S. Kim, Cynthia Franklin.  
**Solution-Focused Counseling in Schools**  
Solution Focused Brief Therapy  
This title gives busy social workers, psychologists, and counsellors a quick guide to accessible, proven solutions for their students' most common problems. Here, readers will find an overview of the factors that put students at risk for missing school and dropping out with strategies to improve

school attendance and engage students.

**Solution-Focused Brief Therapy** Oxford University Press

What would a more comprehensive, practical, and customized solution-focused brief counseling (SFBC) book look like for school counselors if it were available today? *Solution-Focused School Counseling: The Missing Manual* is what I pictured when I imagined the answer to that hypothetical question. Although helpful to other professionals such as social workers, clinical mental health counselors, and couples counselors, this book was written just for you, the school counselor. After reading *Solution-Focused School Counseling: The Missing Manual*, you will have a clearer understanding of the ins and outs of the SFBC approach. You'll be better able to picture how the model works across different parts of your job, with all kids, and among various issues. You will also be better equipped to navigate the common sticking points that some counselors experience. First, you will learn about the principles, guidelines, and techniques of solution-focused brief counseling. Then, you will discover practical ways you can use the SFBC model in different areas such as: Advising and Career Counseling Classroom Lessons Conflict Resolution Individual Counseling Leadership Parent Conferences Peer Helping Play Counseling Program Development Small Group Counseling Supervision Teacher Consultation and Support You'll also learn how to collect solution-focused data, adapt teaching activities for the classroom, and integrate SFBC with other approaches such as rational-emotive behavior therapy, reality therapy, and behavior modification. The *Missing Manual* also includes several authentic transcripts that demonstrate the methods in different situations. From understanding solution-focused brief counseling to applying it throughout your program, this book gives you detailed information to get yourself to the next level. Both in-service practitioners and pre-service graduate students will find *Solution-Focused School Counseling: The Missing Manual* an excellent resource for becoming a solution-focused school counselor.

*Education and Training in Solution-Focused Brief Therapy* Routledge

*Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Families* describes SFBT from a systemic perspective and provides students, educators, trainers, and practitioners with a clear explanation and rich examples of SFBT and systemic family therapy. Family therapists will learn how SFBT works with families, solution-focused therapists will learn how a systemic understanding of clients and their contexts can enhance their work, and all will learn how to harness the power of each to the service of

their clients. The book starts with an exploration of systems, cybernetics, and communication theory basics such as wholeness, recursion, homeostasis, and change. Following this is an introduction to five fundamental family therapy approaches and an overview of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy. Next, the author considers SFBT within a systems paradigm and provides a demonstration of SFBT with families and couples. Each step is explicated with ideas from both SFBTA as well as systems. The final chapter shows how SFBT practices can be applied to a variety of family therapy approaches. This accessible text is enhanced by descriptions, case examples, dialogue, and commentary that are both systemic and solution-focused. Readers will come away with a new appreciation for both the systemic worldview of SFBT and SFBT principles as applied to systemic work.

*Doing Something Different* Springer Publishing Company

Solution-focused therapy is an evidenced-based practice that focuses on creating conversations that build solutions, rather than solve problems. *Learning Solution-Focused Therapy: An Illustrated Guide* teaches readers how to practice and become competent in conducting solution-focused therapy, an area of growing interest as the emphasis on brief therapy increases. Critical to the book's learning strategy is the generous use of case illustrations that are detailed, rich, and instructive without being overly didactic. The case approach provides an effective means for seeing concepts put into practice, and since medicine is becoming more patient-focused, the solution-focused therapy model is highly relevant. Organized to show how a solution-focused interview is conducted, the book presents the basic model and goes on to apply this model in psychopharmacology, addiction, supervision and consultation. Each chapter combines readings, solution-focused questions, case illustrations, learning exercises and video demonstrations (available online), which together constitute a comprehensive course in this therapeutic modality. Moreover, the author's conversational writing style makes the tenets and techniques accessible and interesting to a wide variety of clinicians. *Learning Solution-Focused Therapy: An Illustrated Guide* will appeal to clinicians who wish to enhance their skills and support their patients' growth in a positive way.

*Solution-Focused Therapy with Children and Adolescents* Corwin Press

Peter DeJong and Insoo Kim Berg's *INTERVIEWING FOR SOLUTIONS* features a proven, solutions-oriented approach to basic interviewing that views clients as competent, helps them to visualize the changes they want, and builds on what they are already doing that works. Throughout the book, the authors present models for solution-focused work, illustrated by examples and supported by research. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

**Solution Focused Brief Therapy** Routledge

*Brief Counselling in Schools*, third edition, is a highly practical and accessible guide to helping and supporting young people experiencing difficulties both at home and at school or college. Covering issues from low self-esteem and sexuality, to substance misuse and aggression, the author draws on a method of brief integrative counselling to illustrate how a time-limited therapy can work effectively in an often pressured and time-limited setting. This fully revised and updated edition: " includes a whole new chapter on self-harm " discusses the latest research findings " outlines up-to-date Safeguarding legislation and Child Protection protocols " explores a teamwork approach to counselling " examines the contribution of neuroscience to adolescent brain development " considers the harmful effects of cyber bullying " is in an accessible format with reflective exercises on ethical issues. Steeped in vivid case examples, therapeutic dialogue and points for reflection, this invaluable book will help develop the theoretical knowledge, understanding and skills base of any youth counsellor, teacher or social worker based in a school or college setting.

*Learning Solution-Focused Therapy* Routledge

Re-energize your practice! *Solution-Focused Brief Therapy: Its Effective Use in Agency Settings* chronicles the lessons learned when a substance abuse counseling program switches its theoretical orientation from problem-focused to solution-focused. The book details the technical aspects of the changeover (theory, techniques, interventions, politics, and team design) as well as the personal struggles the team endured and the successes they enjoyed. It demonstrates how solution-focused therapy can be applied to both clinical and administrative work while addressing questions and concerns, providing general information and help in understanding the subtleties and idiosyncrasies of the treatment. *Solution-Focused Brief Therapy* is a practical, step-by-step guide to individual and group solution-focused therapy, presenting a new and effective method of working with clients that re-energizes therapists and benefits administrators and clinical supervisors. The book provides clear descriptions of basic interventions and philosophy, highlights points of contrast with more traditional approaches, examines the principles behind the "Miracle Question," and demonstrates how to integrate relapse prevention, help clients maintain therapeutic gains, and communicate effectively with colleagues who represent different

philosophies. Solution-Focused Brief Therapy provides a thorough understanding of solution-focused therapy through the use of: case studies interviews with therapists sample forms tables and much more! Solution-Focused Brief Therapy: Its Effective Use in Agency Settings is ideal for professionals interested in implementing solution-focused therapy into individual, group, or agency settings, including child protection agencies, community mental health clinics, private practices, sexual abuse programs, substance abuse treatment, family based services, and academics working in substance abuse counseling, social work, psychology, and general counseling.

#### *Interviewing for Solutions* School Practitioner's Concise

The third edition of this widely adopted text covers the philosophical foundations and nuts-and-bolts of using solution-focused counseling to help preschool–12 students resolve problems. Dr. Murphy's practical and respectful approach has been successfully applied throughout the world by school counselors, counselors-in-training, psychologists, social workers, teachers, administrators, and clinicians who work with young clients. His empowering techniques help students focus on doing what works as simply and efficiently as possible by using their strengths, resources, wisdom, and feedback. This edition includes new chapters and information on the restrictive influence of problems, strategies for building positive relationships, collecting client feedback to monitor and improve services, and coconstructing solvable problems and reachable goals. Real-life case examples, sample dialog from counseling sessions, discussion and practice exercises, troubleshooting tips, and new and expanded appendixes enhance the book's classroom and clinical utility. A complimentary test manual and PowerPoint slides for instructors' use are available by written request to ACA. \*Requests for digital versions from the ACA can be found on wiley.com. \*To request print copies, please visit the ACA website here.

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#### **The Art of Solution Focused Therapy** American Psychiatric Pub

Solution-focused therapy is often misunderstood to be no more than the techniques it is famous for—pragmatic, future-oriented questions that encourage clients to reconceptualize their problems and build on their strengths. Yet when applied in a "one-size-fits-all" manner, these techniques may produce disappointing results and leave clinicians wondering where they

have gone wrong. This volume adds a vital dimension to the SFT literature, providing a rich theoretical framework to facilitate nonformulaic clinical decision making. The focus is on how attention to emotional issues, traditionally not emphasized in brief, strengths-based interventions, can help "unstick" difficult situations and pave the way to successful solutions.

#### *FAMILY THERAPY TECHNIQUES*

Cengage Learning

As part of the bestselling SAGE Skills in Counseling & Psychotherapy series, this book is one of the first to focus specifically on Solution Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) skills and practice. Aimed at those new to the approach and as a refresher to those that have started using SFBT, it covers the key techniques and interventions.

Structured step-by-step along the lines of an actual therapy session, the book can be dipped into or read cover-to-cover. It covers assumptions, expectations and ways of working, the role of the Solution Focused Brief Therapist, The Miracle Question, scaling, tasks, ending sessions and closures. Supported by case studies, therapeutic dialogue, hints and tips, exercises and points for reflection, the book is an ideal companion for any counseling, health or social care trainee who plans to practice Solution Focused Brief Therapy in today's time-constrained settings. It will also be a valuable guide for those qualified in the caring professions and who wish to refresh the way that they work.

#### Directive Play Therapy John Wiley & Sons

On a scale of 0-10 I would give the Handbook of Solution Focused Therapy a nine - it met my best hopes in terms of an insight into the theory and mechanics of SFT, and gave me ideas for extending my current use of the therapy. I found it engaging, readable and well-presented, with useful reference lists within each chapter to guide further reading' - "Solution News" This collection of fifteen chapters, each written by a different specialist in the SFT field, is a valuable contribution to the Solution-Focused therapist's bookshelf. A must-read for any informed SF therapy practitioner - "Mark McKergow, The Solutions Focus" This book has 14 chapters on diverse applications of Solution-Focus, between introductory and closing chapters by Bill O'Connell. The book relates to work being done in the UK and in Ireland, excepting Alasdair MacDonald's piece on

research in SFT, which is an up-to-date and welcome review of research findings world-wide. All the chapters are succinct and they convey a clear impression of the lightness and excitement of this approach, for service-users and therapists alike. The book is a good read for any therapist, professional helper or service manager' - "Robert Cumming, Nurturing Potential" Solution-Focused therapy is an increasingly popular approach, used by practitioners in a wide range of contexts and settings. Illustrating the breadth and depth of contemporary practice, the Handbook of Solution-Focused Therapy brings together contributions from leading practitioners in fields such as social work, education and health care to show how solution-focused techniques can be effective in many different situations. Beginning with an introduction to the origins and theory of the approach, the book examines different areas of practice, explaining how and why the solution-focused approach is applicable and highlighting the issues specific to each context. Each chapter features a case-example, which demonstrates the practical advantages and difficulties, involved in using the solution-focused approach. The Handbook of Solution-Focused Therapy is an ideal text for training courses in solution-focused therapy and a source of new ideas for practitioners trained in other approaches who want to integrate solution-focused techniques with their existing practice. Bill O'Connell is a Senior Lecturer in Counselling at University of Birmingham and author of Solution-Focused Therapy (SAGE 1998) and Solution-Focused Stress Counselling (Continuum 2001). Professor Stephen Palmer is Director of the Centre for Stress Management and the Centre for Coaching, London. He has written and edited over 25 books.

#### Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Clients Managing Trauma Oxford University Press

By combining step-by-step instructions with vivid case examples, the author provides the necessary tools to easily and quickly implement this powerful counseling method.

#### Doing What Works in Brief Therapy SAGE

Solution-Focused Play Therapy is an essential text that blends the process of play therapy with solution-focused

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therapy. With a focus on child strengths and resources, this book identifies key concepts and principles in solution-focused play therapy (SFPT). The author provides neurobiological and developmental support for SFPT and guidance on how practitioners can transition from using a non-directive approach to a more directive and activity-based approach based on the developmental needs of the child. Chapters describe the 12 basic skills needed for employing this approach with children of all ages and their families. Harnessing a strengths-oriented approach, the author presents expressive ways to use key SFPT techniques, including the miracle question, scaling, finding exceptions, and end-of-session feedback. Clinicians will come away from the book with a suite of interventions, strategies, handouts, and forms that can be employed with children of all ages and their families, from strength-based assessment and treatment planning to the final celebration session.

Solution-Focused School Counselor Corwin Press

This second edition of Solution-focused Therapy remains the most accessible yet comprehensive case-based introduction to the history, theory, research and practice of solution-focused therapy (SFT) within mental health care and beyond. Drawing on contemporary research and the author's own extensive experience, the fully revised and updated new edition includes: " discussion of recent developments relevant to research and training " a new chapter on challenges to SFT and the integration of SFT with other therapeutic approaches " extended discussion on ethical issues " topical exploration of the application of SFT with patients with personality disorders and dementias " contemporary research on solution-focused coaching and approaches to organizational change " new case material. This highly practical guide should be on the desk of every student or trainee studying this strongly supported, growing approach. It is also a useful resource for practitioners wanting to update their core skills and knowledge.