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# Solution Focused Theory

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Treatment (I-FAST) is based on common factors in family treatment. This book provides the theory, strategies, and interventions for how to teach, supervise, and provide this effective yet flexible user friendly approach to working with youth and families in mental health and community settings. Handbook of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy Springer Publishing Company Changing the Focus of Staff -- From Admission to Discharge in One Conversation -- Group Therapy for Solution Building -- Steps to Take When

Beginning a Group -- Summary -- Personal Exercise -- References -- Appendix: Guiding Constructs of Solution Focused Narrative Therapy -- Index  
Solution-focused Brief Therapy John Wiley & Sons  
Therapy is frequently miscast as requiring an enormous amount of time and financial commitment, but helpful, goal-oriented therapy can produce positive results after only a few sessions.

By focusing on solutions instead of problems, SFBT asks clients to set concrete goals and to draw upon strengths in their lives that can help bring about the desired change for a preferred future.  
Solution-Focused Case Management Routledge  
'More than Miracles' is a groundbreaking text revealing developments in this practical, evidence based approach. It provides

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information on the widely used Solution-Focused Brief Therapy Approach (SFBTA). *Solution-Focused Therapy* Guilford Publication This book is the result of a collaboration between a number of authors working as a European Brief Therapy Association (EBTA) task-group. This is the 2020 state of the art version of understanding and learning Solution-Focused Practice. It is applicable to various fields of practice, such as therapy, coaching, supervision, social change, educational work, leadership, and other contexts where

a detailed understanding of how to manage and promote change in social systems and communities is intended. The book presents a coherent theory of solution-focused practice for those who want to understand the rationale, together with a comprehensive description of solution-focused practice that can be used in daily practice or training and for developmental purposes. Theory here is defined as a process theory describing how the solution-focused practice is done, together with explanations of how and why the change process is initiated. This book is also a statement of what solution-focused practice is and what are the sound reasons

to use it. *Solution Focused Practice in End-of-Life and Grief Counseling* Academic Press 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, counse

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lors-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

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[The Art of Solution Focused Therapy](#)  
Routledge

"Although I have been a hospice nurse for almost 19 years, I am not a counselor. However, I will be able to use some of the information I learned here to assist my patients and my colleagues with issues encountered during the difficult

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time when patients are dying and families are struggling with realities. I will definitely share this book with our bereavement counselors and social workers." Score: 90, 4 stars --Doody's

"[T]his is a book about possibilities-not finalities...about all the different ways that people deal with loss and bereavement and how solution focused brief therapy can be helpful in making sense of the experience that people go through when facing death." --Harry Korman, MD

Solution focused practice challenges the conventional approach to bereavement counseling by emphasizing solution building over simple problem-solving. Joel Simon, with over 16 years of experience in the field, demonstrates how this therapy can help clients think of possibilities, rather than limitations, when facing death or the loss of a loved one. This book presents a general overview of solution focused practice, tools, and methodologies for practitioners. Simon also provides real-life vignettes and verbatim transcripts from actual patients in end-of-life or bereavement counseling. This book provides insight into the philosophy and practice of solution focused therapy, as applied to clients with life-limiting conditions and their loved ones. Key topics discussed: The use of language in solution focused practice: theory, meaning making, and the role of emotions

Tools of solution-building, with questions, troubleshooting guidelines, and tips for evaluating outcomes The distinction between problem-solving and solution-building Co-constructing goals with clients Applying solution focused principles to hospice, grief, and bereavement practice

This resource serves as an invaluable tool for social workers, hospice workers, psychologists, and other bereavement and grief-counseling professionals.

**Solution-Focused Brief Therapy**  
 Penguin

This second edition of Solution-focused

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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.

**Solution-Focused Therapy** SAGE  
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,

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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.

**Beyond Technique  
in Solution-  
Focused Therapy**

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"Blundo and Simon  
have successfully  
outlined how a

solution-focused perspective can be a powerful tool for case managers. Their understanding and presentation are based upon practice scenarios that are real and applied....They clearly demonstrate the impact of 'thinking and language' and the importance of building a collaborative relationship with clients. Their work challenges the traditional theory-driven interventions that focus on problems and arrive at a diagnosis. They encourage a 'shift' to a coconstructive partnership that requires a practitioner to

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respect that clients are 'experts of their own lives'. They provide a clear step-wise discussion of techniques and strategies that can be employed working with individuals and families in case management settings. This book is a must read."

óLawrence T. Force, PhD, LCSW-R Professor of Psychology, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY

From the Foreword

Solution-focused practice is a paradigm that stresses client abilities, strengths, and individual goals rather than disability. Written by a team of educators and practitioners noted for their expertise in solution-focused therapy, this "how-to" text for social work, counseling, and psychology students guides current and future case managers in learning this strengths-based, collaborative approach to case management. It discusses both the philosophical basis for solution-focused casework and demonstrates how it is ideally suited for the case management process. The book is based on teaching materials the authors have developed and used in their classes and workshops with undergraduate and graduate students and professionals.

The text incorporates new research and theoretical developments in solution-focused therapy as well as actual practice scenarios demonstrating the process of building a collaborative relationship with individual clients and families. Replete with strategies and tools for practicing solution-focused case management, the text describes such essential skills as identifying goals, monitoring progress, working with other agencies, and transitioning out of treatment. It



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discusses issues related to ethical practice and presents strategies for self-care. Additionally, the book addresses diversity and social justice and their relationships to solution-focused practice. Student exercises help to reinforce knowledge. The text will assist case managers in a variety of settingsóhospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, community-based mental health agencies, schools, prisons, court systems, and shelters for the homeless and victims of domestic

violenceóto partner with their clients toward finding strengths-based and solution-focused approaches to resolving issues in a positive way. **KEY FEATURES:** Authored by noted experts in solution-focused education and practice Facilitates a reframing of casework and case management around client strengths and resources Provides specific case examples that allow readers to troubleshoot and apply solution-focused principles to practice Includes student exercises throughout the book **The First 20 Hours** Springer

**Publishing Company**  
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

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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 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,

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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.

**Marriage and Family Therapy**

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Solution-focused brief therapy uses a range of techniques underpinned by theoretical assumptions about people and what is helpful in

promoting change. This is done through taking appropriate responsibility for their lives. This introductory book is for people who wish to learn more about the theory and practice. As solution-focused work developed in therapeutic contexts, many examples are drawn from encounters between counselors in various settings and people who come to them by various routes. But importantly, the book also includes examples that show how solution-focused approaches can be used by social, care, community, and

justice workers going about their work in statutory and voluntary agencies with the different demands that these make. The book outlines the theoretical influences on solution-focused approaches and contrasts them with more traditional approaches. It allows the reader to think about what informs their current practice and how a solution-focused approach may be different, giving ideas for developing practice in a reflective way. It outlines the practice principles and techniques involved in solution-focused work, using an

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interview structure that provides a logical flow of ideas. Additionally, the book outlines some outcome studies and evidence for effectiveness of solution-focused approaches, with a further section on useful websites and further reading.

Casebook of the Brief Psychotherapies  
Red Globe Press

The first of its kind, "Doing What Works in Brief Therapy" is a guidebook to strategic solution focused therapy. The book teaches how to focus on critical issues with exquisite precision and to construct

creative, individualized interventions that amplify what works and interrupt what does not.

*Handbook of Solution-Focused Therapy* SAGE

Following the publication of the Handbook of the Brief Psychotherapies (Wells & Giannetti, 1990), the editors began to conceptualize the idea of a collection of case studies encompassing a number of the commonly encountered clinical problems that have been treated with such approaches. The Casebook of

the Brief Psychotherapies is the result. The Casebook details clinical interventions with client populations as diverse as substance abusers, torture victims, the physically handicapped and other exceptional groups, and the economically disadvantaged with emotional and behavioral problems, as well as individuals experiencing sexual dysfunction or eating disorders. In addition, topics such as bereavement, depression, anger, and many crucial aspects of marital and family therapy are discussed by eminent clinical

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practitioners. Although the cases draw heavily upon cognitive behavioral and strategic structural formulations, psychodynamic, interpersonal, and experiential approaches are also included. The Casebook is clinically oriented, with a minimum of theory. Am ple case material and commentary allow the reader to experience direct ly the application of brief therapy to specific client problems. What emerges from this compendium of approaches and problems is a tap estry of action-oriented, problem-

solving, skill-building, rational ap proaches to therapy that balance the client's ability to change with the demands and limits of time. *Psychotherapy for the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurse* Springer Publishing Company What is Solution-Focused Therapy? Solution Focused Therapy (SFT) is a unique, goal-directed therapy aimed at helping clients regain autonomy by determining and achieving their own goals. Solution focused therapists encourage clients to focus on solutions, not problems, and

help clients effectively plan how to reach their goals. Unlike other therapies, SFT holds an abiding belief in clients' abilities to know what is best for them, rather than have a therapist tell them. Why this book? This book not only provides an overview of the Solution Focused therapy model, its basic tenets, and theories; it also presents intimate interviews with expert practitioners- all of whom use SFT in their own practice. To this end, the book offers a wealth of insight into the theory and practice of SFT, to help practitioners decide whether SFT

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is right for them and their clients. These experts offer details of their apprehensions, goals, breakthroughs, and overall experiences with the therapy. The team of expert contributors includes Eve Lipchik, Yvonne Dolan, Alasdair Macdonald, Thorana Nelson, and many more. Questions the experts address include: How did you discover that SFT was the model that fit your clients' needs? What characteristics of this model drew you towards it? How has SFT impacted your personal life? What is it about SFT that makes it so

effective? What are your favorite cases and how did they affect your work as a therapist? *Solution Focused Anxiety Management* Elsevier Health Sciences  
Written in a clear, informative, and informal style, INTERVIEWING FOR SOLUTIONS, 4E, International Edition features a unique solutions-oriented approach to basic interviewing in the helping professions. Peter DeJong and Insoo Kim Berg's proven approach 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. *More Than Miracles* Zondervan Solution Focused Anxiety Management provides the clinician with evidence-based techniques to help clients manage anxiety. Cognitive behavioral and strategic tools, acceptance-based ideas, and mindfulness are introduced from a solution-focused perspective and tailored to client strengths and preferences. The book presents the

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conceptual foundation, based techniques from methods, and attitudes of a solution-focused approach. Case examples illustrate how to transform anxiety into the "Four Cs" (courage, coping, appropriate caution and choice). Readers learn how to utilize solution focused anxiety management in single-session, brief, and intermittent therapy as well as in a class setting. The book additionally includes all materials needed for teaching solution focused anxiety management in a four-session psychoeducational class: complete instructor notes, learner readings, and companion online materials. Special Features: - Focuses on what works in anxiety management - Presents evidenced

based techniques from a solution-focused perspective - Increases effectiveness by utilizing client strengths and preferences - Describes applications in single session, brief, and intermittent therapy - Supplies forms and worksheets for the therapist to use in practice - Features clinically rich case examples - Supplements text with online companion material - Suitable for use as a treatment manual, reference, or course text - Offers a solution-focused anxiety treatment - Focuses on anxiety management, not "elimination" - Translates the program to individual therapy - Presents patient exercises and case examples -

Includes a guide for teaching/learning this therapeutic technique  
**Theory of Solution-Focused Practice**  
 OUP USA  
 This book provides a concise and jargon-free guide to the thinking and practice of this exciting approach, enabling people to make changes in their lives in the shortest possible time.  
*Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Families* John Wiley & Sons  
 This book describes a general view of solutions and how they work and of related specific procedures that have been developed during 15 years of doing and studying brief therapy.

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MacDonald, one