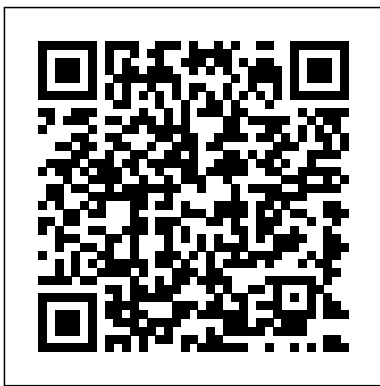

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Solution Focused Brief Therapy: 100 Key Points and Techniques provides a concise and jargon-free guide to the thinking and practice of this exciting approach, which enables people to make changes in their lives quickly and effectively. It covers: The history and background to solution focused practice The philosophical underpinnings of the approach Techniques and practices Specific applications to work with children and adolescents, (including school-based work) families, and adults How to deal with difficult situations Organisational applications including supervision, coaching and leadership. Frequently asked questions This book is an invaluable resource for all therapists and counsellors, whether in training or practice. It will also be essential for any professional whose job it is to help people make changes in their lives, and will therefore be of interest to social workers, probation officers, psychiatric staff,

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Solution-Focused Substance Abuse Treatment SAGE

Apply the major psychotherapy theories into practice with this comprehensive text *Counseling and Psychotherapy Theories in Context and Practice: Skills, Strategies, and Techniques, 2nd Edition* is an in-depth guide that provides useful learning aids, instructions for ongoing assessment, and valuable case studies. More than just a reference, this

approachable resource highlights practical applications of theoretical concepts, covering both theory and technique with one text. Easy to read and with engaging information that has been recently revised to align with the latest in industry best practices, this book is the perfect resource for graduate level counseling theory courses in counselor education, marriage and family therapy, counseling psychology, and clinical psychology. Included with each copy of the text is an access code to the online Video Resource Center (VRC). The VRC features eleven videos—each one covering a different therapeutic approach using real therapists and clients, not actors. These videos provide a perfect complement to the book by showing what the different theories look like in practice. The Second Edition features: New chapters on Family Systems Theory and Therapy as well as Gestalt Theory and Therapy Extended case examples in each of the twelve Theory chapters A treatment planning section that illustrates how specific theories can be used in problem formulation, specific interventions, and potential outcomes assessment Deeper and more continuous examination of gender and cultural issues An evidence-based status section in each Theory chapter focusing on what we know from the scientific research, with the goal of developing critical thinking skills A new section on Outcome Measures that provides ideas on how client outcomes can be tracked using practice-based evidence Showcasing the latest research, theory, and evidence-based practice in an engaging and relatable style, *Counseling and Psychotherapy*

Theories in Context and Practice is an illuminating text with outstanding practical value.

Solution-Focused Groupwork John Wiley & Sons

Solution-based casework is an approach to assessment, case planning, and case management that combines what we know from clinical social work with what we value about sound social work practice. It is grounded in family-centered social work and draws from clinical approaches within social work and mental health. By integrating problem- and solution-focused approaches that form the clinical and social work traditions, treatment partnerships are more easily formed between family, caseworker, and service provider. *Solution-Based Casework* is a skill-based, practice-oriented text that provides the specific guidance that students and new practitioners need in order to make sense quickly of the complex tasks of assessment and case planning in child welfare. The book flows out of a long practice experience, and was developed in consultation with workers and supervisors who were attempting to remedy problems viewed as contributing to recurrent abuse and neglect. It seeks to end adversarial relationships in casework and advocates case plans based on specific outcome skills rather than on those written with vague outcome goals measuring attendance in counseling. It serves as a common conceptual framework for integrating disparate segments of a response network, thereby allowing all providers in a therapeutic system to work toward common goals. The text is divided into three sections. In Section I the conceptual history and theoretical foundations of solution-based casework are presented so that the reader can place this approach to casework within the ongoing professional conversation about what constitutes sound practice. Section II addresses issues of assessment and case planning.

Section III focuses on case management issues and how treatment team members experience a solution-based casework approach.

Solution Focused Practice in End-of-Life and Grief Counseling American Psychiatric Pub

Learning Solution-Focused Therapy: An Illustrated Guide bridges the gap between the traditional medical model of problem-focused assessment and treatment and the newer, increasingly popular strength-based treatment approach. The author's objective is to provide another therapeutic dimension, thus enhancing problem-focused treatment and supporting competency in this strength-based modality. Psychiatrists, pediatricians, family practitioners, nurses, and other mental health providers will appreciate the how-to focus of the text, its compelling, case-based approach to learning, and its informal, conversational writing style. The book's structure and features are designed to facilitate learning: The book begins with an overview of the core tenets of solution-focused therapy, starting with solution-focused case review and examining both solution-focused core assumptions and core questions. This helps the reader understand the foundation of this modality and put it into context. A primary objective is building the skills necessary to effective solution-based therapy, and the book includes instruction on conducting a solution-focused interview, establishing a framework of strengths and resources, developing a yes-set, negotiating goals, amplifying ambivalence, and dealing with crisis. Solution-focused techniques are integrated within supervision and consultation, an approach that clinicians who work with students and residents, and supervisors who work within agencies will find immensely

useful. Solution-focused psychopharmacotherapy and addiction therapy merit complete chapters, providing information that clinicians will find invaluable when applying solution-focused techniques in these situations. The case illustrations vividly render the dialogue of patient and therapist, and are accompanied by detailed explanations and commentary in italics to help the reader learn how to practice this model of treatment. Companion videos (available online) present commonly used techniques that illustrate key features of solution-focused therapy in a compelling and enlightening way. *Learning Solution-Focused Therapy: An Illustrated Guide* provides learning exercises and case illustrations that will help the reader implement practical strategies immediately with patients, students, supervisees and trainees. Practical, engaging, and evidence-based, this book will enhance the clinician's ability to connect with and help the patient in a positive way.

Assessment & Intervention in Social Work

Springer Publishing Company

Solution-Focused Therapy is a relatively new, but strongly supported and growing approach. *Solution-Focused Therapy: Theory, Research & Practice* contains an overview of current research in the area and an account of the use of solution-focused approaches in various relevant therapeutic situations. Written by Dr. Alasdair J. MacDonald, one of the leading Solution-Focused Therapy specialists in Europe and a key figure in the European Brief Therapy Association, this book provides both trainees and practitioners with instruction in the method of solution-focused brief therapy.

John Wiley & Sons

Too often in practice, there is a tendency to pathologize clients, requiring a diagnosis as part of the helping relationship. Suppose, however, that most of the client problems that social workers encounter have more to do with the vagaries of life and not with what clients are doing wrong. This powerful idea is the philosophy behind the strengths-based approaches to social work. This groundbreaking practice handbook takes this concept one step further, combining the different strengths-based approaches into an overarching model of solution-oriented social work for greater impact. The strengths perspective emphasizes client strengths, goal-setting, and a shared definition of positive outcome. Solution-focused therapy approaches ongoing problems when they have temporarily abated, amplifying exceptions as solutions. This natural but rarely explored pairing is one component in the challenging and effective practice framework presented here by the authors, two seasoned practitioners with over 50 years of combined experience. By integrating the most useful aspects of the major approaches, a step-by-step plan for action emerges. With this text in hand, you will:

- Integrate elements from the strengths perspective, solution-focused therapy, narrative therapy, and the strategic therapy of the Mental Research Institute (the MRI approach) into an effective and eclectic framework
- Build and practice your skills using case examples, transcripts, and practical advice
- Equip yourself with the tools you need to emphasize clients' strengths
- Challenge the diagnosis-first medical model of behavioral health care
- Collaborate with clients to get past thinking (first-order change), and more to acting "outside the box" (second-order change)

Learn to work with a wide variety of clients, including individuals, groups, and families; involuntary clients; clients with severe mental illness; and clients in crisis For any student or practitioner interested in working with clients towards collaborative and empowering change, this is the essential text.

A Study of Intake and Assessment in Solution-focused Brief Therapy SAGE

Comprehensive Handbook of Social Work and Social Welfare, Volume 3: The Profession of Social Work features contributions from leading international researchers and practitioners and presents the most comprehensive, in-depth source of information on the field of social work and social welfare.

Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) National Exam Routledge

Solution-Focused Substance Abuse Treatment describes the standard of care for substance abuse treatment, demonstrates how solution-focused brief therapy exceeds this standard, and shows how it can effectively be used in substance abuse evaluation, case management, and both individual and group treatment. Beginning and advanced concepts are provided to address the questions of even the most advanced clinician, all placed in the context of cultural awareness. Most importantly, the author answers the many questions professionals may have about how solution-focused brief therapy can be successfully integrated into the field of substance abuse. It provides a thorough understanding of the issues that therapists face when working with this at times challenging population, and demonstrates how the use of solution-focused brief therapy can minimize power struggles and enhance client success.

Sample forms and handouts are included, as are additional resources for effective evaluation and treatment.

Handbook of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy SAGE

Rates of recidivism for domestic 'batterers' following traditional treatment programs has lent urgency to finding alternative methods. This book describes a cutting-edge approach to treatment, 'solution-focused therapy', that focuses on holding offenders responsible for building solutions.

Crisis Intervention Handbook Oxford University Press, USA

The latest developments in this groundbreaking therapy approach! More Than Miracles: The State of the Art of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy is a groundbreaking, intellectually provocative book, revealing new advances in the widely used, evidence based Solution-focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) approach. The final work of world renowned family therapists and original developers of SFBT, the late Steve de Shazer and Insoo Kim Berg (who passed away shortly before the book's release) this definitive resource provides the most up-to-date information available on this eminently practical, internationally acclaimed approach. New revelations about the impact of language in therapeutic change are presented precisely and clearly, illustrated with real life case examples that give readers a "hands-on" view of the newest technical refinements in the SF approach. Challenging questions about the applications of SFBT to complex problems in "difficult" settings are given thoughtful, detailed answers. The book's unique design allows the reader to "listen in" on the lively discussions that took place as the authors watched therapy sessions. The solution-

focused brief therapy approach is based upon researchers observing thousands of hours of psychotherapy sessions and studying which questions and responses were most effective in helping people develop solutions to their problems. *More Than Miracles: The State of the Art of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy* is the most up-to-date, comprehensive review of this approach. This book discusses the latest developments in the fields of family therapy, brief therapy, and psychotherapy training and practice. A succinct overview orients the reader to the current state of SFBT, and provides three real life case transcripts that vividly illustrate the practical applications of SFBT techniques. The seminar format of *More Than Miracles: The State of the Art of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy* allows readers to: sit in on surprising psychotherapy sessions eavesdrop on the authors' commentary about the sessions get a comprehensive overview on the current state of SFBT review and understand the major tenets of SFBT learn specific interventions, including the miracle question and the reasons for asking it understand treatment applicability read actual session transcripts understand the "miracle scale" get insight into the unique relationship between Wittgenstein's philosophy and SFBT better understand SFBT and emotions examine misconceptions about SFBT and more *More Than Miracles: The State of the Art of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy* is illuminating reading for psychotherapists, counselors, human services personnel, health care workers, and teachers.

Learning Solution-Focused Therapy Springer Publishing Company

"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 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.

Marriage and Family Therapy, Second Edition Routledge

The topic of trauma has been covered in many books, and there are many publications covering the use of SFBT in different settings and with varied client populations. However, the convergence of these topics has, to date, been covered only minutely. *Solution-Focused Brief Therapy*

with Clients Managing Trauma is a comprehensive overview of how Solution Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) can be used as a treatment approach for working with clients managing various forms of trauma. It includes an overview of SFBT's basic tenets, a description of the current research supporting SFBT as an evidence-based practice, and a comparison of how SFBT clinicians may approach trauma cases differently than clinicians from other therapeutic approaches. The bulk of the text uniquely includes chapters contributed by skilled SFBT clinicians, with differing clinical expertise, sharing their knowledge and describing their strength-based, resiliency focus of applying SFBT in different traumatic circumstances.

Practitioners and even Master's/doctoral students will find this text invaluable in learning how to best help traumatized clients develop a positive future and move toward healing and health.

Solution Focused Brief Therapy Springer Publishing Company

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The Solution Focused Approach with Children and Young People Guilford Press
Solution-Focused Play Therapy is an essential text that blends the process of play therapy with solution-focused 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.

Learning Solution-Focused Therapy SAGE

As a result of the growing amount of acute crisis events portrayed in the media that impact the lives of the general public, interest in crisis intervention, response

teams, management, and stabilization has grown tremendously in the past decade. However, there exists little to no literature designed to give timely and comprehensive help for crisis intervention teams. This is a thorough revision of the first complete and authoritative handbook that prepares the crisis counselor for rapid assessment and timely crisis intervention in the 21st century. Expanded and fully updated, the *Crisis Intervention Handbook: Assessment, Treatment, and Research, Third Edition* focuses on crisis intervention services for persons who are victims of natural disasters, school-based and home-based violence, violent crimes, and personal or family crises. It applies a unifying model of crisis intervention, making it appropriate for front-line crisis workers-clinical psychologists, social workers, psychiatric-mental health nurses, and graduate students who need to know the latest steps and methods for intervening effectively with persons in acute crisis.

Solution-Focused Case Management Oxford University Press

O'Connell presents a comprehensive introduction to Solution-focused therapy (SFT). His writing is accessible making this an easy book to read. The way in which the material is organized and presented is appealing. The tone of the writing is down to earth and I imagine that few readers would feel alienated by the language regardless of training or theoretical background. This book provides not only an in-depth introduction to SFT but also provides the more experienced therapist with further ideas and principles. O'Connell manages to keep an air of hope and optimism in his writing which left me with a renewed sense of enthusiasm for working with clients in a SFT way. Having read a substantial amount of literature in brief therapy, I found this book to be one of the best

I have come across. O'Connell communicates his ideas in a clear and rational way and most importantly with an essential dose of humanity. I would recommend this book to almost everyone regardless of their professional background as it instills a sense of hope and change' - *Counselling Psychology Review* 'A thoroughly enjoyable read about an inspiring approach to facilitating others without pathologising them, this book not only offers practical guidelines for beginners and validating supportive ideas for the more experienced, it could also inspire those who are simply interested in efficient and effective ways of empowering people via reminders of their potential to live zestful, creative, fruitful, connected lives' - *Nurturing Potential* 'Solution-Focused Therapy is a comfortable introduction to SFT, which is best suited for students or those new to the model, or to professionals in other fields. It supports the novice practitioner in feeling that providing good therapy is within their grasp. Bill O'Connell's presentation of solution-focused therapy encourages theoretical integration, practicality, and trust in the abilities of the client over purity. Hopefully, such an approach would appeal to all therapists' - *The Brief Therapy Networks Solution-Focused Therapy, Second Edition* a is a popular introduction to the theory, practice and skills of an approach which is increasingly used by a variety of professionals including counsellors, psychologists, mental health workers, and social workers. Its popularity lies in the fact that it is both time-limited and cost-effective, which are key considerations for many practitioners nowadays. For this, the Second Edition, the book has been fully revised and updated and now includes new sections on solution-focused supervision and running a solution-focused reflecting team. Most chapters include brief practice points for counsellors. This book will be of great interest to trainees of solution-focused therapy, as well as practitioners who work in a range of contexts where the emphasis

is on providing effective brief interventions. Bill O'Connell is Director of Training for Focus on Solutions Limited in Birmingham. He was previously Head of the Counselling Department at Westhill College of Higher Education, Birmingham, and is co-editor of *Handbook of Solution-Focused Therapy* (Sage, 2003). *Counseling and Psychotherapy Theories in Context and Practice, with Video Resource Center* SAGE

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Solution-Focused Therapy Oxford University Press

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