

Competencies for Mental Illness

I can evaluate the family unit's functioning and available resources.

I know the proper roles and responsibilities of other disciplines and community agencies and can collaborate with multi-disciplinary teams to develop case plans and provide services.

I can recognize problems resulting from stress, disturbed relationships, and low self-esteem in my families and can make appropriate referrals for further assessment and therapy.

I understand and know the proper uses of psychological evaluations in child welfare practice.

I recognize the primary indicators of mental illness and emotional disorders.

I understand the effects of mental illness in parents and can assess the developmental risk to the child remaining in the care of the mentally ill parent.

I am aware of community treatment resources for mentally ill clients and can use those resources in developing an appropriate service plan.

I am familiar with medications used in the treatment of mental illness and their potential side effects.

I know appropriate referral methods for assessment and treatment of mental illness.