

Working with Adolescents

9.1 Child welfare worker has a comprehensive knowledge of the physical, cognitive, social, sexual, gender and emotional development of adolescents, and appreciates the affect of developmental variables on adolescent behavior.

New: I am knowledgeable about the development of adolescents and know how developmental variables affect the adolescent's behavior.

9.2 Child welfare worker can correctly assess the behavior of an adolescent including indicators of depression, suicide and other emotional disturbances within the context of his/her development, family, culture, and situation; and can recognize family strengths, dysfunction and crisis that contribute to the adolescent's behavior.

New: I can assess the behavior of adolescents and recognize family strengths and dysfunction that contribute to adolescent behavior.

**9.3 Child welfare worker involves adolescents in the planning and delivery of case plans that address the emotional, social, educational, and environmental factors contributing to the adolescent's behavior.

New: I can develop involve adolescents in case plans and address the factors contributing to adolescent behavior.

**9.4 Child welfare worker can assess an adolescent's need for specialized residential placement, treatment or other special services; and knows how to locate and refer children to these resources.

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9.5 Child welfare worker knows specialized interviewing and casework strategies that are effective with adolescent clients.

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**9.6 Child welfare worker is able to assess the adolescent's level of ability in critical skills needed for independent living, including problems that may interfere with emancipation; and can plan and provide services to prepare adolescents for independent living.

New: I am able to assess the adolescent's level of ability in independent-living skills and can plan and provide referrals accordingly.