

Overlapping Behavioral Characteristics & Related Mental Health Diagnoses in Children

| Overlapping Characteristics & Mental Health Diagnoses | FASD | ADD/ADHD | Sensory Int. Dys. | Autism | Bi-Polar | RAD | Depression | ODD | Trauma | Poverty |
|--|---------|----------|-------------------|---------|----------|------|------------|------|---------|---------|
| | Organic | Organic | Organic | Organic | Mood | Mood | Mood | Mood | Environ | Environ |
| Easily distracted by extraneous stimuli | X | X | X | | | | | | | |
| Developmental Dysmaturity | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Feel Different from other people | X | | | | X | | | | | |
| Often does not follow through on instructions | X | X | | | | | X | X | X | X |
| Often interrupts/intrudes | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | | X |
| Often engages in activities without considering possible consequences | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X |
| Often has difficulty organizing tasks & activities | X | X | | X | X | | X | | | X |
| Difficulty with transitions | X | | X | X | X | | | | | |
| No impulse controls, acts hyperactive | X | X | X | | X | X | | | | |
| Sleep Disturbance | X | | | | X | | X | | X | |
| Indiscriminately affectionate with strangers | X | | X | | X | X | | | | |
| Lack of eye contact | X | | X | X | | X | X | | | |
| Not cuddly | X | | | X | | X | X | | | |
| Lying about the obvious | X | | | | X | X | | | | |
| No impulse controls, acts hyperactive | X | | X | | X | X | | | X | |
| Learning lags: "Won't learn, some can't learn" | X | | X | | | X | | | X | X |
| Incessant chatter, or abnormal speech patterns | X | | X | X | X | X | | | | |
| Increased startle response | X | | X | | | | | | X | |
| Emotionally volatile, often exhibit wide mood swings | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Depression develops, often in teen years | X | X | | | | X | | | X | |
| Problems with social interactions | X | | | X | X | | X | | | |
| Defect in speech and language, delays | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Over/under-responsive to stimuli | X | X | X | X | | | | | | |
| Perseveration, inflexibility | X | | | X | X | | | | | |
| Escalation in response to stress | X | | X | X | X | | X | | X | |
| Poor problem solving | X | | | X | X | | X | | | |
| Difficulty seeing cause & effect | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Exceptional abilities in one area | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Guess at what "normal" is | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Lie when it would be easy to tell the truth | X | | | | X | X | | | | |
| Difficulty initiating, following through | X | X | | | X | | X | | | |
| Difficulty with relationships | X | | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| Manage time poorly/lack of comprehension of time | X | X | | | X | | X | | | X |
| Information processing difficulties speech/language: receptive vs. expressive | X | | | X | | | | | | |
| Often loses temper | X | | X | | X | | X | X | X | |
| Often argues with adults | X | | | | X | | | X | | |
| Often actively defies or refuses to comply | X | | | | X | | | X | | |
| Often blames others for his or her mistakes | X | X | | | X | | X | X | | |
| Is often touchy or easily annoyed by others | X | | | | X | | X | X | | |
| Is often angry and resentful | X | | | | | | X | X | | |