ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS WITH CO-MORBID DISORDERS AND MULTIPLE ELIGIBILITIES UNDER IDEIA/ADA (1.0)

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The Future
The purpose of life is to prepare the next generation for their future.

Survival of the Species

• Salmon and snakes are born with sufficient instincts to survive.
• Bear cubs require at least one or two years with their mother to insure survival.
• Higher primates require three or four years.
• Humans require at least ten years.

My Grandparent’s Future
My Parent’s Future

My Future

Preschool Graduation Part I
Preschool Graduation Part II

Goals for This Session

• Place our role as evaluators in context.
• Provide an overview of development, behavior diagnosis and eligibility.
• Discuss role of impairment in assessment.
• Discuss critical variables influencing assessment.
• Provide a framework for a comprehensive assessment.
• Review tools and methods.

I Had a Revelation in St. Augustine

The World Operates Along a Normal Curve!
Not surprisingly all but two things we do as school psychologists are dimensional!

Diagnosis
Eligibility Determination

The Disruptive Continuum of Behavior

The Non-disruptive Continuum of Behavior
How distinct are these disorders from each other?

Much less so than makes me comfortable!

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

- 44.3% of children with ADHD were also diagnosed with ODD (Cuffe et al., 2015); Kessler et al. (2014) found a lifetime prevalence of 47% for ODD.
- 13.5% of children with ADHD were also diagnosed with CD (Cuffe et al., 2015); Kessler et al. (2014) found a lifetime prevalence of 22% for CD.
- In a recent study by the CDC, 59% of children with ASD were also diagnosed with ADHD (Stevens, Peng, & Barnard-Brak, 2016).
- 2% of children with ADHD were also diagnosed with Major Depressive Disorder (Cuffe et al., 2015); Kessler et al. (2014) found a lifetime prevalence of 41% for MDD/Dysthymia. For youth with MDD, researchers have found an odds ratio for an ADHD diagnosis of \(2.58\) (Avenevoli, Swendsen, He, Burstein, & Merikangas, 2015).

ADHD

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- 6.4% of children with ADHD were also diagnosed with Generalized Anxiety Disorder, 10.2% with Separation Anxiety Disorder, and 7.6% with Social Phobia (Cuffe et al., 2015); Kessler et al. (2014) found a lifetime prevalence of 35% for any anxiety disorder.

\*An odds ratio (OR) is a measure of association between an exposure and an outcome. The OR represents the odds that an outcome will occur given a particular exposure, compared to the odds of the outcome occurring in the absence of that exposure.
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CD

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ASD

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- In a sample of children with ASD, Stacy et al., (2014) found that 75% of girls and 72% of boys had a current co-morbid learning disorder.
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Special Education Legislative History

- 1975 — The Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EHA) became law. It was renamed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in 1990.


- 1997 — IDEA received significant amendments. The definition of disabled children expanded to include developmentally delayed children between three and nine years of age. It also required parents to attempt to resolve disputes with schools and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) through mediation, and provided a process for doing so. The amendments authorized additional grants for technology, disabled infants and toddlers, parent training, and professional development. (Pub. L. No. 105-17, 111 Stat. 37).

- 2004 — On December 3, 2004, IDEA was amended by the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, now known as IDEA. Several provisions aligned IDEA with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, signed by President George W. Bush. It authorized fifteen states to implement 3-year IEPs on a trial basis when parents continually agree. Drawing on the report of the President’s Commission on Excellence in Special Education,[46] the law revised the requirements for evaluating children with learning disabilities. More concrete provisions relating to discipline of special education students was also added. (Pub. L. No. 108-446, 118 Stat. 2647).

- 2009 — Following a campaign promise for “funding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act”,[47] President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) on February 17, 2009, including $12.2 billion in additional funds.

- 2009 — Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act was signed into law in September 2008 and became effective on January 1, 2009

IDEA

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a four-part piece of Federal legislation ensuring students with a recognized disability are provided with Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) tailored to their individual needs.

IDEA was previously known as the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EHA) from 1975 to 1990. In 1990, the United States Congress reauthorized EHA and changed the title to IDEA (Public Law No. 94-142). Overall, the goal of IDEA is to provide children with disabilities the same opportunity for education as those students who do not have a disability.
IDEA
IDEA is composed of four parts:
Part A covers the general provisions of the law.
Part B covers assistance for education of all children with disabilities.
Part C covers infants and toddlers with disabilities which includes children from birth to age three.
Part D is the national support programs administered at the federal level. Each part of the law has remained largely the same since the original enactment in 1975.

Six Foundations of IDEA
- Individualized Education Program
- Free Appropriate Public Education
- Least Restrictive Environment
- Appropriate Evaluation
- Parent and Teacher Participation
- Procedural Safeguards

IDEA
The first legislation which provided relief was the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Congress then enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act to alleviate the financial burden created by litigation pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act.
Public schools were required to evaluate handicapped children and create an educational plan with parent input that would emulate as closely as possible the educational experience of non-disabled students.
IDEA

Students should be placed in the least restrictive environment—one that allows the maximum possible opportunity to interact with non-impaired students.

Separate schooling may only occur when the nature or severity of the disability is such that instructional goals cannot be achieved in the regular classroom.

Finally, the law contains a due process clause that guarantees an impartial hearing to resolve conflicts between the parents of disabled children to the school system.

IDEA

Children are placed in special education services through an evaluation process. If the evaluation is not appropriately conducted, or does not monitor the information that is needed to determine placement it is not appropriate.

The goal of IDEA’s regulations for evaluation is to help minimize the number of misidentifications, to provide a variety of assessment tools and strategies, to prohibit the use of any single evaluation as the sole criterion of which a student is placed in special education services, and to provide protections against evaluation measures that are racially or culturally discriminatory.

Overall, the goal of appropriate evaluation is to get students who need help, extra help that is appropriate for the student and helps that specific student to reach his or her goals set by the IEP team.

Eligible

adjective
having the right to do or obtain something; satisfying the appropriate conditions.
“customers who are eligible for discounts”

synonyms: entitled, permitted, allowed, qualified, able
“those people eligible to vote”
(of a person) desirable or suitable as a partner in marriage.
“the world’s most eligible bachelor”

synonyms: desirable, suitable;
Diagnosis

Medicine/Medical.
the process of determining by examination the nature and circumstances of a diseased condition.
the decision reached from such an examination.

Eligibilities Under The School Psychologist’s Direct Consideration

- Emotional Disturbance (depression/anxiety related conditions, social impairments, schizophrenia)
- Autism
- Language
- Intellectual
- Specific Learning Disorder
- Other Health Impairment (ADHD)

Eligibilities Under The School Psychologist’s Indirect Consideration

- Other Health Impairment (e.g. diabetes)
- Orthopedics
- Hearing
- Vision
California

§ 3630. Eligibility Criteria.
5 CA ABD § 3630. BARCLAYS OFFICIAL CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
Barclays Official California Code of Regulations Currentness
Title 5. Education
Division 1. California Department of Education
Chapter 3. Individuals with Exceptional Needs
Subchapter 1. Special Education
Article 2.1. Individuals with Exceptional Needs

(7) Multiple disabilities means concurrent impairments, such as intellectual disability-blindness or intellectual disability-orthopedic impairment, the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the impairments. "Multiple disabilities" does not include deaf-blindness.

(8) Intellectual disability means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period that adversely affects a child's educational performance.

Colorado

A child with Multiple Disabilities shall have two or more areas of significant impairment, one of which shall be an intellectual disability. The other areas of impairment include: Orthopedic Impairment; Visual Impairment, Including Blindness; Hearing Impairment, Including Deafness; Speech or Language Impairment; Serious Emotional Disability; Autism Spectrum Disorders; Traumatic Brain Injury; or Other Health Impaired. The combination of such impairments creates a unique condition that is evidenced through a multiplicity of severe educational needs which prevent the child from receiving reasonable educational benefit from general education.

New Jersey

Multiply disabled” corresponds to “multiply handicapped” and “multiple disabilities,” and means the presence of two or more disabling conditions, the combination of which causes such severe educational needs that they cannot be accommodated in a program designed solely to address one of the impairments. Multiple disabilities includes cognitively impaired-blindness, cognitively impaired-orthopedic impairment, etc. The existence of two disabling conditions alone shall not serve as a basis for a classification of multiply disabled. Eligibility for speech-language services as defined in this section shall not be one of the disabling conditions for classification based on the definition of “multiply disabled.” Multiply disabled does not include deaf-blindness.
Maryland

"Multiple disabilities" means concomitant impairments, such as intellectual disability-blindness or intellectual disability-orthopedic impairment, the combination of which causes such severe educational problems that the student cannot be accommodated in special education programs solely for one of the impairments. (b) "Multiple disabilities" does not include students with deaf-blindness.

Determining eligibility is an outcome best understood and obtained by a thorough assessment.

We Are the First Congress on Defining Mental Illness (circa 1820)
How Shall We Understand, Define and Categorize Mental Illness?

• By etiology or cause?
• By emotions, behaviors and thoughts?
• By impaired function in activities of life?

What is the Goal of a Comprehensive Evaluation?

• Identify and define symptoms?
• Identify and define strengths and weaknesses?
• Appreciate the relationship of a set of symptoms to a unitary condition?
• Meet eligibility criteria?
• Define limits of functional impairment to set a baseline for intervention?

Components of a Thorough Assessment

• History
• Broad Spectrum Questionnaires (Parent and Teacher)
• Narrow Spectrum Questionnaires (Parent and Teacher)
• Self report Questionnaires
• Ability Assessment
• Achievement Assessment
• Clinical Assessment (e.g. ASD, personality, etc.)
• Interview with student
General Guidelines for a Comprehensive School Psychology Evaluation

- A distinction should be made between acute vs. chronic problems.
- Assessment should be strength focused.
- Test results should be presented in ways that are useful to consumers (e.g. family, school, etc.).
- The least amount of assessment needed to answer referral questions should be completed.

Person Attributes Associated With Successful Coping*

- Affectionate, engaging temperament.
- Sociable.
- Autonomous.
- Above average IQ.
- Good reading skills.
- High achievement motivation.
- Positive self-concept.
- Impulse control.
- Internal locus of control.
- Planning skills.
- Faith.
- Humorous.
- Helpfulness.

* Replicated in 2 or more studies

Environmental Factors Associated With Successful Coping*

- Smaller family size.
- Maternal competence and mental health.
- Close bond with primary caregiver.
- Supportive siblings.
- Extended family involvement.
- Living above the poverty level.
- Friendships.
- Supportive teachers.
- Successful school experiences.
- Involvement in pro-social organizations.

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The pathways that lead to positive adaptation despite high risk and adversity are complex and greatly influenced by context therefore it is not likely that we will discover a magic (generic) bullet.

### Critical Issues

- Demographics
- Symptoms vs. consequences
- Categories vs. dimensions
- Eligibility vs. diagnosis
- Developmental pathways: accept a moment in time
- There are no shortcuts
- Assess the environment

### Critical Issues

- Assess for intervention
- Understand positive and negative predictive power
- Understand sensitivity vs. specificity
- Begin with the disruptive/non-disruptive continuum
- Keep low incidence problems in mind
- Consider resilience (protective) factors
- Measure impairment
Why is the assessment of impairment critical to a comprehensive evaluation?

Why is direct observation (e.g. FuBA) so critical for school based assessment?

An exhaustive review of the literature demonstrates that the relationship between symptoms and functioning remains unexpectedly weak and often bidirectional (McKnight and Kashdan, 2009).
Need

- Clinicians are required to demonstrate the impact psychological and psychiatric diagnoses have on children and adults.
- There is a clear need to measure “impairment” when using the IDEIA, Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association (DSM) or the International Classification of Diseases (ICD) as a guide to eligibility determination and/or diagnosis.
- The need to measure impairment is increasing.

Given trends demonstrating an increased incidence of mental health and physical symptoms across the population (Castle, Aubert, Verbrugge, Khalid, & Epstein, 2007), it is not unexpected that there is an increasing need to demonstrate functional impairment as part of a diagnostic process for medical, mental health and even educational conditions.

Understanding impairment is by far the most important and greatest challenge facing medical, educational, and mental health care providers today.
Impairment is the reduced ability to meet the demands of life because of a psychological, physical, or cognitive condition.

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SYMPTOMS VS. IMPAIRMENT

Impairment is not the same as symptoms

- Symptoms are physical, cognitive or behavioral manifestations of a disorder.
- Impairments are the functional consequences of these symptoms.

In one study 14.2% of a sample of children were significantly impaired without a formal diagnosis. (Balazs et al., 2013; Wille et al., 2008)

In another study, 14.2% of a sample of children were significantly impaired without a formal diagnosis. (Angold et al., 1999)
IMPAIRMENT VS. ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR

A skill deficit occurs when a person does not know how to perform an everyday task, whereas a deficit in performance occurs when an individual has acquired a skill, yet does not seem to use it when needed.

(Ditterline & Oakland, 2009)

IMPAIRMENT VS. ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR

Thus, while measures of adaptive behavior emphasize the presence of adaptive skills in daily functioning, measures of functional impairment tend to emphasize the outcome of a behavior or the performance of an individual rather than the presence or absence of the skill.

Ditterline & Oakland (2009);
Dumas et al. (2010);
Gleason & Coster (2012)
Adaptive Behavior vs. Impairment

Skill vs. Performance

Do you know HOW to do it?

Do you ACTUALLY do it?

Adaptive Behavior vs. Impairment

Using utensils

Not using utensils to eat

IMPAIRMENT VS. ADAPTIVE BEHAVIOR

- Adaptive behavior is a collection of social, practical and conceptual knowledge needed for daily functioning.
- Main difference is between knowledge and performance.
- Adaptive behavior is often linked with intellectual disability.
- RSI validity studies find minimal relation with intellectual ability.
Child with a Disability
IDEIA defines this term as follows:

• (a) General. (1) Child with a disability means a child evaluated in accordance with §§300.304 through 300.311 as having an intellectual disability**, a hearing impairment (including deafness), a speech or language impairment, a visual impairment (including blindness), a serious emotional disturbance (referred to in this part as "emotional disturbance"), an orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, an other health impairment, a specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, or multiple disabilities, and who, by reason thereof, needs special education and related services.

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Americans With Disabilities Act
January 05, 2012 ADA Regulations: What is a Mental Impairment?
How can you be sure you’re meeting ADA regulations for workers with mental conditions? Medically speaking, the term “mental illness” describes a plethora of mental and emotional disorders ranging from mild anxiety to more serious conditions that significantly interfere with major life activities such as learning, working, and simply communicating with others. Legally speaking, “mental illness” isn’t quite as easy to define, yet under the ADA, employers are expected to reasonably accommodate employees who fall into this ambiguous category.
Vocational Impairment

The individual has a significant vocational impairment; that is, a significant impairment of the ability to prepare for, obtain, or keep employment in an occupation consistent with his or her abilities, aptitudes, and interests, considering the factors described in §21.50 and paragraph (b) of this section.

§21.52
United States Department of Veterans Affairs

 Symptoms vs. Impairment

Inattention Difficulty completing homework

Rating Scale of Impairment (RSI) Forms

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RSI Scales
- School
- Social
- Mobility
- Domestic
- Family

Self-care
Relationship Between The RSI And Other Measures

- RSI and the Barkley Functional Impairment Scale (BFIS–CA)
  - Child Sample corrected $r = .55$ to $.67$
  - Youth Sample corrected $r = .63$ to $.71$
- RSI and the Children’s Global Assessment Scale (CGAS)
  - Corrected $r = -.34$ to -.51

Do Children Care What We Think?
Part I

To Mrs. Cowdell

Dear Mrs. Cowdell,

I am writing you this letter because I have a few things to say. I am feeling very angry and upset right now. I feel like I have been treated unfairly. I feel like I have been ignored and not listened to. I feel like I have been treated very poorly.

Sincerely,

Drew
Do Children Care What We Think?  
Part II  

Begin with history, impairment measure and a broad spectrum rating like the Conners Behavior Rating Scale

Content: Scales & Subscales

- **Emotional Distress**  
  - Upsetting Thoughts  
  - Worrying  
  - Upsetting Thoughts/Physical Symptoms  
  - Social Anxiety  

- **Defiant/Aggressive Behaviors**

- **Academic Difficulties**

- **Social Problems**

- **Separation Fears**

- **Hyperactivity/Impulsivity**

- **Perfectionist & Compulsive Behaviors**

- **Physical Symptoms**

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1. Within Emotional Distress scale on Conners CBRS-P  
2. Within Emotional Distress scale on Conners CBRS-T  
3. Subscale of Academic Difficulties scale, Scale on Conners CBRS-P & CBRS-T only  
4. Subscale of Academic Difficulties scale, Scale on Conners CBRS-P only  
5. Subscale of Academic Difficulties scale, Scale on Conners CBRS-T only
DSM Scales

- ADHD Inattentive
- ADHD Hyperactive-Impulsive
- ADHD Combined
- Conduct Disorder
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Major Depressive Disorder
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder
- Manic Episode
- Separation Anxiety Disorder
- Mixed Episode
- Social Phobia
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

* Scales on Conners CDRS-R & CDRS-R T scores only.

Other Clinical Indicators

- Bullying Perpetration
- Bullying Victimization
- Enuresis/Encopresis
- Panic Attack
- Pica
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Specific Phobia
- Tic
- Trichotillomania

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Obtain a Thorough History

- Immediate and extended family risks.
- Pregnancy and delivery
- Infancy and toddlerhood (temperament)
- Preschool and school history
- Socialization
- Family relations
- Sleep, appetite and hygiene
- Past treatments or educational services
- Discipline
- Situational problems
Decide on Narrow Spectrum Questionnaires

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Autism Spectrum
- Resilience
- Executive Functioning
- Personality

Autism Spectrum

Autism Spectrum Rating Scales (ASRS)

- Full-Length Forms
- Short Forms

Total Score

ASRS Scales
- Social/Communication
- Unusual Behaviors

Treatment Scales
- Peer Socialization
- Adult Socialization
- Social/Emotional Reciprocity
- Atypical Language
- Stereotypy
- Behavioral Rigidity
- Sensory Sensitivity
- Attention/Self-Regulation
ASRS Validity for ages 2-5 Parents

ASRS Validity: Ages 6-18 Parents

Anxiety
MASC-2 Scales

- Separation Anxiety
- Social Anxiety
- GAD Index
- Obsessions & Compulsions
- Physical Symptoms
- Harm Avoidance
- Inconsistency

MASC 2 Scales

- Depression
- Obsessive-Compulsive
- Physical Symptoms
- Harm Avoidance
- Inconsistency

Depression
Scale Structure: Parent and Teacher

Total Score
Parent: 17 items
Teacher: 12 items

Emotional Problems
Parent: 9 items
Teacher: 5 items

Functional Problems
Parent: 8 items
Teacher: 7 items

4-point Likert-type rating: 0="Not at All" ; 3="Much or Most of the Time"

Scale Structure: Self-Report (Full Length)

Total Score
(all 28 items)

Emotional Problems
(15 items)

Negative Mood/Physical Symptoms (9 items)
Negative Self-Esteem (6 items)

Functional Problems
(13 items)

Interpersonal Problems (5 items)
Ineffectiveness (8 items)

CDI-2 Self-Report
Each sentence is given either 0, 1, or 2 points
CDI Profile

Executive Functioning

CEFI Scales

Each form yields a **Full Scale** score and 9 separate content scales which contain items as follows:

- Consistency Index
- Negative Impression Scale
- Positive Impression Scale

- Full Scale

- **CEFI Scales**
  - Attention
  - Emotion Regulation
  - Flexibility
  - Inhibitory Control
  - Initiation
  - Organization
  - Planning
  - Self-Monitoring
  - Working Memory
Group Differences: Mood Disorders
(Naglieri & Goldstein, 2013)

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Table 8.2: Differences Between Mood Disorder and Matched General Population Samples. CPT Full Scale

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Resilience

Efforts to Measure Resilience in Clinical Practice
- Devereux Elementary Student Strength Assessment (81 item rating scale).
- Devereux Early Childhood Assessment. (45 items).
- Resiliency Scales for Children and Adolescents (60 + item rating scales).
- Psychological Resilience Scale (25 items).
Risk and Resilience Scales

RESILIENCE QUOTIENT
ADVERSE OUTCOMES QUOTIENT
ACADEMIC
SOCIAL
VOCATIONAL
MENTAL-HEALTH
INTERNALIZING
EXTERNALIZING
PROTECTIVE FACTORS QUOTIENT
FAMILY
SOCIAL
COMMUNITY
TEMPERAMENT
TRANSITIONS
TIMINGS

RELATIONSHIPS
FRIENDS
FAMILY
SELF
EXECUTIVE FUNCTION
SELF-REGULATION
ROLES
SOCIAL
DEFENSE
SEXUAL
SUBSTANCE

Ability and Achievement

• PASS theory is a modern way to define ‘ability’ based on measuring neurocognitive abilities
• Planning = THINKING ABOUT THINKING
• Attention = BEING ALERT
• Simultaneous = GETTING THE BIG PICTURE
• Successive = FOLLOWING A SEQUENCE
What is a Neuropsychological Ability?

• We must assess ability, achievement (knowledge) and skill separately.
• Assess achievement with tests that adequately evaluate the domain of interest (e.g., reading, math, etc.).
• Assess neuropsychological abilities using tasks free of academic content and related knowledge.
• Assess skill in real world activities.

Ability or Knowledge?

• What does the student have to know to complete a task?
  – This is dependent on instruction
• How does the student have to think to complete a task?
  – This is dependent on the brain – PASS
• We must assess ability and achievement separately

The Brain as PASS

PASS: A neuropsychological approach to the Brain based on three Functional Units described by A. R. Luria (1972)
PASS Theory: Planning

- **Planning** is a neurocognitive ability that a person uses to determine, select, and use efficient solutions to problems
  - problem solving
  - developing plans and using strategies
  - retrieval of knowledge
  - impulse control and self-control
  - control of processing

Knowledge and Planning Learning Curves

- Learning depends upon instruction and intelligence (PASS)
- At first, PASS plays a major role in learning
- When a new task is learned and practiced it becomes a skill and execution requires less PASS

**Role of Planning**

**Role of Knowledge and Skills**

PASS Theory

- **Attention** is a basic neurocognitive ability we use to selectively attend to some stimuli and ignores others
  - focused cognitive activity
  - selective attention
  - resistance to distraction
PASS Theory

- **Simultaneous** processing is a basic neurocognitive ability which we use to integrate stimuli into groups and solve problems.
  - Stimuli are seen as a whole
  - Each piece must be related to the others

PASS Theory: Successive

- **Successive** processing is a basic neurocognitive ability which we use to manage stimuli in a specific serial order.
  - Stimuli form a chain-like progression
  - Stimuli are not inter-related

Ability Profiles

![PASS Processing Scores Graph](image)
Examples of Planning, Successive and Attention Weaknesses

Gregory

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a family has been left alone and is on a new family. They have left their home and
are now living in the city. The city is growing rapidly and has become a
metropolis in just a few years. The family's new home has
started. They are happy to live in this new, bustling place
but they are still growing. They miss their old home,
and the city has expanded and
is now a good place to live.
Examples of Simultaneous Weaknesses
I got the chance of for 1 week, it was a pig farm. On amuse was that instead of a little puppy for a pet they would have a dog robot! Everything was electronic there; I even met an Alien! I was named Happy Alien! And I made a cool new best friend, her name was Lason! I know what you would love it!
Organizing the Data

• A day in the life.
• Ability/Knowledge/Skill
• Protective factors
• Determining eligibility
• Suggesting possible diagnoses
• Recommending needs
• Considering continuum of services
Self-control is Important For All Species!

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