Understanding Stepfamilies Implications For Assessment And Treatment
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Understanding Stepfamilies takes a large step toward achieving integration of the many variables presented in understanding the stepfamily system. The book examines the dynamics and resources within these complex family systems. It helps clinicians and researchers understand the underlying structural patterns and dynamics of stepfamilies, promoting more successful, positive treatment outcomes. Chapters in Understanding Stepfamilies offer clinicians and researchers an international perspective, including contributions from the U.S., Canada, Israel, and The Netherlands. Readers learn of unique theoretical approaches to understanding stepfamily typologies and behaviors and specific clinical models for assessment and intervention, as well as more empirically-based findings regarding parent-child interactions.

Written by contributors from around the world, The International Handbook of Stepfamilies: Policy and Practice in Legal, Research, and Clinical Environments is a collection of research, legal, and clinical recommendations that fills a growing need for complex, re-formed families. Using the information in this
book, which includes contemporary research and its implications, you will be able to consider stepfamilies in an international context. Understand the issues that clinicians face when they work with stepfamilies, both before and after formation, and gain more knowledge about this topic as the rates of family reformation increase.

Brave New Stepfamilies maps the changing landscape of American stepfamilies, taking readers on a tour through the diverse assortment of traditional and not-so-traditional stepfamily forms that have emerged in recent years. Author Susan D. Stewart presents the latest scholarly research on stepfamilies in an accessible way, weaving together predominant theoretical perspectives, findings from research and national surveys, and interviews with stepfamily members.

This nonjudgmental, inclusive, and far-reaching text focuses on the diverse patterns of family structure prevalent in our society today. Family Diversity presents empirical research on the internal dynamics, social environments, support factors, prevalence of discrimination, and common stereotypes that account for the issues surrounding current family relations. By examining the history and nature of foster and adoptive, single-parent, lesbian/gay, step- and grandparent family units, Pauline Irit Erera is able to challenge both the idealized family prototype and the hegemony of the traditional structure.

Volume III of The Handbook of Systemic Family Therapy focuses on therapy with couples. Information on the effectiveness of relational treatment is included along with consideration of the most appropriate modality for treatment. Developed in partnership with the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), it will appeal to clinicians, such as couple, marital, and family therapists, counselors, psychologists, social workers, and psychiatrists. It will also benefit researchers, educators, and graduate students involved in CMFT.

Presents the vast literature that has emerged in recent years focusing on how families respond to various transitions and stressful life events.

With its extensive coverage of virtually every aspect of couples counseling, this new book offers a broad view of this developing field. "COUNSELING AND THERAPY FOR COUPLES" is one of the first books to propose a single structure that brings together the major theoretical viewpoints for couples counseling. Young and Long offer an integrative model within an atheoretical context in which many types of couples
are addressed—heterosexual, same-sex, culturally mixed, married, and unmarried.

The latest theory, research, and practice information for family therapy. The last twenty years have seen an explosion of new, innovative, and empirically supported therapeutic approaches for treating families. Mental health professionals working with families today apply a wide range of approaches to a variety of situations and clients using techniques based on their clinically and empirically proven effectiveness, their focus on specific individual and relational disorders, their applicability in various contexts, and their prominence in the field. In this accessible and comprehensive text, each chapter covers specific problems, the theoretical and practical elements of the treatment approach, recommended intervention strategies, special considerations, supporting research, and clinical examples. The contributors provide step-by-step guidelines for implementing the approaches described and discuss particular issues that arise in indifferent couple, family, and cultural contexts. Handbook of Clinical Family Therapy covers treatment strategies for the most common problems encountered in family therapy, including: Domestic violence, Adolescent defiance, anxiety, and depression, Trauma-induced problems, Stepfamily conflicts, ADHD disruption, Substance abuse in adults and adolescents, Couple conflict and divorce, Chronic illness. A detailed reference for today’s best treatment strategies, the Handbook of Clinical Family Therapy brings together the top practitioners and scholars to produce an innovative and user-friendly guide for clinicians and students alike.

While empirical, scientific research has much to offer to the practice-oriented therapist in training, it is often difficult to effectively engage the trainee, beginning practitioner, or graduate student in a subject area that can often glaze over the eyes of a reader focused on practical work. Most books about psychotherapy focus either on the process of gathering, analyzing, presenting, and discussing research results, or on conducting clinical work. What most of these texts lack is an engaging, accessible guide on how to incorporate research into practice. Research for the Psychotherapist: From Science to Practice fills that niche with an approach that bridges the gap between research and practice, presenting concise chapters that distill research findings and clearly apply them to practical issues. Jay Lebow is an accomplished practitioner and researcher in the fields of marriage and family therapy and integrative psychotherapy. In this book, he offers a focused volume that covers a range of topics. This volume should appeal to psychotherapists and students looking for an accessible, jargon-free guide to utilizing research in practical settings.

Written with the voices of a diverse collection of Canadian family members, this book challenges
conventional wisdom on Canadian families and provides a forum for the frequently silenced to speak. Insightful and current Voices explores the rich diversity of families in late-twentieth-century Canada, covering race and ethnicity, family roles and structure, region and economic location, stage of the life cycle, sexual orientation and ability and disability.

A major challenge confronting the counseling profession is meeting the needs of African American families. This monograph presents a discussion of the issues involved in the clinical assessment and treatment of these families. It explores their distinct experiences as they navigate through a society often hostile towards them. Chapters include: (1) "African American Families in the Postmodern Era" (Mary Smith Arnold); (2) "The Peripheral African American Father: Is There a Black Man in the House?" (Sylvester Huston, Terry D. Lipford, and Jeffrey Smith); (3) "Parenting: A Community Responsibility" (Carla Bradley); (4) "Racial Socialization" (Jo-Ann Lipford Sanders); (5) "Africentric Rites of Passage: Nurturing the Next Generation" (Paul Hill, Jr.); (6) "The Black Church: Bridge over Troubled Water" (Rufus G.W. Sanders); and (7) "Implications" (Jo-Ann Lipford Sanders). (Contains 175 references.) (JDM).

This book offers practical suggestions for school counselors to begin integrating family counseling methods into their practice, while providing a rationale and the research support for working with families from a school base. It also provides specific techniques for using solution-focused tools, conducting family therapy with children, working with parents and teachers, and working with individuals from a family perspective. Discussions are included on family dynamics and achievement, fostering academic success, working with families who refuse to come to counseling at school, and which school-based interventions are supported empirically. Chapters include: (1) Overview of Family Systems Counseling in a School Setting (Lynn D. Miller); (2) Working with Families: A Rationale for School Counseling Programs (William G. Nicoll); (3) Creating Solution-Focused Families: Tools for School Counselors (Bobbie Birdsall); (4) Compendium of Practices for Including Children in Family Sessions (Alan Carr); (5) Including Parents and Teachers (Deanna Hawes); (6) Working with Individual Children from a Family Systems Perspective (Lynn D. Miller); (7) Research: What Works in Schools (Susan C. Whiston and Carla M. Teed). Each chapter contains a list of references. (GCP).

Stepfamilies: History, Research, and Policy examines language use, laws, cultural stereotypes, media images, and social policies and practices to create an understanding of how predominant views about stepfamilies and stepfamily members are constructed within society. As the rates of divorce and remarriage continue to increase, it is more important than ever to overcome nuclear family ideology and abandon the model of research that compares stepfamilies with nonstepfamilies. This book shows you how
honor and empowerment can be attained in new family structures and how alternative kin networks can be just as healthy as the traditional nuclear family unit. As this book examines the ability of different societies to integrate different family forms into mainstream notions of “family,” you will realize the damaging effects of treating stepfamilies as incomplete, undesirable institutions. In fact, Stepfamilies: History, Research, and Policy will challenge your notions of family over and over again, as it discusses: key relationships in stepfamilies stepfather involvement in parenting after remarriage meaning of gender in a stepfamily differences in “investment” between biological and nonbiological parents demographic change and significant shifts in the social and cultural implications of stepfamilies attempting to reconstruct a household like that of a previous marriage the impact of stereotypes on the internal dynamics of stepfamilies and on the interactions of stepfamilies with outsiders the absence of guidelines and cultural norms for role performance and problem solving in stepfamilies Stepfamilies: History, Research, and Policy discusses both the difficulties of forming new families and households as well as the factors that promote family cohesiveness and integration in stepfamilies. From stereotypes of stepmothers to ambiguous legal relationships to child maltreatment in stepfamilies to sibling relations, there isn’t much that the penetrating lens of this book leaves uncovered.

In an era when teachers commonly report that up to half of the children in their classes come from multiple homes and have multiple caretakers, the special psychological challenges of stepparenting have never been in greater need of examination. As thoughtful clinicians have long known, stepparenting is among the most complicated of psychological projects: it may simultaneously be a multifaceted burden and a spur to personal autonomy, deepened sensitivity to others, and newfound competence as a nurturer. Among the thousands of divorced people who remarry each year, most — despite their best resolve to live in the present — persist in reassessing the price of separation, especially as they come to appreciate the fact that divorce is seldom a total break for their children. Stepparenting is a comprehensive exploration of the process of reconstructing families. More specifically, it is a book about the perils and promise of stepparenting, a caretaking role that may be more challenging than biologically given child rearing. Contributors follow people as they try to reevaluate past misunderstandings and acclimate to new parenting contexts and obligations. Editors Cath and Shopper have taken pains to offer a balanced purview that includes both successful and maladaptive instances of stepparenting. Of special note are the clinical examples throughout the book that chart the extended periods of slow, creative learning experienced by parents and children, biological and step, as they test the waters of new family systems and try to elicit newly attuned responses from each other.
Discover the Keys to a Healthy Stepfamily

Leading stepfamily expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Whether married or soon-to-be-married, you'll discover how to:

• Solve the everyday puzzles of stepparenting and stepchildren relationships
• Communicate effectively with an ex-spouse
• Handle stepfamily finances confidently
• "Cook" your stepfamily slowly rather than expect an instant blend

This revised and expanded edition has updated research and two new chapters with even more real-world advice on topics such as stepsibling relationships and later-life stepfamilies.

This international collection features the most influential scholarship published during the past few decades on the concept of the family and related issues. An invaluable resource for students and researchers alike, the four volumes cover the following themes:

Vol. 1: Family Groups
Vol. 2: Family and Gender Issues
Vol. 3: Family Ties
Vol. 4: Family and Society

The scope offers an international range of material, and includes key work from the USA, Europe, Canada, Australia, and Asia.

This book offers a clear and coherent guide to working with families for practitioners and students in social work, health, counselling and related professions. It brings together recent thinking on the historical and contemporary constructions of the family in such a way as to provide a helpful framework for practitioners working in a variety of settings in the field. It offers up-to-date information on political, legislative and theoretical frameworks, and it reviews and illustrates a wide range of approaches and practice skills for working with families with different problems in different contexts.

COUNSELING CHILDREN covers the most practical and up-to-date methods for developing effective approaches to counseling children. Donna Henderson and Charles Thompson's text is unparalleled in its translation of theory into practice. This easy-to-read guide includes useful strategies and case studies to provide students with a realistic look at the counseling field. To further prepare readers for their professional work, the ninth edition includes 2014 ACA ethical standards, best practice guidelines for typical and atypical children's problems, and fresh ideas that facilitate understanding of the world of the child. Expanded coverage of children who have special concerns and of family interventions provides readers with effective ways to deliver interventions across multiple settings. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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The book covers emerging alternatives to litigation - like mediation, and looks at sensitive legal matters, such as physical and emotional abuse and child custody. It also examines timely issues like fathers' rights, mid-life divorce, and what happens when one partner exits a marriage in order to lead a homosexual lifestyle.

This text offers a straightforward, comprehensive overview of both traditional and evolving theoretical models of family therapy and intervention techniques as well as a discussion of clinical issues unique to family therapy practice. Aiming to prepare students to develop beginning proficiency in family therapy, the authors outline major family therapy models in detail, including a step by step description of concepts, theories, skills, and techniques as well as a history of each model and its conceptual and theoretical underpinnings. The text also provides extensive case illustrations of family interviews that identify the specific stages, clinical issues, concepts, theories and techniques associated with each model. This core text is designed for graduate level courses such as Family Therapy, Marriage and Family Therapy, Marriage and Family Counseling, Family Systems Theory, and Family Counseling in departments of social work, psychology, nursing, education, or human services.

The first text to examine the functional family from a communication perspective, Family Communication examines the communication processes within the family and how they affect and are affected by larger social systems. It views the family as a system in which members are interdependent and creators of family members' meanings, while also providing a framework for analyzing family interaction patterns.

This highly anticipated third edition of the Handbook of Parenting brings together an array of field-leading experts who have worked in different ways toward understanding the many diverse aspects of parenting. Contributors to the Handbook look to the most recent research and thinking to shed light on topics every parent, professional, and policymaker wonders about. Parenting is a perennially "hot" topic. After all, everyone who has ever lived has been parented, and the vast majority of people become parents themselves. No wonder bookstores house shelves of "how-to" parenting books, and magazine racks in pharmacies and airports overflow with periodicals that feature parenting advice. However, almost none of these is evidence-based. The Handbook of Parenting is. Period. Each chapter has been written to be read and absorbed in a single sitting, and includes historical considerations of the topic, a discussion of central issues and theory, a review of classical and modern research, and forecasts of future
directions of theory and research. Together, the five volumes in the Handbook cover Children and Parenting, the Biology and Ecology of Parenting, Being and Becoming a Parent, Social Conditions and Applied Parenting, and the Practice of Parenting. Volume 3, Being and Becoming a Parent, considers a large cast of characters responsible for parenting, each with her or his own customs and agenda, and examines what the psychological characteristics and social interests of those individuals reveal about what parenting is. Chapters in Part I, on The Parent, show just how rich and multifaceted is the constellation of children's caregivers. Considered first are family systems and then successively mothers and fathers, coparenting and gatekeeping between parents, adolescent parenting, grandparenting, and single parenthood, divorced and remarried parenting, lesbian and gay parents and, finally, sibling caregivers and nonparental caregiving. Parenting also draws on transient and enduring physical, personality, and intellectual characteristics of the individual. The chapters in Part II, on Becoming and Being a Parent, consider the intergenerational transmission of parenting, parenting and contemporary reproductive technologies, the transition to parenthood, and stages of parental development, and then chapters turn to parents' well-being, emotions, self-efficacy, cognitions, and attributions as well as socialization, personality in parenting, and psychoanalytic theory. These features of parents serve many functions: they generate and shape parental practices, mediate the effectiveness of parenting, and help to organize parenting.

This text provides a highly interactive presentation of the theory, research, and skills of interpersonal communication, with strong, integrated discussions of diversity, ethics, workplace issues, and technology. Recognized for its ability to help students understand the crucial connection between theory and practice, this eleventh edition presents a comprehensive view of the theory and research in interpersonal communication and, at the same time, guides students to improve a wide range of interpersonal skills and to apply these to personal, social, and workplace relationships. Contextually-placed web icons in the text's margins direct students to the book's Companion Website where they engage in interactive exercises or simulations that help them gain a better understanding of concepts presented in the text. Superior coverage of cultural diversity, ethics, interpersonal communication in the workplace, and the workings and effects of technology make The Interpersonal Communication Book the best choice for preparing students to communicate successfully in today's world.

In the past 10 years, there has been a substantial increase in the number of theoretical and empirical investigations into the maintenance and enhancement of close, romantic relationships. This literature targets the everyday behaviors, expressions of love, and cognitive styles that characterize such relationships. Chapters provide a sampling of the expanse of topics in the domain of how clinical
scholars and practitioners address the timely topic of maintaining and enhancing close romantic relationships, including marriage. A distinguished group of scholars and therapists discuss specific problems, such as alcoholism and therapeutic interventions, such as insight therapy. Topics include maintenance issues relevant to: depression, anxiety disorders, the role of children in affecting close relationships, how premarital therapy may serve as an antidote to early relationship problems, forgiveness, remarriage issues, and peer marriage. This volume is intended for practitioners in the field of close romantic relationships, such as marriage, family and relationship therapists, and clinicians.

Vivimos en una generación sin padre y se está volviendo una epidemia Millones de jóvenes se están criando sin un padre o una madre. Es en esa posición de herida donde las generaciones claman con angustia y desespero. Este clamor global –persuasivo, persistente y apasionado– tiene el potencial de traer una revolución espiritual a la Tierra. Mientras narra su historia personal junto con ejemplos bíblicos y enseñanzas profundas, Billy Wilson revela cómo generaciones jóvenes y adultas pueden unirse, reclamar lo que estaba perdido y cambiar el dolor por la herida o el abandono paternal por un un lugar de intimidad sobrenatural y ministrarle a otros. Ya sea que usted se encuentre clamando por un padre o una madre espiritual o sea que esté deseoso por responder a ese llamado, los brazos del Padre están abiertos para recibirle.

Meet the men and women whose groundbreaking work elevated the field of family studies! In Pioneering Paths in the Study of Families: The Lives and Careers of Family Scholars, you’ll find 40 autobiographies written by leading scholars in sociology, family studies, psychology, and child development. Their fascinating stories demonstrate how their family experiences, educational opportunities, and occupational endeavors not only shaped the disciplines they chose but also shaped the theoretical perspectives they utilized and the topics they researched. From the editors: “These autobiographies document the experiences of scholars from the early twentieth century to the present. The descriptions of early influences on their education, of their graduate school experiences, and of their academic career paths, provides a wealth of valuable material. Since four of these scholars have died and a number are in their eighties or older, these histories provide rich case studies on factors that influence the decision to go to college, get married, pursue an advanced degree, make specific occupational choices, and investigate certain topics. These autobiographies also detail the barriers that early women scholars in the social sciences faced.” The scholars whose lives you will learn about in Pioneering Paths in the Study of Families include: Joan Aldous Katherine R. Allen Pauline Boss Carlfred B. Broderick Wesley R. Burr Catherine Street Chilman Harold T. Christensen Marilyn Coleman Rand
This second edition synthesizes the emerging knowledge base on the diversity of stepfamilies, their inherent concerns, and why so relatively little is still known about them. Its extensive findings shed needed light on family arrangements relatively new to the literature (e.g., cohabitating stepparents), the effects of these relationships on different family members (e.g., stepsiblings, stepgrandparents), the experiences of gay and lesbian stepfamilies, and the stigma against non-nuclear families. Coverage reviews effective therapeutic and counseling interventions for emotional, familial, and social challenges of stepfamilies, as well as the merits of family education and self-help programs. The authors explore prevailing myths about marriage, divorce, and stepfamily life while expanding the limits of stepfamily research. Among the topics included: • The cultural context of stepfamilies. • Couple dynamics in stepfamilies. • Gay and lesbian couples in stepfamilies. • The dynamics of stepparenting. • Siblings, half-siblings, and stepsiblings. • Effects of stepfamily living on children. • Clinical perspectives on stepfamily dynamics. For researchers and clinicians who work with families, it enriches the literature as it offers insights and guidelines for effective practice as well as possible avenues for future research.
of family structure, the ambiguity of boundaries and roles, and the struggle with the diverse phases of the life cycle discussing key issues for stepfamilies, such as past orientation and acceptance/rejection of differences from non-stepfamilies and focal subsystems the profile, characteristics, and case studies of an innovative typology of stepfamilies that includes integrated families, invented families, and imported families aspects of ethnically and culturally different stepfamilies, including American stepfamilies, Israeli stepfamilies, and immigrant stepfamilies from the former Soviet Union social perceptions and attitudes of stepfamilies in schools, social services, community organizations, the media, and with the law Offering case studies and data on a variety of families and situations, Stepfamilies: A Multi-Dimensional Perspective will show you that all stepfamilies are not the same and cannot be helped by just one practice method. Complete with principles and instruments to assess patients and the success of sessions, Stepfamilies: A Multi-Dimensional Perspective works to promote an understanding of stepfamilies that will result in effective and positive therapy for your clients.

The contemporary family is being distracted, disturbed and distraught by societal pressures from every direction. The nuclear family concept, believed crucial to child rearing, is becoming passé according to census data. Or has the wave of disruption to families crested? It is hoped that this bibliography will serve as a useful tool to researchers seeking further information on families and the pressures being exerted upon them in the 21st century.

It is estimated that between 33% and 40% of all United States children will live with a stepfamily. Due to the complexity, ambiguous roles, negative perceptions, and unrealistic expectations of many stepfamilies, members of such families are increasingly being seen by mental health professionals. This monograph is aimed at professionals to help them understand stepfamilies by providing practical and applied information. Some of the areas covered here include the developmental stages of the stepfamily, types of stepfamilies, specific assessment techniques for stepfamilies, and treatment considerations. Part 1 provides the groundwork for recognizing some of the characteristics of stepfamilies, including clinical issues, pitfalls, and systemic intervention. In Part 2, children and adolescents are examined, along with the risks encountered by children in a stepfamily. Part 3 outlines the beliefs and expectations of stepfamilies, taking care to analyze stereotypes of stepfamilies, new assessment techniques designed to assess maladaptive cognitions of stepfamily members, and the role of self-fulfilling prophecies in stepfamily success or failure. Each chapter offers a complete discussion of the nature of stepfamilies, along with practical suggestions for assessment and treatment of these families. Individual chapters contain references. (RJM).
A common question at the initial meeting of a family therapist and a new client(s) is often whether or not to include a child or children in the counseling sessions. The inclusion of a child in the family therapy process often changes the dynamic between client and therapist -- and between the clients themselves -- within the context of the counseling sessions. And yet, although this is such a common experience, many counselors and family therapists are not adequately equipped to advise parents on whether to include a child in therapy sessions. Once the child does make an appearance in the counseling session, the therapist is faced with the challenges inherent in caring for a child, in addition to many concerns due to the unique circumstance of the structured therapy. Counseling a child in the context of a family therapy session is a specific skill that has not received the attention that it deserves. This book is intended as a guide for both novice and experienced counselors and family therapists, covering a wide range of topics and offering a large body of information on how to effectively counsel children and their families. It includes recent research on a number of topics including working with children in a family context, the exclusion of children from counseling, and counselor training methods and approaches, the effectiveness of filial play therapy, the effects of divorce on children, and ADHD. Theoretical discussion is given to different family therapy approaches including family play therapy and filial play therapy. Central to the text are interviews with leaders in the field, including Salvador Minuchin, Eliana Gil, Rise VanFleet and Lee Shilts. A chapter devoted to ethical and legal issues in working with children in family counseling provides a much-needed overview of this often overlooked topic. Chapters include discussion of specific skills relevant to child counseling in the family context, case vignettes and examples, practical tips for the counselor, and handouts for parents.

Microskills and Theoretical Foundations for Professional Helpers offers an exploration of both the art and the science of professional helping. This unique book addresses both the microskills of professional helping in-depth to facilitate actual skill development and the theories of helping in enough depth to foster development of "personal theories" of helping. Readers can easily integrate theory with practice by using a book that cuts across the disciplines of psychology, counseling, marriage and family counseling, human services, and social work with the theories that form the foundation for professional helping. For anyone involved in family counseling, human services, social work, etc.