

ADHD Presentations by Heidi Bernhardt RN

ADHD PREP (Two Day Parent Readiness Education Program)

Day One Topics to be covered:

ADHD Overview

- What ADHD is and is not
- Symptoms of ADHD as defined in DSM 5, how these present and can be misinterpreted
- Primarily inattentive ADHD (ADD) and how it presents differently
- Why ADHD in girls is often underdiagnosed and misdiagnosed
- Commonly occurring coexisting disorders
- What is involved in a comprehensive assessment and diagnosis of ADHD

ADHD and Learning

- Past studies and what they tell us about academic outcomes
- Executive Functioning (EF) impairments and ADHD
- How EF impairments impact children with ADHD
- Other common cognitive impairments in children with ADHD
- Common classroom presentations of EF impairments

ADHD and Self- Regulation

- Common social and emotional impairments in children with ADHD
- How these impairments present
- Research on social skills training
- Parent Friendship Coaching
- Self-regulation and why it is impaired in children with ADHD
- How these impairments present

ADHD and Emotional Dysregulation

- Symptoms of emotional regulation impairment
- How this differs some mood disorders
- Why this is so common in children with ADHD
- How we regulate emotions
- The emotional regulation fuel tank

The Treatment of ADHD

- The multimodal treatment of ADHD
- Medication
- Psychosocial
- Alternate treatments

Day Two Topics to be covered:

ADHD and the family

- Parental impact and stages of acceptance
- Impact on siblings
- Impact on the child with ADHD
- Impact on the family as a whole

ADHD Parenting and Behavior Intervention

- Parents with ADHD
- Parenting Tips
- External reminders
- Organizational strategies
- How to correctly use consequences
- External rewards
- Token reward systems
- Behavioural Contracts

ODD and CPS

- What is ODD
- Collaborative Problem Solving Approach

School Observations, Classroom Strategies and Accommodations

- Questions to ask about your child's functioning at school
- Classroom accommodations and strategies
- Communication between home and school
- Daily report cards
- Self-monitoring systems
- Homework issues

School Advocacy

- Understanding your province's Special Education System
- What is an IPRC?
- What is an IEP, IPP, etc?
- Required documentation
- Roadblocks