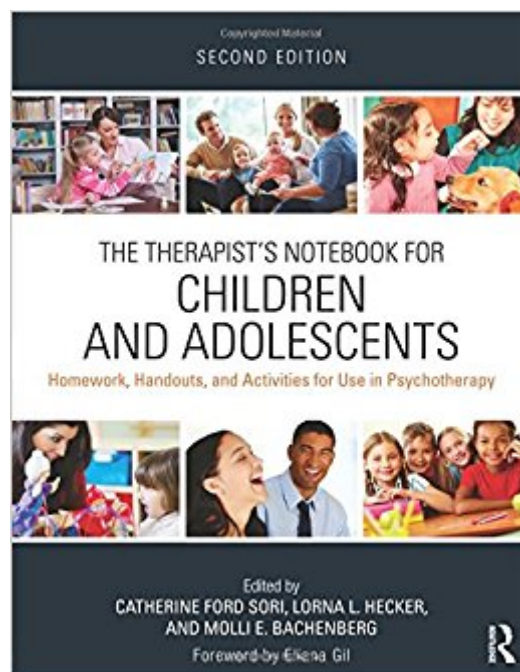




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# The Therapist's Notebook For Children And Adolescents: Homework, Handouts, And Activities For Use In Psychotherapy



## Synopsis

In *The Therapist's Notebook for Children and Adolescents*, 2nd ed, you'll find the most powerful tools available for aiding children with their feelings, incorporating play techniques into therapy, encouraging appropriate parental involvement in family sessions, and providing group therapy to children. This ready reference is divided into ten thoughtfully planned sections to make it easy to find the right activity, handout, or intervention for the problem at hand, whether you're looking for creative ideas, running a children's group, putting interventions into practice in the classroom, or looking for ways to increase parental and familial involvement. Instructions for the activities are clearly explained and highlighted with case examples and many illustrations. Chapters are by leading experts, including Eliana Gil, Risa VanFleet, Liana Lowenstein, Howard Rosenthal, and Volker Thomas, and explore strategies for treating children both individually and in a family context. With more than 60% new material, this expanded version delves into the latest research and thinking on family play therapy and addresses many pertinent issues of our time, including bullying, suicidal ideation, ADHD, autism, adolescents and sex, and cultural issues. It's a must-have arsenal for both novice and experienced professionals in family therapy, play therapy, psychology, psychiatry, counseling, education, nursing, and related fields.

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I used this book with a graduate practicum class in school counseling. Helpful for the students!

Play therapy is an underutilized modality for working with children and families; yet the use of play therapy can be extremely effective. This essential book presents new ideas for using play therapy in response to the most current issues. Therapists will find all they need to know to become proficient play therapists with this fascinating reference. I recommend every therapist who works with children and families purchase this latest and most updated textbook on play therapy!

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