



Model of Human Occupation

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Young Offenders

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Hi there

I am an OT student embarking on an elective placement to attempt to establish a role for an OT within a Youth offending team in the UK.

I was wondering if anyone has any experience in this area as an OT and/or any suggestions as to the most effective assessments that could be used within the setting.

Thank you
Beth

November 24, 2008

Hi

I have no experience of this area but having just completed some MOHO training I wonder whether the OCAIRS could be a useful assessment. Its focus on occupational participation could be apt in assessing this client group and it has a forensically focused set of questions. I really like the section that looks at readiness to change as this gives an idea of their motivation for change levels too.

The WRI could be worth exploring and the two can be combined.

Good Luck it will be an exciting placement!

Lindsey Mosley

November 24, 2008

Hello Beth

We have found the Adult/Adolescent Sensory Profile helpful, at exploring possible sensory integrations problems, which by clinical experience are very prominent in this and the borderline personality disorder population. Sensory Integration offers a way to help young people learn other coping skills versus the ones that often land them in trouble. Used alongside the OSA, ACIS (all MOHO tools) as well as the Interest Checklist and

VQ builds a complete picture of the individuals skills and strengths, as well as helping identify areas to focus on and getting input from the young person about what their priorities are. The OSA and young person's version are very good at doing this, in this and the looked after child population.

Regards

Kath

November 25, 2008

Hi!

I work in Child and Adolescent Mental Health in the UK. We don't have any OT's working in Youth Offending Teams however I certainly come across young people who are involved in the criminal justice system.

I agree with others who have commented that the OCAIRS could be a good tool to use to gain an occupational understanding of the young person. The COSA or OSA could also help with goal setting.

Rob Brooks

November 26, 2008

Hi Beth, I agree with other replies but you could also consider the SCOPE (this is a relatively new tool, and is an adolescent version of the MoHOST). I work in a forensic adolescent unit and we currently use a modified COSA as an initial interview, and the MoHOST is completed within the first 3 months of admission. We have ordered the SCOPE as we think it will be much more appropriate for our population.

I hope this helps?

Fiona

December 1, 2008

I have worked in a young offenders institute as part of an inreach team I found it very good. I used moho and the assessments mohosts,osa, ocairs, ophin role checklist.