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QUESTION NO: 1

The best way for a practitioner to address a child and family's isolation due to stigma, shame, and embarrassment related to living with mental illness is to

A. reconnect the child with natural supports.

B. provide the family information about community events.

C. connect the family with a family support group.

D. encourage the family to attend church.

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Connecting the family with a family support group is the most direct, recovery-oriented response to isolation driven by stigma, shame, and embarrassment. Family support groups create an environment in which caregivers and young people can encounter others with relevant lived experience, share practical strategies, and receive mutual emotional support. This contact can reduce the sense of being alone or uniquely judged, while promoting hope, belonging, and confidence in seeking additional supports. A practitioner should offer this connection collaboratively, identify groups that fit the family's preferences and culture, discuss privacy and accessibility needs, and let the family decide whether and how to participate. Family peer support also strengthens resilience by helping families recognize their own expertise and build relationships beyond formal services. These aims align with psychiatric rehabilitation's focus on self-determination, community inclusion, and development of meaningful support networks. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association identifies family-driven practice and community participation as important principles for children, youth, and family services. SAMHSA likewise describes peer and family support as a key recovery support that can promote connection and reduce isolation. See the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association's CFRP information and SAMHSA's peer support services resource.

QUESTION NO: 2

A strategy that seeks to affiliate high-risk youth with healthy adult role models from outside their immediate families is known as

A. transitional reinforcement.

B. social activation.

C. community mentoring.

D. peer support.

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Community mentoring is correct because it intentionally connects a young person with a caring, healthy adult from the broader community, rather than limiting support to immediate family relationships. In child and family resiliency practice, these relationships expand a youth's natural support network and provide consistent encouragement, guidance, practical help, and examples of positive adult functioning. The focus is not merely on offering a service; it is on developing a meaningful, supportive relationship that can strengthen connection, hope, belonging, and developmental opportunities.

For youth facing elevated risks or limited support, a community mentor may help them identify strengths, pursue goals, navigate school or community settings, and access positive activities and resources. This aligns with psychiatric rehabilitation's recovery- and resiliency-oriented emphasis on community inclusion, self-determination, and building supports in ordinary community environments. The Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association describes certification as grounded in psychiatric rehabilitation competencies and values, including promoting community participation and natural supports. Mentoring literature likewise recognizes adult-youth mentoring relationships as a structured approach for fostering positive youth development. See the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association certification information and MENTOR's Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring.

QUESTION NO: 3

A 13-year-old boy, who is new to the community and school, is found intoxicated in the school bathroom. What is the BEST course of action for the practitioner to take?

A. Convene a meeting with the child, his family, and school officials.

B. Refer the child to substance abuse treatment services.

C. Report the child's behavior to law enforcement.

D. Encourage school officials to expel the child.

E. Ensure the child receives immediate medical evaluation and follow school emergency procedures, including notifying a parent or guardian.

ANSWER: E

Explanation:

Ensure the child receives immediate medical evaluation and follow school emergency procedures, including notifying a parent or guardian. Intoxication in a 13-year-old is an urgent health and safety concern: the practitioner's first responsibility is to help secure timely assessment by qualified medical personnel and activate the school's established emergency-response process. The effects of alcohol or other drugs can worsen rapidly, and an apparently awake young person may still be at risk for impaired breathing, aspiration, injury, overdose, or an unrecognized medical condition. The practitioner should remain focused on calm, trauma-informed support, supervision, and connection to emergency care rather than attempting to conduct a full psychosocial assessment while the child is impaired. Notification of the parent or guardian and appropriate school personnel should occur according to emergency policy and applicable confidentiality requirements, while sharing only the information necessary to protect the child's safety. Once the immediate medical issue has been addressed and the child is stable, child- and family-centered follow-up can identify strengths, needs, supports, and any indicated substance-use or behavioral-health services. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism emphasizes that alcohol overdose can suppress vital functions and requires urgent action: NIAAA: Alcohol Overdose. SAMHSA also provides resources supporting behavioral-health services for children and families: SAMHSA: Children and Families.

QUESTION NO: 4

A practitioner is working with a transition-age youth who is unable to self-soothe during periods of distress. What would be an effective intervention?

A. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to reduce stress.

B. implementing exposure therapy techniques.

C. teaching progressive muscle relaxation techniques.

D. referring for medication management.

ANSWER: C

Explanation:

Teaching progressive muscle relaxation techniques is an effective intervention because it gives the transition-age youth a concrete, immediately usable self-regulation skill for moments of distress. Progressive muscle relaxation involves intentionally tensing and then releasing major muscle groups while attending to physical sensations and breathing. This process can help the youth recognize bodily signs of escalating stress, reduce physiological tension, and shift attention toward a structured coping activity. In psychiatric rehabilitation practice, skills teaching should be practical, collaborative, strengths-based, and applicable in the person's everyday environments. The practitioner can introduce the technique when the youth is calm, model it, practice it together, and support the youth in identifying when and where to use it, such as before a difficult conversation or when noticing early signs of overwhelm. Repeated practice supports mastery and increases the likelihood that the youth can independently use the skill during distress. The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health describes relaxation techniques, including progressive relaxation, as practices that can elicit the body's

relaxation response: NCCIH: Relaxation Techniques. SAMHSA also emphasizes building coping skills and supporting emotional safety as central elements of trauma-informed approaches: SAMHSA: Trauma and Violence.

QUESTION NO: 5

During assessment, it is important to encourage children to talk about their experiences and perceptions because children often

A. are excited to talk about themselves.

B. are unaware of their strengths and weaknesses.

C. repress their memories and feelings.

D. hide important information about themselves.

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

“are unaware of their strengths and weaknesses” is correct because a child’s own account is essential to a strengths-based, person-centered assessment. Children may not yet recognize, name, or connect their abilities, coping strategies, preferences, challenges, and support needs to the situations they experience. Inviting them to describe what happens at home, school, with peers, and during stressful or successful moments gives the practitioner information that cannot be obtained fully from records or adult reports alone. The discussion also helps the practitioner and child identify emerging strengths, build shared understanding, and develop goals that reflect what matters to the child.

This approach is consistent with psychiatric rehabilitation’s emphasis on meaningful participation, self-determination, and individualized planning. It also respects the child as a knowledgeable source about their own lived experience while allowing the practitioner to use developmentally appropriate questions, observation, and collaboration with family and other natural supports. Centering the child’s perspective supports an assessment that is more accurate, empowering, and useful for resiliency-focused planning. PRA’s practice resources emphasize person-centered and strengths-based psychiatric rehabilitation principles; see the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association Practice Guidelines. The importance of listening to children’s views in matters affecting them is also reflected in Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

QUESTION NO: 6

The belief that one’s own culture is superior to another is known as

A. stigmatization.

B. ethnocentrism.

C. encapsulation.

D. stereotyping.

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Ethnocentrism is the belief that one’s own cultural group, values, customs, and ways of understanding the world are superior to those of other groups. It can lead a practitioner to evaluate a person’s experiences or family practices using their own cultural norms as the standard, rather than seeking to understand the meaning those practices have within the person’s cultural context. In child and family resiliency practice, cultural humility requires ongoing self-reflection about one’s assumptions, awareness of power differences, and respectful curiosity about each family’s identities, values, and preferences. Recognizing ethnocentrism is important because culturally responsive, person- and family-centered services depend on treating cultural differences as meaningful sources of knowledge and strength. The American Psychological Association describes ethnocentrism as judging another culture by the standards of one’s own culture, often accompanied by a belief in one’s culture’s superiority. See the APA Dictionary of Psychology definition of ethnocentrism. Cultural humility also

emphasizes lifelong learning and self-evaluation in relationships across cultural differences; see the National Center for Cultural Competence's cultural humility resources.

QUESTION NO: 7

A child's grandmother is the primary caregiver and says that her family values handling difficulties privately. She has declined a parent support group but asks for help reducing conflict between the child and an older cousin who lives in the home. What is the BEST practitioner response?

A. Respect the family's preference while collaborating on a home-based goal that addresses the identified conflict.

B. Explain that participation in a parent support group is necessary for progress.

C. Document that the family is resistant to community support.

D. Work only with the child because the grandmother declined the group.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Respect the family's preference while collaborating on a home-based goal that addresses the identified conflict. Culturally responsive practice requires the practitioner to avoid assuming that participation in a formal support group is necessary or preferred. The grandmother has identified a specific concern and remains engaged in seeking assistance. The practitioner can explore family strengths, communication patterns, routines, and supports that fit the household's values and preferences.

Insisting on a support group places the practitioner's preferred intervention above the family's choice. Treating privacy as resistance is judgmental and may weaken trust. Focusing only on the child ignores the family-system concern that the caregiver identified.

QUESTION NO: 8

Transition-age youth are able to gain psychosocial protective factors as well as neurophysiological buffering through which of the following?

A. Consistent relationships with caring individuals

B. Caregiving for younger siblings

C. Involvement in the child protective system

D. Connection to a peer network

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Consistent relationships with caring individuals are the key source of both psychosocial protection and neurophysiological buffering for transition-age youth. Reliable, supportive adults—including family members, mentors, educators, providers, and other trusted community members—offer emotional safety, practical help, encouragement, and a stable relational base during a developmental period that often includes major changes in education, work, housing, health care, and identity. These relationships can strengthen resilience by helping young people feel connected, valued, and able to seek help when stressors arise.

Supportive, predictable relationships also matter biologically. When a young person experiences stress, a trusted adult's calm and responsive presence can help co-regulate emotion and reduce prolonged activation of stress-response systems. Over time, this buffering supports coping, self-regulation, and healthy development. Trauma-informed and resiliency-oriented practice therefore emphasizes building enduring, youth-directed connections rather than treating services as isolated interventions. The National Child Traumatic Stress Network describes relationships and supportive connections as central to resilience following adversity, while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identifies connectedness and supportive

relationships as protective factors for young people. See the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and the CDC's youth violence prevention resources.

QUESTION NO: 9

The term evidence-based practice refers to successful interventions that must have

A. been tested through multiple trials, with findings reported by teams of investigators.

B. appeared in articles discussing caregiver satisfaction with the intervention.

C. been used by practitioners in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation with positive results.

D. produced positive survey results when children and caregivers were asked about the intervention.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

"been tested through multiple trials, with findings reported by teams of investigators." is correct because evidence-based practice requires more than an intervention seeming helpful in an individual setting. Its effectiveness must be established through systematic, rigorous research that can assess outcomes reliably and reduce the likelihood that apparent benefit is due to chance, bias, or local circumstances. Multiple trials provide a stronger body of evidence than a single study, particularly when results are replicated across participants, settings, and research teams. Reporting findings also permits scientific review, transparency, and use of the intervention by practitioners who need to make informed service decisions. In psychiatric rehabilitation and child-and-family resiliency work, this evidence supports selecting approaches that have demonstrated meaningful outcomes while still applying professional expertise and attending to each family's goals, culture, strengths, and preferences. This meaning is consistent with the broader evidence-based-practice approach described by the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association and with SAMHSA's emphasis on interventions supported by research evidence in its evidence-based practices resource collection. Therefore, successful interventions qualify as evidence-based when rigorous, reproducible investigation has documented their effectiveness.

QUESTION NO: 10

Emotional regulation can be acquired through

A. teaching and reinforcing social skills.

B. developing natural supports.

C. practicing executive functioning.

D. modeling appropriate and inappropriate expressions.

ANSWER: A

Explanation:

Teaching and reinforcing social skills is correct because emotional regulation develops through repeated, supported practice in recognizing feelings, communicating needs, managing reactions, and responding effectively during interactions with other people. For children and families, social-skills instruction gives concrete, observable tools for managing emotionally charged situations: pausing before responding, identifying an emotion, using words to express it, listening, problem-solving, and repairing relationships after conflict. Reinforcement is essential because it helps the child connect use of these skills with positive outcomes and increases the likelihood that the skills will be used across home, school, and community settings.

This approach is consistent with social and emotional learning practice, which treats self-management and relationship skills as connected competencies. Emotional regulation is not simply suppression of feelings; it is the ability to experience emotions while choosing safe, purposeful, and socially effective responses. A practitioner can facilitate this learning through coaching, role-play, feedback, praise, and opportunities to practice skills in naturally occurring situations. The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning describes self-management and relationship skills as core competencies at

CASEL's SEL Framework. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also identifies social-emotional skill development as a key component of child well-being and supportive environments: CDC Child Development.

QUESTION NO: 11

The skill of self-monitoring in relation to executive functioning is MOST evident in which of the following academic subjects?

A. Art and music

B. Math and writing

C. History and literature

D. Science and technology

ANSWER: B

Explanation:

Math and writing are the best answer because both routinely require a learner to observe, evaluate, and adjust their own performance while completing goal-directed, multistep work. In math, self-monitoring includes keeping track of a procedure, checking calculations, recognizing when an answer is unreasonable, and correcting an error before moving forward. In writing, it includes organizing ideas for a purpose, monitoring whether the draft communicates those ideas, applying conventions, and revising based on a comparison between the work and the intended goal. These processes draw directly on executive-function capacities such as working memory, inhibition, planning, cognitive flexibility, and self-regulation.

For a child and family resiliency practitioner, recognizing these demands helps identify functional supports that can be integrated into school routines. Practical supports may include checklists, worked examples, prompts to pause and review, visual organizers, and opportunities for structured revision. These strategies make the self-monitoring process explicit and can build independence rather than simply supplying an answer. The Center on the Developing Child describes executive function as the set of skills used to manage attention, planning, and behavior in pursuit of goals: Harvard Center on the Developing Child. The Institute of Education Sciences also identifies planning, revising, and editing as essential components of effective writing instruction: Teaching Elementary School Students to Be Effective Writers.