



Philosophy Cards

The most important role of the mental health consultant is to support staff.

Teamwork and the team approach maximize the impact of any mental health intervention.

Programs should consider adopting behavior management strategies that all staff learn and apply throughout the program.

Families with mental health problems may pass the problems on to the next generation no matter what the staffs do.

Crises occur when families are out of control and not caring about things that they should.

One primary focus of mental health is mental well-being.

Diagnosis of a mental disorder or social/emotional disability helps in the understanding of a child's difficulties.

When program and staff meetings are held about a family, all family members should be present and encouraged to be participants.

Programs should have the option and a procedure for determining whether a child's behavior should lead to removal from the program.

Program staff should reach out to troubled families, even when they are not asking for help and even when they resist efforts of help.

School readiness begins with health!

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