

The 10 Ds of Deviance in Approaches to Difficult Youth

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Theory	Problem	Typical Responses
Primitive	Deviant	Blame, attack, ostracize
Folk Religion	Demonic	Chastise, exorcise, banish
Biophysical	Diseased	Diagnose, drug, hospitalize
Psychoanalytic	Disturbed	Analyze, treat, seclude
Behavioral	Disordered	Assess, condition, time out
Correctional	Delinquent	Adjudicate, punish, incarcerate
Sociological	Deprived	Study, re-socialize, assimilate
Social Work	Dysfunctional	Intake, case-manage, discharge
Educational	Disobedient	Reprimand, correct, expel
Special Education	Disabled	Label, remediate, segregate



“Adults have a strong tendency to revert to negative theories of behavior when under stress because they are more likely to overreact to the child’s behavior.”