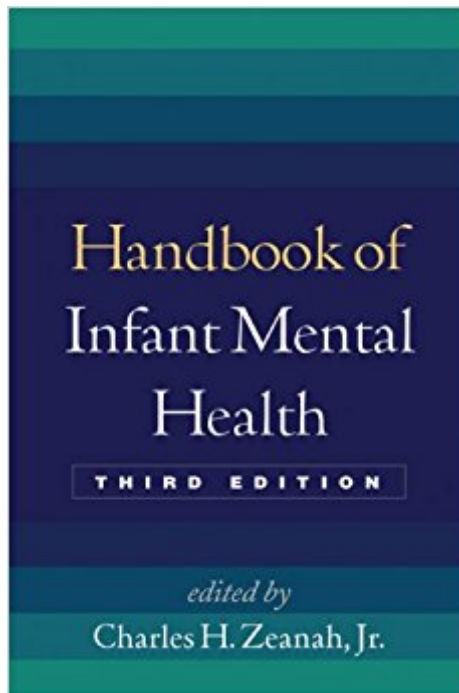




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Synopsis

Widely regarded as the standard reference in the field, this handbook offers a comprehensive analysis of developmental, clinical, and social aspects of mental health from birth to the preschool years. Leading authorities explore models of development; biological, family, and sociocultural risk and protective factors; and frequently encountered disorders and disabilities. Evidence-based approaches to assessment and treatment are presented, with an emphasis on ways to support strong parent-child relationships. The volume reviews the well-documented benefits of early intervention and prevention and describes applications in mental health, primary care, childcare, and child welfare settings. The chapter on psychopharmacology has been updated for the paperback edition.

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"Once again, Zeanah has produced a first-rate handbook. Leaders in the field contribute their knowledge and expertise in easy-to-read, scholarly presentations. Keeping pace with the burgeoning field of infant mental health, this handbook is a 'must read' for all researchers and clinicians who wish to stay current."--Thomas F. Anders, MD, Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral

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Despite the wealth of research on infancy, this comprehensive handbook is the first to offer a broad interdisciplinary analysis of the developmental, clinical, and social aspects of infant mental health. With chapters written by scholars and clinicians from a variety of perspectives, the work is grounded in a relational view of infancy and applies the fruits of contemporary research in developmental psychology to the problems encountered in clinical practice. Extensive in its scope, this volume thoroughly covers models of development, risk conditions and protective factors, and social policy considerations, as well as assessment, evaluation, and diagnosis for all children from birth to three years of age. The broad initial chapters critically evaluate different models of development and developmental psychopathology, and the contexts of infant mental health, particularly the family. Subsequent chapters examine factors that may influence infant development, including adolescent motherhood, multiple family relationships, the consequences of poverty, and the effects of premature birth, parental mental illness, and maternal substance abuse. Issues of assessment, evaluation, and diagnosis are covered in detail, and separate chapters then focus on specific disorders - from traditional topics such as autism and failure to thrive to contemporary descriptions of regulatory and attachment disorders. An array of interventions - from practitioner-based models of psychotherapy to programmatic prevention and early intervention efforts - are presented. The final chapters on day care and custody illuminate social policy questions that can profoundly affect infant

mental health. This book is unparalleled as a complete resource for a wide variety of professionals. Relevant to clinicians, investigators, and those concerned with social policy, it is an indispensable reference for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, pediatricians, nurses, special educators, policy makers, and early intervention specialists. It also serves as an excellent text for students in these disciplines. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As an Infant Mental Health therapist I use this book weekly. It is my primary reference source for statistics when I am completing trainings or trying to orient new staff to the field. All of the information is well presented, easy to find and factually supported.

Wonderful prep tool for my upcoming NJ Association for Infant Mental Health Endorsement exam!

This updated Handbook is a compendium of articles about issues related to infant development. That allows the reader to pick and choose chapters of particular interest. I like the focus on families, diversity, and social/emotional development. There is also some biological basis too, but not heavily so. A good basic primer for anyone in the mental health field who works with young children.

This is an excellent resource for scientific knowledge about infants and their development.

Dr. Charles H. Zeanah Jr. is a genius of the first order, this book is a must have for anyone interested in Infant Mental Health.

A thorough overview of infant mental health, an often ignored area.

Just what the doctor (professor) ordered

I'm impressed by the span of knowledge areas covered by this book. Each chapter covers a different caveat of Infant/Toddler Mental Health. I highly recommend the book.

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