
ABSTRACT

A multifaceted approach for a child with autism spectrum disorder reared in a children's home: Focus on supporting daily life events and relationships

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This paper presents a 5-year multifaceted psychological approach for a child with autism spectrum disorder who was reared in a children's home. The client had difficulties with social interaction and repetitive behaviors, which are characteristic of autism spectrum disorder, as well as problems with interpersonal relationships within the children's home. The treatment process indicated that he had difficulty with interpersonal cognition derived from developmental disabilities in addition to an attachment disturbance derived from maltreatment prior to placement in the children's home and changes in family circumstances. It was suggested that individual psychotherapy focused on concrete relationships with friends and a residential social worker could improve his sense of security and confidence in daily life. Moreover, psychological consultations that shared characteristics of cognitive and emotional development and discussed treatment for the client with the residential social worker were important to foster secure attachment between the client and the residential social worker by reducing emotional burden.

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