
ABSTRACT

The study of mental state and treatment of children with developmental disorders and stealing behavior, based on the Rorschach test

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There are two factors regarding children's stealing behaviors: factors related to emotional disturbances such as maternal deprivation; and factors of cognitive deficits such as poor impulse control. Since children with developmental disorders tend to have trouble with impulse control, clinical psychologists need to assess those children from both sides of the factors and offer effective treatment. As there is little research on this matter, I reported two cases of the Rorschach test on children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and repeated stealing to investigate the inner world experienced by those children. The result of the Rorschach tests suggested that these children were introverted and actively thinking, but as their thinking was disordered by conflict in dependency and aggression, their psychological resource would not lead to social adaptation. Finally, I discussed a treatment plan based on the Rorschach test results. When disordered thinking is found in a Rorschach test, it would be more effective to treat emotional disturbances related to disordered thinking than to offer skills training.

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