BIRTH, INFANTS AND TODDLERS

Group Presentations and Discussion

1. Describe some of the complications that can occur before or during birth. What is a low birth weight baby? What are the types of low birth weight? What are the long term impacts on children later in life?


3. What medical screening is provided to the newborn? What is the Apgar Scale? The Brazleton Neurological and Behavioral Test?

4. Describe the sensory abilities of the newborn? What reflex behaviors are displayed in newborns?

5. Describe early brain development in infants and toddlers? When does the brain complete its growth?

6. What are the principles of development in infants? Describe the Cephalocaudal and the Proximodistal Principle.

7. Describe motor development in infants and toddlers? What progression occurs in gross motor skills and fine motor skills? What is the Denver Developmental Screening Test?

8. Describe potential mortality problems in infancy. What is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)?

9. Discuss infant nutrition. Why is breast feeding so important? What does breastmilk contain? What kinds of problems can occur in undernourished babies?

10. Discuss cognitive development in infants and toddlers? Discuss the relevant theories. What is depth perception and how is it tested in babies? How is depth perception related to cognitive development?

11. Describe language development in infants and toddlers. What develops in two years? What are the theories of language learning? Is there a critical period for learning language?

12. Describe psychosocial development in infants and toddlers. Provide an overview of the relevant theories. Describe temperament, its influences and effects. What are some types of temperament an infant can develop?

13. Describe emotional development. What are the milestones in emotional development.

14. What is attachment? What are the patterns of attachment? How is it measured?

15. What is competency? How do you help babies develop a sense of competency? What do psychologists mean when they talk about important socialization processes? What are some important socialization processes occurring during infancy and toddlerhood?