

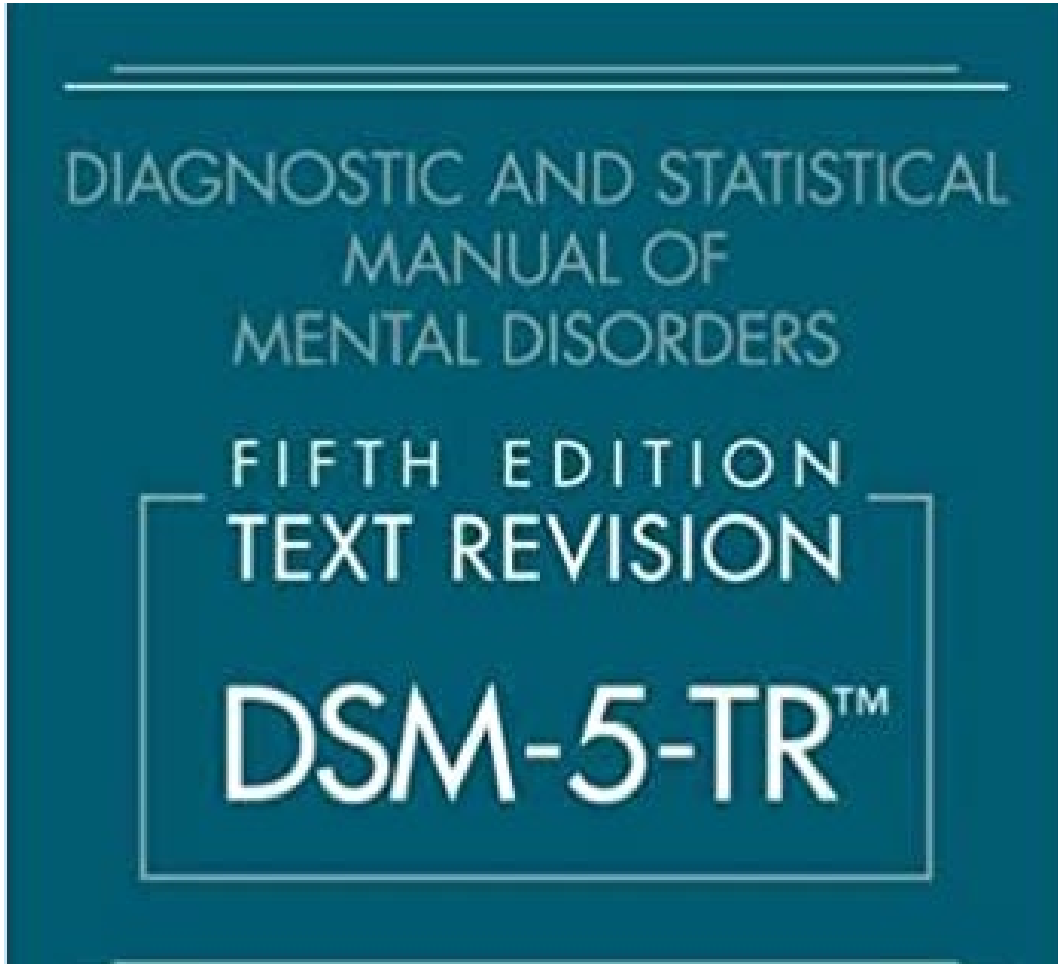


Mental Health Hot Topics in Special Ed

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- Potential impacts for:
 - Child find
 - Private evaluations
 - Eligibility determinations
 - Manifestation determinations

School Avoidance / Phobia

- School avoidance/
refusal
- Truancy
- Common causes
- Common presentation



Child Find



- Adopt procedures for tracking unexcused absences
- Be alert to excused absences that may trigger child find duties

Programming and Services

- Specialized instruction
 - Involvement with mental health professionals
 - FBAs/BIPs
 - Trigger avoidance
 - Modified attendance
- Excuse absences
 - Mental health supports
 - OT/speech
 - Reintegration plans
 - Parent counseling/training

Placement

- Home instruction
- Investigate any bullying/harassment claims
- More restrictive settings with mental health supports



Emotional Disturbance

Condition exhibiting **one or more** of the following characteristics over a **long period of time** and to a **marked degree** or that **adversely affects** a child's educational performance:

1. An inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors
2. An inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers or teachers
3. A general or pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression
4. A tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems

Child Find



- Advancing from grade to grade
- Hospitalized
- Truancy
- Bullying

Eligibility

- Adverse effect
- Duration and severity of characteristics
- Exclusions





Programming – Proactive Approach to Behavior Management



Manifestation Determinations – A School Psychologist's Role

Suicidal Ideation and Self-Harm



- Identification under Section 504
- Identification under IDEA
- Discipline and suicidal students

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