David Erickson

Brief Bio

Dr. Erickson received his MSc in Clinical and Community Psychology from the University of Calgary (1975) and his PhD in Counselling Psychology from the University of Alberta (1983). Over his 40 years of clinical practice he has worked in the areas of inpatient psychiatry, community mental health, university counselling, developmental disability, and pediatric and adolescent rehabilitation. He worked as a psychologist at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital (1982-2007) which included being Coordinator of Adolescent Services. He served as an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta (2000-2007).

 David had a part-time private practice in Edmonton and St. Albert which provided counselling services to individuals and families. He also provided consulting services to the Family and Community Supports Services (FSCD), province of Alberta (2007-2014). This included working on a multi-disciplinary assessment team focusing primarily on intervention needs for children on the autism spectrum.

A special interest over the past 20 years has been the development of the Child Behavior Toolbox Series which consists of five separate online database tools including not only the Child Behavior Toolbox but also the Adolescent Behavior Toolbox, the Family Behavior Toolbox, the Autism Behavior Toolbox (Professional Edition), and the Autism Family Behavior Toolbox. Users have included government agencies, school systems, public libraries, social service providers, psychologists, speech and language pathologists, and occupational therapists. More recent product development focuses on parents. David has developed five mobile apps for iPhone and iPad. Two are for parents of children on the autism spectrum, one is the Autism Behaviour Toolbox - Challenging Behaviors and the other one is the Autism Behavior Toolbox - Social Skills. A third app is the ADHD Toolbox – Home and School Edition, which is aimed at both parents and professionals. A fourth app is a derivative of the Child Behavior toolbox and focuses on the challenging behavior of more normally developing children. A fifth app is also in the Child Behavior toolbox series and focuses on social skills. A sixth app to be released in September of 2019 focuses on the behavioral and emotional issues of adolescents.

It has been both exciting and rewarding to see the use of the above tools spread around the world. The online web-based software is being extensively used in the UK, US, and Canada, while the Apple based apps have also extended the reach of the software to individuals in New Zealand, Australia, South Korea, Jordan, India, Russia, and Singapore to mention only a few.