

Vernon Chapters 1-2

The Child Assessment Process &
Methods of Developmental
Assessment

The Goal of Developmental Assessment

- ▣ To determine where the child is in her development

Six Characteristics of Developmental Assessment

- ▣ 1. Client functioning in the following areas
 - communication skills
 - cognitive skills
 - physical development
 - emotional development
 - social development
 - self-care skills
 - independent living skills
 - work habits
 - adjustment problems

Six Characteristics of Developmental Assessment

- ▣ 2. Historical factors that positively or negatively impact functioning
- ▣ 3. Current family status and school issues
- ▣ 4. Physical, psychological, and emotional health of client
- ▣ 5. Educational, social, physical, and psychological needs of client
- ▣ 6. Expectations of client and significant others.

Brigman's scan of client's world

- school-performance and ability
- socially-peers at school and outside of school
- relationships with family members-significant others
- relationships with teachers
- interest, hobbies, fun
- stressors/level of stress
- Sleep, nutrition, exercise
- history of success and failure in problem area

Multi source assessment

- ▣ client
- ▣ teacher
- ▣ parent
- ▣ school records
- ▣ observation

Level of development of 10-18 year old associated with various theories

- ▣ Piaget- concrete operations 7-11, and
formal operations 11-15