Do you know a child, adolescent, or young adult who is having difficulties in school, with peers, or at home?

Sometimes academic performance and social relationships are affected by behavioral, emotional, or learning problems. Correctly identifying and describing these difficulties is critical to finding the right treatment.

The New Orleans School-Age Assessment Service (NO-SAS) is a service of the Psychology Clinic operated by the University of New Orleans Department of Psychology. We provide cost-effective, comprehensive assessments to children, adolescents, and young adults experiencing emotional (anxiety, depression), learning, or behavioral problems at school (such as aggressive or disruptive behavior, hyperactivity/inattention, conflict with teachers), with peers (such as fighting, rejection, or substance use), at home (such as conflict with parents or siblings), or with the law (such as stealing, vandalism, or truancy). Assessments use state-of-the-art diagnostic procedures administered by professionals who are knowledgeable about child development and emotional and behavioral problems in youth. All assessments are low-cost and set on a sliding fee scale.

We are now accepting referrals. Call 504-280-1202 to schedule an appointment.
WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED?

We provide comprehensive psychological assessment services in multiple domains using state-of-the-art diagnostic tests:

1. Diagnostic assessment of behavioral, emotional, and social difficulties (e.g., aggression, hyperactivity, substance use, depression)

2. Evaluation of learning difficulties, attention problems, and other factors that can affect school performance

3. Strengths-based assessment identifying resources in the child, family, and community to support positive development

WHO PROVIDES THE SERVICES?

NO-SAS is a teaching clinic of the Department of Psychology at the University of New Orleans co-directed by Dr. Michelle Martel & Dr. Monica Marsee, both assistant professors, under the supervision of Paul Frick, who is a professor and Licensed Psychologist in the state of Louisiana. Assessments are conducted by faculty and students in the Department of Psychology who specialize in child development and emotional and behavioral problems in childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood.

WHAT WILL CLIENTS RECEIVE?

All individuals will receive a detailed comprehensive report describing the results of the assessment and, if indicated, outlining recommendations for treatment or other supportive services.

Individuals also will be invited to participate in no-cost “check-up” appointments at 4 and 8 months after the initial assessment.

Individuals may be eligible to receive specialized treatment or further diagnostic testing provided through other ongoing services available in the UNO Psychology Clinic.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SERVICE?

We recognize that families, schools, and community agencies may have a variety of concerns about the children, adolescents, and young adults in their care. Because of this, we currently are offering this assessment service to any child, adolescent, or young adult who is experiencing difficulties at home, in school, or in the community. Interested individuals may be referred by their parents or guardians, teachers, or other concerned adults, but we cannot schedule services at the request of anyone besides the youth’s parent or legal guardian.

SUPERVISORS OF NO-SAS

Dr. Michelle Martel, Assistant Professor (PhD, Michigan State University). Dr. Martel specializes in the assessment and diagnosis of attention, learning, and neuropsychological problems in children, adolescents, and young adults. She also specializes in behavioral treatment for children with disruptive behavior disorders.

Dr. Monica Marsee, Assistant Professor (PhD, University of New Orleans). Dr. Marsee specializes in the assessment and diagnosis of behavioral and emotional problems in children and adolescents with particular emphasis on antisocial behavior.

Dr. Paul J. Frick, Research Professor and Chair (PhD, University of Georgia). Dr. Frick specializes in the assessment and diagnosis of behavioral and emotional problems in children and adolescents, as well as in the development of antisocial behavior. Dr. Frick is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in the state of Louisiana and has directed assessment clinics in Alabama and Louisiana for the past 19 years.

MAKING A REFERRAL

NO-SAS appointments can be scheduled during the workweek during the regular calendar year. These are full-day appointments, with rest breaks and a lunch break. The youth being assessed and at least one primary caretaker must attend for the full day. If you would like more information about NO-SAS, or if you would like to arrange an appointment, please contact:

NO-SAS, UNO Psychology Department
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