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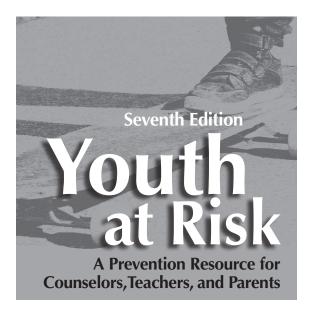
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Preface

Youth at Risk: A Prevention Resource for Counselors, Teachers, and Parents is a revision of the 2014 sixth edition. The information presented in this seventh edition illustrates both continuing and developing factors that place youth at risk. When one compares this edition with earlier editions, it is obvious that factors such as violence, bullying, enhanced drug use, mental health issues such as stress and mood disorders, sexual orientation, and the positive and negative impacts of social media are emerging as highly significant risk factors for this population. This edition emphasizes these factors not only through the selection of authors knowledgeable in these areas but also through the inclusion of current research supporting such emphasis, case studies, and practical guidelines for successful prevention and intervention from individual, family, school, and community perspectives. In this new edition, major emphasis has again been placed on prevention efforts with at-risk populations as well as practical guidelines for successful prevention and intervention for behaviors most often identified as placing youth at risk. Selected chapters include case studies that explore prevention and intervention efforts from individual, family, school, and community perspectives. Every effort has been made to address the complexities of working with vulnerable youth in a way that provides professionals, as well as parents, with an information base and guidelines for working within the parameters of a prevention-intervention paradigm. This text differs from similar texts because of the attention it places on counseling and systems applications with youth at risk.

The text is developmental in orientation. Part I presents information dealing with identifying and defining the population and with behaviors and causal factors descriptive of youth at risk. Also included is information that serves as a foundation for understanding the prevention–intervention paradigm. Part I also addresses prevention from the point of view of the identification and promotion of resiliency in our youth.

Part II of the text deals with parameters that often serve as causal factors for the development of at-risk behaviors. Included in this section are chapters dealing with the effects of a dysfunctional family, low self-esteem, depression, bipolar disorders, mood disorders, and stress and trauma. Each chapter in this section not only identifies various aspects of the causal factors but also presents information related to prevention strategies designed to deal with these factors.

Part III of the text deals with issues and behaviors most often identified as placing youth at risk. Chapters 8 through 18 focus on such issues as racial and ethnic identity, eating disorders, suicide, sexuality issues in adolescence, gang membership, counseling sexual minority youth, violence on the school campus, substance abuse, homelessness, school dropout, and bullying. Each chapter in Part III provides definitive information related to the specific issue and/or behavior; includes a case study to illustrate the information presented; and provides approaches to prevention and intervention from individual, family, school, and community perspectives.

New to This Edition

- Chapter 3, "Resilience: Individual, Family, School, and Community Perspectives,"
 has been heavily revised to further shift perspective so that counselors, educators,
 and parents see youth as having the developmental resources and self-righting
 capacities they need to navigate through life if they have adequate support.
- Chapter 5, "'Will I Ever Measure Up?' Problems of Self-Esteem," has been newly written by two experts on issues connected with low self-esteem.
- Chapter 7, "Stress and Trauma: Coping in Today's Society," incorporates the suggestions and perspectives of a panel composed of a group of adolescents.
- Chapter 9, "The Secret and All-Consuming Obsessions: Eating Disorders," written by three authors, one of whom specializes in working with clients with eating disorders, provides up-to-date perspectives on the topic.
- Chapter 12, "I Am Somebody: Gang Membership," is written by three new contributors who are experts on working with gang members and see them as at-promise youth. Their approach is refreshingly strength based.
- Chapter 14, "Death in the Classroom: Violence in Schools," is written by two
 new contributors, is heavily revised, and is of critical importance given recent
 school shooting incidents and the strong youth movement demanding reform
 of gun laws.
- Chapter 18, "A Nation at Risk: Bullying Among Children and Adolescents," is also heavily revised and quite pertinent to a textbook such as ours.
- All chapters in this seventh edition include sidebars designed by the authors to create greater reader self-awareness and to enhance the presentation and understanding of the concepts, skills, roles, and applications provided in the chapter.
- The positive and negative impacts of social media are explored as they pertain to the areas discussed in this edition.
- This seventh edition provides those who adopt our text for use in a community college or university classroom with an instructor's manual as well as PowerPoint slides. The instructor's manual contains quiz items and suggestions for exercises and assignments that students can complete or that can be used during a class session.

Every effort has been made by the editors and contributors to provide current and relevant information in each of these areas of focus. We hope that this new edition of *Youth at Risk: A Prevention Resource for Counselors, Teachers, and Parents* will prove to be an invaluable resource for individuals committed to assisting young people in the often difficult transition from adolescence to adulthood.



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