Becoming a Highly Credible Expert

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Learning Objectives:

- By the end of this presentation participants will:
- 1. Explain what's an expert
- 2. Discuss components of forensic reports
- 3. Describe credibility pitfalls



What's an Expert?

- An expert in Court- "Daubert Standard"
- The Judge is the "gatekeeper"
- Sound Methodology
- Consistent with Evidence
- Opinion is generally accepted in the Professional Community
- Subjected to Peer Review and Publication



What's an Expert? (cont.)

• More than a "lay person" standard-Office of Administrative Law



Continuing Education





Diagnosis Specific Continuing Education





Selection of Assessment Tools







Components of a Forensic Report

- Background
- Social/Developmental History
- Medical History
- Educational History
- Previous Assessments your discipline and others



Components of a Forensic Report

- First-hand Observation
- First-hand Assessment
- Interviews with other Experts and Providers
- Description of Assessment Process
- Conclusions
- Recommendations



Credibility Pitfalls





Best Practice in the Industry





Too Much Reliance on Parent/Guardian Input





Not Enough Input From School Personnel





"Hired Gun"





Not Knowing the Law





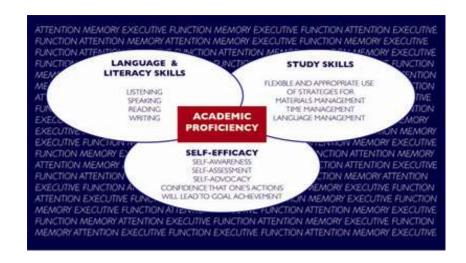
Reading the Room/Judge





Case Study for Language-Based Learning Disability

Expert On the Case: NJ Based SLP





Case Study for Autism

Expert On the Case: NJ Based SLP





Q & A



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