

INTERVIEWS CAN COVER:

- Biological factors: genetic, potential predisposition's, biochemical agents
- Development factors: physical development, psychosocial development, cognitive development and psychogenetic predisposition's
- Social-interactive factors: culture, family or system, parent/child relationship, family attitudes, socioeconomic and community
- Psychological vulnerabilities: person response to stress, arousal rate, intensity, temperaments and cognitions
- Socioenvironmental stresses: status of current primary relationships, use of substance, socioeconomic status and changes

DATA BASES:

- Cross-sectional items: (a point in time) are presenting complaints, relevant history and mental status (consciousness, attentions span, orientation, memory, concentration and judgment).
- Longitudinal items: (over a lifetime) include family constellation and history, psychosocial history, educational history, employment history, legal problems, drug and alcohol history and medical history.

TESTING:

- Counselor must administer test under the same conditions that were established in their standardization.
- Counselor does not permit unsupervised or inadequately supervised use of tests or assessments unless the test or assessments are designed, intended and validated for self-administering and/or scoring.
- Counselor recognizes the effect of age, color, race, culture, disability, ethnic group, religion, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status on test administration and interpretation and place test results in proper perspective with other relevant factors.
- Counselor indicates any reservations that exist regarding the validity of a test in norms for the person being tested.