

Handbook of Applied Developmental Science



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"The Handbook of Applied Developmental Science" is the only work to comprehensively present the latest theory, research, and application from applied developmental science (ADS) and the positive psychology movement. It summarizes and synthesizes the best scientific knowledge from ADS to help readers understand the efforts being made around the world to ensure that all children and adolescents develop into healthy adults who contribute positively to society. "The Handbook" is also the first resource to organize and integrate both the prevention and promotion approaches to programs and policies for children, adolescents, and families. In addition, the "Handbook" provides a detailed road map for future research and for actions that will promote positive child, youth, and family development. Published in four volumes, the "Handbook" features 95 chapters by more than 150 contributors, many of who are renowned leaders in the field. Volume 1 describes the foundation of applied developmental science, its historical development, and current scientific and professional efforts to develop policies and programs that promote positive child, adolescent, and family development. Volume 2 examines public policy and government service systems. Volume 3 discusses community systems for enhancing citizenship and promoting a civil society. Finally, Volume 4 outlines methods for university engagement and academic outreach. Feature and benefits of this work are: four comprehensive, topical volumes; approximately 2,200 pages; 95 chapters; and, more than 150 contributors, many of whom are world-renowned leaders in applied development science from the academic, professional, and policy and political arenas. Forewords for each volume are written by well-known authorities, including Edward Zigler, co-founder of the Head Start program; US Congressman Elijah E Cummings; David Bell, International Youth Foundation; and Graham Spanier, President, The Pennsylvania State University. Designed for a wide audience the "Handbook" will be an important addition to your library collection. It offers a single source for information about fostering generations of healthy children and families. It is designed specifically to meet the needs of: faculty and students in the fields of psychology, human development, family studies, policy studies, nursing, allied health, and education; staff and volunteers working in non-governmental organizations; members of local, state, national, and international government organizations and personnel involved in policy and program development and funding; and directors and staff at foundations that administer programs aimed at promoting positive your and family development.

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