

Demographic Data

1. **I completed my school psychologist training ____ years ago: (circle)**

<1 yr	11	3.4
1-4 yr	41	12.7
5-9 yrs	52	16.0
10-14 yrs	53	16.4
15-19 yrs	57	17.6
20-24 yrs	52	16.0
>25yrs	58	17.9

2. **The highest degree that I have earned is: (circle)**

MA	94	15.9
MS	71	12.0
MSW	0	0
M Ed.	25	4.2
PhD.	37	6.3
Ed.D	6.0	1.0
Ed.S	80	13.6
Psy.S	7	1.1

3. **My age is: (circle)**

< 24	0	0
24-29	25	7.7
30-35	46	14.2
36-41	34	10.5
42-47	50	15.4
48-53	71	21.9
54-59	65	20.0
60-64	22	6.8
>65	9	2.8

4. **Ohio County of my Primary Practice is:**

5. **In general, the proportions of my patients that come from the following settings are:** (write number)

Urban	<u>30.1%</u>	SD	41.9
Suburban	<u>45.7%</u>	SD	43.4
Rural	<u>24.2%</u>	SD	37.5

6. **In the past 24 months (2 years) I completed approximately ___ hours of CME or CEU's on the following topic(s)** (write in ALL that apply)

*ADHD	219/103	68/32
*Behavior Problems	261/61	81.1/18.9
*Learning Problems	<u>223/99</u>	<u>69.3/30.7</u>
*Autistic Spectrum Disorders	<u>175/147</u>	<u>54.3/45.7</u>
*Child/Adolescent Depression	<u>109/213</u>	<u>33.9/66.1</u>
*Traumatic Brain Disorders	<u>44/278</u>	<u>13.7/86.3</u>
*Family Counseling	<u>32/290</u>	<u>9.9/90.1</u>

Consultation Strategies for Professionals

7. **When making decisions regarding psychotropic medications, physicians often consult school psychologists** (circle).

Strongly disagree	99	30.8
Disagree	100	31.2
Somewhat disagree	46	14.3
Somewhat agree	47	14.6
Agree	23	7.1
Strongly agree	6	1.8
No opinion	0	0

8. **School psychologists should maintain a focus on educational implications and defer the diagnostic evaluation to the medical practitioner** (circle).

Strongly disagree	19	5.9
Disagree	71	22.1
Somewhat disagree	70	21.8
Somewhat agree	63	19.6
Agree	56	17.4
Strongly agree	42	13.0
No opinion	0	0

9. **My school administrator expects me to consult with parents and teachers of students with diagnosed medical conditions if (and/or when) the condition interferes with the learning process (circle).**

Strongly disagree	2	.63
Disagree	7	2.1
Somewhat disagree	8	2.5
Somewhat agree	24	7.5
Agree	112	35.0
Strongly agree	166	51.9
No opinion	1	.3

10. **It is important for school psychologists to be involved in consultation with physicians because of the school psychologist's expertise with intervention planning. (circle).**

Strongly disagree	0	0
Disagree	1	.31
Somewhat disagree	4	1.2
Somewhat agree	30	9.3
Agree	127	39.4
Strongly agree	160	49.6
No opinion	0	0

11. **School psychologists use a multi-disciplinary approach to investigate referral concerns compared to physicians who use a patient-centered approach (circle).**

Strongly disagree	0	0
Disagree	3	.9
Somewhat disagree	16	5.0
Somewhat agree	69	21.6
Agree	133	41.7
Strongly agree	93	29.2
No opinion	5	1.5

Professional Training

12. **The school psychologist is adequately trained to diagnose medical conditions such as a) ADHD (circle)**

Strongly disagree	13	4.0
Disagree	30	9.3
Somewhat disagree	27	8.3
Somewhat agree	84	26.0
Agree	106	32.9
Strongly agree	60	18.6
No opinion	2	.6

b)	Autistic Spectrum Disorders (circle)	
Strongly disagree	19	5.9
Disagree	49	15.2
Somewhat disagree	44	13.6
Somewhat agree	101	31.3
Agree	85	36.4
Strongly agree	22	6.8
No opinion	2	.62

c)	Traumatic Brain Disorders (circle)	
Strongly disagree	55	17.1
Disagree	102	31.8
Somewhat disagree	56	17.4
Somewhat agree	71	22.1
Agree	30	9.3
Strongly agree	3	.9
No opinion	4	1.2

d)	Emotional/Affective Disorders (circle)	
Strongly disagree	10	3.1
Disagree	29	9.0
Somewhat disagree	50	15.5
Somewhat agree	98	30.4
Agree	91	38.2
Strongly agree	43	13.4
No opinion	1	.31

13. The training and experience of a school psychologist makes him or her a valuable asset to a medical practitioner (circle).

Strongly disagree	3	.9
Disagree	0	0
Somewhat disagree	0	0
Somewhat agree	14	4.3
Agree	108	33.5
Strongly agree	195	60.6
No opinion	2	.6

14. School psychologists have adequate exposure to the area of psychopharmacology through school psychology training programs (circle).

Strongly disagree	57	17.8
Disagree	115	35.8
Somewhat disagree	74	23.1
Somewhat agree	49	15.2
Agree	20	6.2
Strongly agree	2	.6
No opinion	4	1.2

15. I would attend a continuing education program with physicians to learn how to improve collaborative efforts between the two professions.

Strongly disagree	1	.31
Disagree	1	.31
Somewhat disagree	2	2.62
Somewhat agree	10	3.1
Agree	108	33.5
Strongly agree	195	61.5
No opinion	2	.6

16. My school psychology-training program adequately prepared me for collaborative practices with medical professionals (circle).

Strongly disagree	23	7.1
Disagree	82	25.4
Somewhat disagree	61	18.9
Somewhat agree	70	22.1
Agree	61	18.9
Strongly agree	23	7.1
No opinion	1	.31

Professional Practice

17. I am aware of most of the students currently under the active care of local physicians (circle).

Strongly disagree	14	4.4
Disagree	80	25.3
Somewhat disagree	65	20.6
Somewhat agree	81	25.6
Agree	60	19.0
Strongly agree	11	3.4
No opinion	5	1.5

18. Information from physicians about children I evaluate is easy to obtain (circle).

Strongly disagree	22	6.9
Disagree	76	23.9
Somewhat disagree	79	24.8
Somewhat agree	89	28.0
Agree	46	14.4
Strongly agree	6	1.8
No opinion	0	0

19. List three primary reasons you request information from physicians.

2.5 range (0-6) SD 0.91

- _____
- _____
- _____

20. List three primary reasons physicians send referrals to you.

2.05 range (0-6) SD .99

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Vignettes

A physician in a local community frequently writes and sends referrals to the school system for accommodation plans or Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students. Parents have been highly supportive of the physician's actions and have demanded compliance from school districts. Given this scenario:

1. **School administrators and school psychologists should follow the physician's directives to facilitate a collaborative relationship. (circle)**

Strongly disagree	37	11.6
Disagree	85	26.7
Somewhat disagree	64	20.1
Somewhat agree	71	22.3
Agree	41	14.2
Strongly agree	13	4.0
No opinion	3	.94

2. **The school psychologist needs to contact the physicians and advise him or her of the school district's referral procedures. (circle)**

Strongly disagree	8	2.4
disagree	16	4.9
somewhat disagree	15	4.6
agree	117	36.3
somewhat agree	35	10.8
strongly agree	129	40.0
no opinion	2	.62

3. **The school psychologist should recommend that the parent initiate a "school-age referral" in order to give full consideration to the physician's request. (circle)**

Strongly disagree	6	1.8
Disagree	19	5.9
Somewhat disagree	34	10.6
Somewhat agree	48	14.9
Agree	103	31.9
Strongly agree	109	33.9
No opinion	3	.9

4. The school psychologist should recommend to the parent to seek a second opinion from another medical professional such as a neurologist, child psychiatrist, or developmental specialist. (circle)

Strongly disagree	43	13.7
Disagree	110	35.0
Somewhat disagree	63	20.0
Somewhat agree	48	15.2
Agree	19	6.1
Strongly agree	10	3.1
No opinion	21	6.6

Thank you for completing this survey. The results will be used to help develop educational programs and resources to improve care coordination between school psychologist and physicians.