

REBT Child and Adolescent Assessment-Intervention Guide

	Happening	Thinking —	Feeling	Behaviour	(Consequences)
ASSESSMENT	0	3	3	3	•
INTERVENTION —	6	10	•	8	9

STEPS

- **Step 1.** Search for specific activating event.
- **Step 2.** Assess 'Feelings' and their intensity; decide on the most problematic to work on first.
- **Step 3.** Assess 'Behaviour' and what happens as a consequence of feeling.
- **Step 4.** Determine the negative consequences young person experiences because of feelings/behaviour. Establish motivation with client to change emotion and behaviour.
- Step 5. Assess 'Thinking' and be on the look out for
 - faulty predictions, conclusions;
 - · shoulds, oughts, musts (the "absolutes");
 - awfulizing;
 - · I can't stand it it is;
 - global rating of self, other or the world.
 - a. When necessary to identify core beliefs, offer hypothesis about what the client is likely to be thinking and gain confirmation or not from client.

- c. Summarise HTFB and gain confirmation or not from client.
- **Step 6.** Enter same adverse event as Step 1.
- **Step 7.** Agree on change in feelings when adverse event happens again.
- **Step 8.** Agree on change in behaviours when adverse event happens again.
- **Step 9.** Determine improved consequences as a result of changes in feelings/behaviours.
- **Step 10.** Challenge faulty inferences and irrational beliefs and change to sound inferences and rational beliefs.
 - a. Ask: "Where is the evidence..."?
 - "Does it make sense to think this way?"
 - "Does it help you to think this way?"
 - b. Change irrational to rational self-talk.
 - c. Conduct cognitive-rehearsal/role-play.
 - d. Assign Homework.