| Perspectives | Area of Interest | Causes of Problem | Treatment | Theorists |
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| Biological; Neuroscience; Behavior Genetics | genetics, brain, biochemicals, body; how> create emotions, memory, sensory experiences | genetics, brain structure malfunction of brain, biochemical imbalance | medications, surgery, ECT, gene therapy, biofeedback | Gazzaniga, Hubel |
| Behavioral | observable and measurable responses/behaviors; a Stimulus>Response world; how we learn observable behaviors | learning from environment: conditioning and observation | learning, behavior modification therapy, ex.: punishment +reinforcement | Ivan Pavlov + John Watson = CC; B.F. Skinner =OC |
| Cognitive | thought processes , how the brain works; how we process, store, and retrieve information | incorrect thought processes; brain structure and function, brain miswiring | talk therapy to correct thought processes | Wm. James, Jean Piaget, L. Kohlberg, Carol Gilligan |
| Psychoanalytic | unconscious internal conflict; childhood; id, ego, superego | unconscious internal conflict and interaction with the environment | talk therapy: psychoanalysis; bring the conflict into the conscious and resolve it | S.Freud, A. Freud, Erikson, Horney, Jung |
| Social-cultural | societal structures and traditions> varying behavior across different cultures | societal structures | talk therapy coping skills | |
| Humanistic | basic good human nature, innate potential, self, how we're treated | society, coping skills, conditional positive regard | talk therapy, help find innate potential, unconditional positive regard | Carl Rogers, Abraham Maslow |
| Evolutionary | man's evolved characteristics and behaviors | evolution and the mismatch with today | understanding, coping skills | |
| Social- Cognitive | interaction between beliefs, actions, and the environment | interaction | talk therapy to change interactions | Albert Bandura) |