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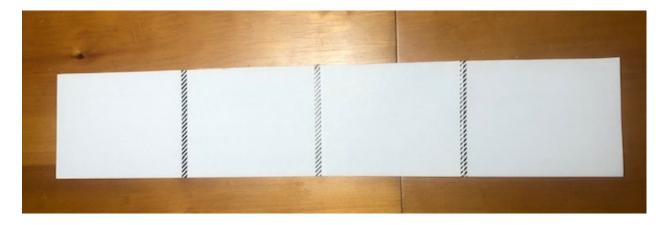
This activity will help the client visualize problem-solving skills that they learn/practice in an imaginative and creative fashion. The therapist will help the client learn how to put their coping skills to the test!

Materials:

- Paper
- Writing utensil
- Painter's/Masking tape

Complete the Activity:

<u>Step 1</u>: Create the story line sheet/comic sheet for the client.



<u>Step 2:</u> Create 2 scenarios of situations that the client struggle to manage.

- 1. Client struggles to engage well with peers during recess time.
- 2. Client has major frustration outbursts when they experience something new.

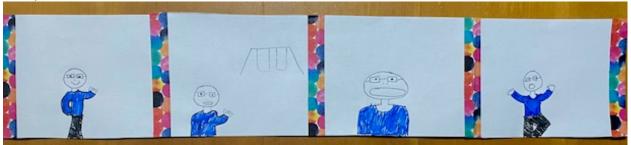


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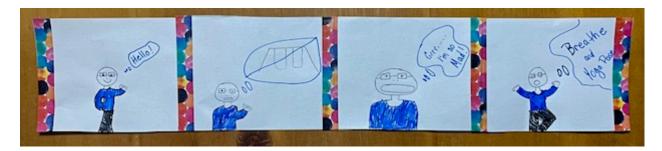
<u>Step 3</u>: Read both scenarios to the client (Change it into a story version, see example below) and allow them to choose story line to work with.

- 1. Sadie and her friends do not get along on the playground. She feels sad. How can we help Sadie fix this issue?
- 2. Nelson does not like when things change. He will yell, scream and become really upset. How can we help Landon fix this?

<u>Step 4</u>: Work with the client to complete the story line utilizing the comic strip and pictures.



<u>Step 5</u>: Discuss some useful coping techniques and encourage the client to include one of those coping techniques in the story.



<u>Step 6:</u> Process the complete story line with the client.



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End of Activity options:

- Instruct the client to complete another story line utilizing the new coping skills at home. Encourage them to return it to the next session.
- Have the client to bring an example of how they used the new coping skill (that they practiced in session) in a personal experience that they had this week.

Quick clinical tags to add to your notes:

- CBT techniques to learn a new coping skill.
- $\circ\,$ Problem solving techniques to help them find ways to complete difficult situations
- Positive social skills