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### Able To Laugh

The world of disability as interpreted by six professional comics - themselves disabled. Breaks down the awkwardness often felt between disabled and able-bodied people. Outstanding discussion starter.

*This program explores varying abilities as interpreted by six comedians with disabilities. It demonstrates how humour can remove barriers of fear, guilt, and misunderstanding.*

Curriculum Correlations:

**SK Recommended Resource - Suggested use: Relationships**

Adult  
27 minutes, order 9-7186-IN

### Adolescent Cognition: Thinking In A New Key

It is not just teenage bodies that undergo tremendous changes in adolescence; young minds begin working in new ways that sometimes cause awkward situations just as do the newly elongated legs or deeper voices.

Referring to the work of Piaget, Erikson, Goffman and his own studies, David Elkind looks at the intellectual, emotional and social consequences that result from the changes in thinking. These changes permit new ways of reasoning and enable students to take on much more challenging materials, but sometimes the transition results in inconsistent forms of thinking that create social

and emotional difficulties. The video includes newly shot footage in a public middle school and structured interviews illustrating the intellectual challenges of this period of life when adolescents are constructing personal identities and new mental capacities.

Professional  
38 minutes, order 8-1049-IN

### Aging Successfully: The Psychological Aspects Of Growing Old

Systematic examination of old age is a new field inspired by the unprecedented number of people living long enough to become elderly.

Developmental psychologists Paul and Margret Baltes have proposed a model of adaptive competence for the entire life span, but the emphasis here is on old age.

Their model SOC (Selection, Optimization and Compensation) is illustrated with engaging vignettes of people leading fulfilling lives, including writers Betty Friedan and Joan Erikson, and dancer Bud Mercer. Segments of the cognitive tests used by the Baltes in processing the mental

abilities of older people are shown. The Baltes discuss personality components that generally lead to positive aging experiences in this visually and intellectually appealing video.

Professional  
31 minutes, order 8-1050-IN

### NEW RELEASE

### Are The Kids Alright?

With unprecedented access to families, the courts, and psychiatric and correctional institutions, this searing documentary examines the crisis in mental health care for children and adolescents at risk in the state of Texas.

Nine year old Cesar is severely depressed and has threatened to kill himself. His mother is afraid to take him home, but there is no treatment bed available. Raised by her grandmother, teenager Antonia tried to cut her wrists after her mother failed to appear for a Mother's Day visit. Jeremy, also a teen, has threatened his stepmother and injured his younger brother. Unable to afford psychiatric placement, his

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father seeks to relinquish parental rights so the state will be responsible for Jeremy's care, but the judge refuses.

Adult  
57 minutes, order 9-7399-IN

### B F Skinner: A Fresh Appraisal

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

Other than Freud, no psychologist has been so discussed, critiqued and, at times, maligned as B.F. Skinner. Using both archival and new footage, this video takes a new look at who the man was, and what he really said in his twenty books.

Like other thinkers who broke new ground, Skinner had to invent his own vocabulary to describe the phenomena he was studying. In this video, his terms are introduced in context so the student



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understands how they were intended to be used and the research that produced them. The video lays to rest some myths and credits Skinner with contributions not often attributed to him. Understanding the complex man behind his work enables students to better evaluate the importance and relevance of the work he inspired.

Murray Sidman, Ph.D., colleague and thoughtful practitioner of behavioral analysis, narrates.

Adult  
30 minutes, order 8-1076-IN

### Bandura's Social Cognitive Theory: An Introduction

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

Treading new ground in the field of social psychology, Albert Bandura's work has become basic to an understanding of how social forces influence individuals, small groups and large groups.

From his early BoBo doll experiments through his work with phobias to his recent work on self-efficacy, Bandura's work has given us a sense of how people actively influence their own lives and those of others.

Utilizing archival materials and newly shot visuals, students will be introduced to the vocabulary and innovative methods of this influential thinker. Dr.

Bandura's narration imbues this video with his compelling presentation style and intellectual authority.

A presenter's guide is available in PDF format for those purchasing or previewing the video. To download the PDF guide, from your Internet browser enter the following URL:

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Adult  
38 minutes, order 8-1084-IN

### Big Enough

They are leading typical lives, pursuing typical middle-class careers, and living in the suburbs with their children. Yet they have grown up facing challenges that are anything but typical.

They are dwarves, through they prefer to call themselves "little people." In 2000, Jan Krawitz set out to revisit people she had profiled in her award-winning 1981 film, *Little People*, to find out how the intervening years had treated their hopes, expectations and fears. Did 11-year-old Mark retain his confidence and optimism? Did 16-year-old Karla marry a little person as she hoped? Would 32-year-old Len find a way to be proud

of being a dwarf? Did Ron and Sharon's children have an easier time growing up because of having dwarf parents?

Big Enough provides a unique perspective on a proud and active community that many people know only from cultural stereotypes. Its subjects confront physical and emotional challenges with occasional frustration, anger and sadness - but most of the time with determination, humour and grace.

Adult  
53 minutes, order 9-7395-IN

### Breaking The Cycles Of Violence

Explores the links between child abuse, animal abuse and other forms of domestic violence.

Research shows that in a home where there is animal abuse, there is a strong possibility that people are being abused as well.

Designed to help human service professionals do their jobs more effectively by recognizing, reporting, investigating and treating their interrelated forms of family violence.

Testimonials regarding cases of animal abuse clearly illustrate the need for professionals to receive cross training on how to correlate animal abuse with other kinds of violence.

Professional, Adult  
20 minutes, order 1-9263-IN

### Breathing Lessons: The Life And Work Of Mark O'Brien

According to poet-journalist Mark O'Brien, "*The two mythologies of disabled people break down to: one - we can't do anything, or - we can do everything. But the truth is, we're just human.*"

This Academy Award-winning documentary offers a challenging look into the mind of a man who can't do a lot of things that most of us take for granted - but who does other things superbly well.

O'Brien writes regularly for Pacific News Service, and contributes to National Public Radio. He is the author of a collection of poetry entitled *Breathing*, and has had poems featured in numerous literary publications and anthologies. O'Brien contracted polio in childhood. Due to post-polio syndrome as a young adult, he now spends much of his life in an iron lung. Yet for more than forty years, he has fought against illness and bureaucracy for his right to lead an independent life.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult  
35 minutes, order 9-7309-IN

### The Changing American Family: Decline Or Transition?

*Healthy Living: Road To Wellness Series*

Students get a close-up of Show cultural views on childlessness, unwed parenthood, divorce and working mothers are affecting the American



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family. Are these changing views dangerous to the family or individually liberating? This program examines factors that have affected the family since the Industrial Revolution and proposes serious questions about its future in America.

Ages 16 to Adult  
30 minutes, order 5-4966-IN

### Childhood Trauma: Attachment To The Perpetrator

*The Treating Trauma Disorders Effectively Series (Vol 1)*

This program follows the case histories of two women who suffer from childhood trauma. The video uses interviews with Dr. Colin A. Ross, M.D., narrator discussion and dramatic re-enactments to clearly illustrate proven techniques for treating trauma based disorders.

The video explains two fundamental treatment principles for severe childhood trauma: the problem of attachment to the perpetrator and the focus of control shift. These two core aspects of therapy are essential for therapists to understand in order to treat their clients in an effective and timely manner.

For clinicians, the program provides hands-on, useable techniques for their practices. For the layperson, it provides an easy to understand explanation for two consequences of childhood trauma.

Professional  
30 minutes, order 6-6001-IN

### Classification

*Piaget's Developmental Theory*

Drs. Robert Karplus and Celia Stendler Lavatelli use Piagetian classification tasks to demonstrate how children's ability to use categories develops during middle childhood.

Adult  
16 minutes, order 8-1051-IN

### Concrete Operations

*Piaget's Developmental Theory*

According to Jean Piaget, intelligence develops in a necessary sequence of stages that are related to age. Piaget's theories have given us profound insights into the cognitive development of children.

This knowledge in turn, provides a framework for understanding how children think and for planning educational strategies.

Using structured interviews with children from four to nine years old, Dr. David Elkind illustrates the development of transitive thinking and reversibility as children move from the pre-operational to concrete operational stage of cognitive development. Children's construction of the unit concept, so basic to arithmetic and beginning reading, is illustrated in a well run first grade class. Dr. Elkind also examines some recent criticisms of Piaget's theories.

Adult  
25 minutes, order 8-1052-IN

### Conservation

*Piaget's Developmental Theory*

Children between the ages of five and twelve perform tasks dealing with quantity, length, area and volume to illustrate the Piagetian concept of conservation. The children's differing approaches to the tasks are discussed by Dr. Robert Karplus and Celia Stendler Lavatelli.

Adult  
29 minutes, order 8-1053-IN

## NEW RELEASE

### The Culture Of Emotions

Designed to address some of the cultural shortcomings of DSM-IV, this is an urgently needed resource for training in psychiatry, psychology, social work, counselling, medicine and nursing.

Culture and ethnicity play multi-dimensional roles in the ways we experience and understand our own psychological states and those of others. This program explores some of the ways the diverse cultures of North America understand mind and body and the disorders to which they are subject. It is designed to introduce cultural competence and diversity skills to mental/behavioural health professionals and students who deal with multicultural client population.

Clinicians and researchers from a variety of cultural backgrounds contribute their personal and professional perspectives, and introduce the Outline

for Cultural Formulation (OCF) a diagnostic system for the assessment and treatment of psychiatric disorders across cultural boundaries and diagnostic categories. The OCF offers a conceptual bridge between western diagnostic concepts and explanations, and traditional world views of health and pathology from a variety of societies.

Professional  
60 minutes, order 9-7359-IN

### The Dark Side Of The Moon

This moving documentary weaves together the stories of three mentally disabled men, formerly homeless, who have overcome despair, stigma and isolation to become valued members of their community.

Joe, diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic, now provides peer counselling and manages an apartment complex for homeless men.

After years of hospitalization, Ron now advocates for patients' rights and is raising his six-year-old son as a single parent.

John still struggles with paranoia, but now lives independently and works as an artist and poet.

Following years of feeling hopeless and helpless, through their relationships with understanding friends and community resources, they now help others.

Adult, Professional  
25 minutes, order 9-7308-IN





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### Emotional Intelligence

*The Doctor Is In Series*

Emotional intelligence is a term that covers a person's ability to handle emotions and social skills. Up until recently, most of us expected to learn those kinds of skills – like listening, sharing, being kind – at home, and not find them in any organized class at school. But that is changing because of research showing that school age children stay healthier, and learn better, when they know how to handle the ups and downs of growing up.

This program profiles classes and programs in the New Haven, Connecticut, school system, and in Highland Park, New Jersey. Psychologist and writer Daniel Goleman, who wrote the book, *Emotional Intelligence*, and child psychologist Maurice Elias, who developed a program in emotional literacy, are interviewed.

Ages 16 to Adult, Professional  
28 minutes, order 2-3109-IN

### Emotions

*The Doctor Is In Series*

Women with incurable breast cancer who have been through psychotherapy to deal with their emotions lived twice as long as women without this therapy. People have lowered blood pressure and decreased medication by dealing with stresses that cause anger and depression. While researchers have been reluctant in the past to link emotions to physical

health, new work in immunology proves they indeed play a role. This video takes you inside the subject - to classes for people under stress, in hospital cancer wards and to a support group for breast cancer patients. Revealing interviews are also conducted with psychologists, psychiatrists and the founder of a Mind-Body Institute.

Adult, Professional  
28 minutes, order 2-3124-IN

### Erik H Erikson: A Life's Work

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

Using archival materials and newly shot footage, this film introduces students to the rich wisdom of Erik H. Erikson.

Best known for his identification of the eight stages of the life cycle, Erikson spent a lifetime observing and studying the way in which the interplay of genetics, cultural influences and unique experiences produces individual human lives.

Combines biographical information about Erikson with his theoretical proposals to give students an understanding of the relationship between the life experience of a theorist and the work that is produced.

Adult, Ages 16 to Adult  
38 minutes, order 8-1054-IN

### Escalating The Violence: Impact Of Peers

Breaking down a mock fight into its component parts, this video shows how peers encourage, promote and receive excitement from watching others in turmoil.

The anatomy of a fight and the psychology behind it will help adolescents understand the roles they play in the fight, and what's happening under the surface.

Presented by Elwood Robinson, PhD, Professor of Psychology, and Karen Futreal, Conflict Resolution Specialist.

*Curriculum Correlations:*

**BC Career & Personal Planning 8-10 Personal Development - Child Abuse Prevention:**

"to develop in students the capacity to assess, prevent and resolve abusive situations; recognize signs of abusive situations; demonstrate problem-solving and assertiveness skills as they apply to relationships; propose strategies for dealing with emotions to avoid abusive behaviour."

**ON Health & Physical Education Gr 9 & 10 Living Skills - Conflict Resolution:**

"...demonstrate personal values that can lead to conflict; demonstrate appropriate steps in conflict resolution; demonstrate an understanding of triggers of conflict"; AND **Gr 9 & 10 Living Skills - Decision Making:** "...identify coping skills."

Ages 16 to Adult  
13 minutes, order 1-8928-IN

### Flowers For Charlie

Every once in awhile, if we're very lucky, and open to receive, somebody comes into our lives whose quiet presence tells us to pause, consider our humanity, and open our eyes...

Charlie is one such presence. Based on the true story by Jean M. Hendrickson, this entertaining and powerfully moving short film is guaranteed to bring both laughter and tears. It will delight and inspire viewers from Grade 8 to adulthood.

Opens wide the doors to discussions on aging, intergenerational appreciation, and individual and societal values. A wonderful short story that will help all of us take an active role in caring for one another.

Ages 15 to 18, Adult  
11 minutes, order 9-7414-IN

### Food Obsession: An Eating Disorder Notebook

*Healthy Living: Road To Wellness Series*

Presents the harsh realities of eating disorders. Five individuals recovering from anorexia, compulsive eating and bulimia nervosa share their struggles to maintain a normal relationship with food.

Experts specializing in these disorders identify the essential features and treatment options. Includes male, female, and multicultural perspectives.

Adult, Ages 15 to 18  
30 minutes, order 5-4962-IN



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### Formal Reasoning Patterns

This film illustrates the tasks Dr. Piaget and his collaborators developed to probe the ranking styles of secondary students. Drs. Robert Karplus and Rita Peterson conduct the interviews.

Adult  
32 minutes, order 8-1055-IN

### Four Lives: A Portrait Of Manic Depression

Share perspectives on manic depression - an illness affecting millions - with four patients, their families, and their psychiatrists. Witness the patients' exaggerated feelings of hopelessness, sadness, and anxiety when depressed. Then the extreme feelings of ambition and self confidence when manic. If the high escalates, they may become dangerously extravagant, incessantly talkative and socially uninhibited. If untreated, one in six may commit suicide.

Though illness can recur throughout a patient's life, effective treatments are now available. This film explores both medical and psychotherapeutic approaches, as well as the more controversial electro convulsive therapy (ECT).

Ages 15 to 18, Post Secondary - Introductory, Adult, Professional  
60 minutes, order 9-3015-IN

### Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Many grandparents, regardless of income, background, or race, are picking up the responsibility of raising a grandchild or grandchildren who have lost their parents to death, drugs or prison.

Grandparents who take on this job need help in meeting the needs of their grandchildren. They also need help with the legal, financial, educational, and emotional issues that come with this new role.

The tape explores this newly emerging social issue by sharing the stories of four people who are raising their grandchildren and examines some of the major issues facing a grandparent as a parent.

Adult  
30 minutes, order 9-7282-IN

### Growing Minds: Cognitive Development In Early Childhood

Nothing in human experience is quite so astonishing as the enormous changes that occur during the five short years that transform the newborn into the actively curious, exploring kindergartner.

This video examines the work of Lev Vygotsky and Jean Piaget, illuminating the similarities and differences of their contributions to our understanding of the cognitive development of young children. Dr. Elkind uses their research and his

own work to look at three aspects of intellectual growth: reasoning, visual perception and the use of language. Children are seen both in interview situations and busily participating in an accredited child care center to illustrate Dr. Elkind's points about their ever changing intellectual abilities.

Adult  
25 minutes, order 8-1056-IN

### Growth Of Intelligence In The Preschool Years

Children from infancy to six years of age perform tasks designed by Jean Piaget and collaborators which reveal how intellectual thought develops and manifests itself in childhood. Dr. Celia Stendler Lavatelli narrates.

Post Secondary - Introductory, Professional  
31 minutes, order 8-1057-IN

### Hidden Victims: Children Of Domestic Violence

A powerful and revealing program that explores some of the devastating ways in which children are affected by growing up in homes in which there is domestic violence.

Hosted by "The Practice's" Dylan McDermott, this program profiles four families and reveals the impact domestic violence experiences have on children both now and later on in life.

Viewers ride along with a domestic violence crime unit and witness first hand a 10-year old boy's struggle to help his physically abused mother; they are also introduced to adults who are perpetuating domestic abuse in their families in response to the domestic abuse they experienced growing up. Finally, viewers meet a woman who is getting her life back on track in a shelter after years in an abusive relationship.

By bringing viewers face to face with victims of abuse and their pain, *Hidden Victims: Children of Domestic Violence* is a moving and unforgettable program that offers an unparalleled view of the real consequences of living with domestic violence.

Adult  
30 minutes, order 1-2562-IN



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### His Own Best Subject: A Visit To B.f. Skinner's Basement

Fred Skinner applied behavioural principles to his own life. In this video his daughter Julie Vargas, gives us a tour of the basement study in which he wrote many of his books and articles. He created wonderfully ingenious gadgets to enhance his workspace and created clever ways of organizing the writing that was the focus of his life during the last decades.

Dr. Vargas and her sister also share fond memories of their father who was a very involved and loving parent, happily setting aside his writing goals to be available to them.

Professional  
20 minutes, order 8-1080-IN

### How Children Learn

Using animation and jargon-free narration, this charming video summarizes what is currently known about learning from brain research, cognitive development research and contemporary educational practice.

Designed to be used as an introduction to discussion of school and teaching practices, this video also serves as an introduction to the study of learning in introductory education and psychology classes.

Animation depicts the firing of synapses, the growth of dendrites and the concept of the brain plasticity, making the point

that learning is as basic a human activity as breathing or eating. Factors that lead to school success are presented in a model that reflects the work of Erik Erikson, Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky without mentioning them by name. This video can thus serve as a starting point for a range of audiences interested in educational matters but leery of jargon-filled expositions.

Adult  
23 minutes, order 8-1058-IN

### NEW RELEASE

### Isn't She Lovely?

*Coping With A Parent's Mental Illness*

This moving personal documentary is a brave attempt to understand a childhood profoundly affected by a parent's severe mental illness.

When the filmmaker was twelve, her mother began showing signs of mental illness, but when she was a junior in high school the illness appeared to be stabilizing. But then her mother stopped answering the teenager's phone calls. When Kerry went to see her and demanded that she open the door, the response was "I love you, but I can't be with your right now." "I think I knew," Kerry says fifteen years later, "that she was never coming back."

"Schizoid personality, bipolar type, bipolar disorder with psychotic features?", the filmmaker struggles to reach the person behind the shifting diagnoses, but ultimately

has to accept that she can't "fix" it, and that perhaps the best she and her brother can do is to enjoy their mother when they can. This is less a film about Lynn's mental illness than it is about the courage and resilience that has enabled Kerry and Rob to create independent lives for themselves despite their feelings of loss and abandonment.

Adult, Professional  
23 minutes, order 9-7383-IN

### Jean Piaget: Memory And Intelligence

Dr. Jean Piaget presents his work on this intriguing subject at a conference in Kyoto in 1971.

Carefully translated English subtitles accompany Dr. Piaget's presentation in French.

Adult  
44 minutes, order 8-1064-IN

### John Dewey: An Introduction To His Life And Work

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

With his broad appreciation of the interplay of experiences that shape human lives, both individually and in society, John Dewey was able to connect many fields of knowledge and show their relevance to the contemporary problems of modern society.

Concepts basic to understanding his work are illustrated with archival footage and modern examples. Larry Hickman, Director of the Center for Dewey Studies, narrates.

Dewey wrote extensively about political science, and the arts. In his very full 92 years of life (1859 - 1952), he not only wrote about the breadth of life, he participated in it as a teacher, social critic, political activist and involved family man. The video introduces students to his philosophy and his critical studies of education, the arts and the implications of democracy for the lives of individuals and their communities.

Contemporary examples of the influence of his work include footage of noted educator Deborah Meier's New Mission School in Roxbury, Massachusetts; commentary by literature authority Louise Rosenblatt on Dewey's theories of the arts, and philosopher Larry Hickman comments on the ways technology changes our experiencing of the world.

Terminology and the historical context necessary for understanding Dewey's work are provided by historical materials, newly shot visuals and clever graphics.

Post Secondary - Introductory  
40 minutes, order 8-1082-IN

### Last Dance: Murder In Canada

This video is based on the controversial book, THE LAST DANCE, by noted criminologist Neil Boyd who examines the chilling reality of murder in our society. Who murders? Who are the victims? What motivates a killer? Drawing on capital case files, police





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reports and interviews with forty convicted murderers, Neil Boyd has written a thorough and compelling study of the phenomenon of murder in Canada.

Neil Boyd is the Director of the Criminology Research Centre at Simon Fraser University. He is a lawyer, and author of "The Social Dimensions of Law". **THE LAST DANCE, MURDER IN CANADA**, 1988 Published by Prentice Hall Canada Inc. ISBN 0-13-523887-0.

Post Secondary - Introductory,  
Post Secondary - Advanced, Adult,  
Professional  
59 minutes, order 9-1202-IN

### **The Last Hit: Children And Violence**

Golden Apple Award  
Award, Golden Eagle  
Award, Cine Silver Screen.

This culturally diverse program focuses on children, ages 6 to 12 who candidly share their experiences with violence and earnestly express their viewpoints on what constitutes violence and the best ways to avoid it.

Ages 16 to Adult  
20 minutes, order 1-8929-IN

### **The Lily Videos: A Longitudinal View Of Life W/down Syndrome**

In 1976, Elizabeth Grace began a documentary portrait of her daughter Lily. Lily was born with Down Syndrome. Living with her family in a small California beach town and attending local schools, Lily became a pioneer for mainstreaming and full inclusion.

In these three videos Elizabeth Grace has captured the essence of her daughter as a school girl, a young woman and an adult. These videos serve to improve attitudes towards people with Down Syndrome by depicting the triumphs and challenges Lily has experienced and with which she is still dealing. Her largeness of spirit and openness in discussing her situation give insights to the full life possible for those with Down Syndrome and for all of us who have less apparent disabilities.

A must for all those who study the human condition or know people as special as Lily.

#### **Lily: A Story About a Girl Like Me**

Lily was ten and in third grade when this lovely, award-winning production was made. She was a pioneer for mainstreaming due to her district's lack of other facilities for her. We see her in her classroom and playground as well as at home, coming to terms with the academic and social pressures upon her.

Lily's emotional strengths which will serve her so well in the future are already apparent in this loving documentary portrait of a child who happens to have an anomaly in her chromosomes.

14 minutes, order 8-1060

#### **Lily: A Sequel**

Lily was twenty when most of this video was shot. The video begins with scenes of her triumphant graduation from high school and chronicles her current life as a restaurant worker and resident of a group home. Lily's ease in front of the camera allows viewers to share her delights in her achievements but also her poignant longing for an even more mainstream life. She expresses her desire to live independently and to have a boyfriend. Her mother expresses her concerns about the realities of more independence for Lily.

15 minutes, order 8-1061

#### **Lily at Thirty**

Lily now has her own apartment as part of an independent living program and is working in a supermarket bagging groceries. She is seen interacting with customers and staff there and in her apartment with her friends and family. With her caseworker, Lily deals with the realities of bill paying and menu planning.

In a bittersweet juxtaposition, the video shows Lily celebrating her brother's wedding and then alone in her room working on her own

written fantasy tale of being a popular girl in an active high school. She endears herself to viewers in her frank discussion of what her disability means to her.

14 minutes, order 8-1062

Professional  
minutes, order 8-10600-IN

### **NEW RELEASE**

### **Live And Let Go**

When 76-year-old Sam Niver learned that his prostate cancer was terminal, the last thing he wanted was to die in a hospital, as his wife had recently done. Fiercely independent, he wanted to die as he had lived his life - on his own terms. In constant pain, and tired of a seemingly endless round of drug and radiation treatments, Sam did his research, made his own plans, approved his obituary, and asked his son Jay to document his final days. The resulting film is a moving tribute to a life lived well and ended with dignity.

Sam Niver was a proud WWII veteran; a hometown newspaperman and civic leader; a loving husband, father, and friend. Having decided to take his own life, he was careful to explain the decision not only to his family but also to the world, through the press and through this film. Jay and his sister, Gretchen, supported Sam's decision, and, when he told them he would have a friend sit



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with him at the end, they insisted on being the ones to share his final moments. Another son chose not to participate.

Issues related to assisted suicide, or the more general questions surrounding an individual's right to choose a death with dignity, are being hotly debated today in our legislatures, by our civic and religious organizations - and at the family dinner table. This film offers a powerful and provocative context for such discussions.

*Discussion leaders should be aware that the scene in which Sam takes his life, using sedative drugs in a method advocated by the Hemlock Society, is quite peaceful but may be difficult for some viewers to watch. Closed captions.*

Adult  
56 minutes, order 9-7389-IN

### **Maria Montessori: Her Life And Legacy**

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

**B**orn more than 25 years before Piaget or Vygotsky, Maria Montessori understood the constructivistic nature of all learning. As she observed children building their understanding of the world, she developed materials and approaches to education that are now used, in part, in most early childhood classrooms across the world. She realized the tremendous power of intrinsic

motivation and sought to capitalize upon it, especially for children between the ages of three and six.

Montessori's conception of the changing roles the classroom environment and teacher should play for students of various ages is presented with carefully shot footage of toddler, preschool, elementary and secondary classes at work in accredited Montessori schools. Students will also learn of Dr. Montessori's own dramatic life through archival visuals and will be challenged to think about what they think are the components of exemplary educational practice.

With Annette Haines, Ph.D.  
Adult  
35 minutes, order 8-1085-IN

### **NEW RELEASE**

### **Mary Ainsworth: Attachment And The Growth Of Love**

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

**T**his film represents an important introduction to not only attachment theory, but also to the methodology of observational research.

Best known for her "Strange Situation" procedure, Mary Ainsworth's work in Uganda and in the United States greatly influenced John Bowlby's work on the development of personality. Students will learn about different styles of parent-child attachment,

how they are assessed, and how understanding them can be used therapeutically. With Robert Marvin, Ph.D.

Adult  
35 minutes, order 8-1086-IN

### **Maslow's Hierarchy Of Needs**

**E**veryone is motivated by something. Dr. Abraham Maslow's theory is that human beings are motivated by unsatisfied needs. Once basic level needs such as shelter and safety, have been achieved, the individual can pursue higher level needs. Exploring Maslow's theory one will find a tie to the preoccupation of drug use and the negative effects that result from alcohol/drug addiction. Since addiction is a progressive illness it destroys a person's ability to achieve self-actualization, eventually destroying the person's ability to meet his or her other needs - including those of self-esteem, the love and acceptance of others, safety and even the base requirements of food and shelter.

Adult  
42 minutes, order 1-2854-IN

### **Media: Today's Gomorrah**

*Healthy Living: Road To Wellness Series*

**W**hat impact does sex and violence in the media have on America? Media critics and the entertainment industry go head to head in this program that examines the

growing media literacy movement - a foundation for analyzing and understanding the media's role in society.

*Curriculum Correlations:*

**ON Social Sciences & Humanities, Gr 12**  
Parenting and Human Development - Social Structures and Social Challenges - Media Influence: "demonstrate an understanding of the effects that media violence has on children and adolescents."

Ages 16 to Adult  
30 minutes, order 5-4980-IN

### **Men And Masculinity: Changing Roles, Changing Lives**

**I**deas, activities, and people in today's changing, pro-feminist, male-affirmative men's movement, challenging sexism, homophobia, and violence.

Ages 16 to Adult  
30 minutes, order 9-4099-IN

### **Morality: The Process Of Moral Development**

**T**his film identifies the progress of moral thinking starting in preschool years and continues to its unfolding in young adults. Dr. Lawrence Kohlberg's stages are illustrated in an interview conducted by Drs. Susan De Merresmen-Warren and Elliot Turiel.

Adult  
28 minutes, order 8-1065-IN





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### Morality: Judgments And Actions With Elliot Turiel

Thoughtful humans have always been deeply concerned with the moral nature of their actions and recent historical events have further widened the scope of this interest. It is only within the last hundred years, however, that we have systematically examined factors involved in moral behaviour.

This video reviews some of the basic work of Piaget, Kohlberg and Milgram, and investigates current research into the domain theory of Elliot Turiel and his associates. Focusing on the interaction of judgments and actions, the program uses archival footage of the Milgram experiments, structured interviews, every day interactions, and graphics to examine how people with diverse cultural backgrounds make moral judgments. Factors that lead us to act on our judgments, or not, are critically examined using issues important to today's students.

Adult  
30 minutes, order 8-1083-IN

### Mtv's Scared Straight!

Leaping off the screen with searing candor and in-your-face immediacy, "MTV's Scared Straight!" dares its audience to follow along as a dozen defiant juvenile offenders meet up with "the lifers" at East Jersey State Prison. These teenage lawbreakers have already committed crimes

ranging from shoplifting to drug dealing and armed robbery. They think they're "as nasty as they wanna be", but none of them are a match for the convicts they're about to meet.

Prisoners who conduct The Juvenile Awareness Program for deterring juvenile offenders are each serving terms in maximum security for crimes of violence. The boastful teens soon find themselves in a sobering encounter with the realities of crime and punishment, as the lifers use explicit language and brash tactics to show them what their lives would be like in prison. Graphic accounts of prison violence, oppressive restrictions and daily existence without family, loved ones or the simplest pleasures of "life on the outside" are pounded home with unremitting frankness.

The goal of The Juvenile Awareness Program is to influence the teens to do a 180 degree turn away from their criminal and antisocial behaviour by confronting them with this powerful look at life behind bars - an encounter that by day's end changes the group's attitude from bold and sassy to subdued and reflective.

This program contains graphic language and discretion is advised.

A guide is available to those purchasing or previewing the video. To download the guide, from your Internet browser enter the following URL:

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Ages 15 to 18, Adult  
27 minutes, order 1-2719-IN

### Multiple Personality: Reality And Illusion

Narrated by Chris Costner Sizemore, this documentary tells the stories of three women with multiple personality disorder, now re-named Dissociative Identity Disorder.

The film begins with Chris Costner Sizemore, the real Eve of *The Three Faces of Eve*, describing her full recovery from multiple personality. Included are: old photographs of Chris, pictures of her personal artwork, clips from a 1953 documentary of Chris switching personalities, and clips from the motion picture.

The stories of the three women are told through personal and professional interviews, dramatic re-enactments, and on-camera. The documentary provides a compelling explanation of multiple personality for the general public. It can be used for teaching colleagues, students, clients and families. This film also addresses the controversial diagnosis of factitious disorder.

Professional  
56 minutes, order 6-6002-IN

### The Neglected Generation

*Healthy Living: Road To Wellness*

According to experts, A nearly half of American adolescents are at high or moderate risk of seriously damaging their life chances due to neglect.

This powerful program explores the state of adolescent America and gives students insight on how families, communities, government, business and media can better serve youth.

Ages 16 to Adult  
30 minutes, order 5-4967-IN

### Old Age 1: A Conversation With Joan Erikson At 90

*Wisdom and integrity are something that other people may see in an old person, but it's not what the old person is feeling. That's what kind of roused me up to see what it was that old people do feel and what they have to face...*

With the above quote, Joan M. Erikson begins a frank and personal re-examination of the last stage of the life cycle. She and her husband Erik Erikson formulated their eight stage life cycle theory during their middle years, and Mrs. Erikson believes they tended to romanticize the eighth stage in which she is now living. This video was shot in 1993 when Mrs. Erikson was about to celebrate her 90th birthday. With great grace, humour and some feistiness, Mrs. Erikson takes on a wide range of topics from forgetfulness,



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copied with physical limitations and facing death. The film is a thought-provoking experience for everyone interested in developmental psychology and for all who live or work with an older person or are planning to be old themselves.

Adult, Professional  
39 minutes, order 8-1068-IN

### Old Age 2: A Conversation With Joan Erikson At 92

Joan M. Erikson describes her search for a better living situation for her frail husband and then presents her poignant recounting of his subsequent death.

She uses these experiences to suggest strategies to meet the physical and emotional needs of the fragile old and to support those who work with them. With a personal understanding of the challenges of old age, Mrs. Erikson revisits the eighth stage of the life cycle and proposes a new ninth stage for the changes that face the very old. She describes the difficulties of being in one's nineties without losing what she calls one's indomitable core.

Adult, Professional  
30 minutes, order 8-1069-IN

### Older Brains, New Connections

A Conversation With Marian Diamond At 73

Best known for her pioneering work in the positive effects of enriched environments on brain growth research she

largely did with rats in the 1960's, Dr. Diamond has continued to teach and do research in the area of neurophysiology.

Her research, and that of others, indicates that given the right conditions the brain continues to grow all during life and not just in the early years. Dr. Diamond presents a summary of this research and its practical implications in her cordial, accessible manner.

Discussing the current research into the genetic components of Alzheimer's disease, the exciting discoveries that the brain can generate new neurons, her research into the brain's role in auto-immune disorders, and the data from longitudinal studies of aging nuns, Dr. Diamond presents an overview of much that is currently known about brain physiology and aging. She provides suggestions for applying this new knowledge and shares her own fitness plan to keep her body, including her brain, healthy.

Professional  
30 minutes, order 8-1078-IN

### Other Families (Children Of Lesbian Parents)

Explores the perceptions and feelings of seven adults ages 18-40 who were raised by lesbian mothers.

Ages 16 to Adult  
49 minutes, order 9-7184-IN

### Our Future Selves: Aging In America

Healthy Living: Road To Wellness Series

The later years do not have to be fraught with sickness and senility, isolation, depression or sexual inadequacy. Students get a fresh perspective on aging as this program focuses on the biological and cognitive changes of human growth; how biological, psychological and sociological changes that accompany aging need not be debilitating.

Ages 16 to Adult  
30 minutes, order 5-4981-IN

### NEW RELEASE

#### Packrat

Filmmaker Kris Montag's father chained a row of shopping carts to the front-yard fence of the family's home. He piled stacks of old newspapers in the kitchen until it became impossible to use the sink; when his wife threw them away, he became furious. The father of cinematographer and co-producer Jessica Jennings lives on a farm, so his "collecting" is less obvious, until he takes you into his enormous barn, filled to the ceiling with items he thinks might be useful someday.

This compelling personal documentary takes us inside two families whose lives have been shaped by parents who are "packrats,"

and have trouble balancing their love for their spouses and children with the obsessive accumulation of things.

It also looks at what we know about the causes and progression of this odd but by no means uncommon phenomenon. Many clinicians and researchers now believe that hoarding behaviour is related to Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), or OCPD (Obsessive Compulsive Personality Disorder), though it may also sometimes be a symptom of Alzheimer's or other dementias. Montag interviews a social worker who talks about the difficulty of dealing with elderly hoarders in a hospital environment, and with Randy Frost, a leading clinician and researcher, who addresses the hope of treatment for the disorder. She also introduces the owner of Disaster Masters, a company specializing in crisis management for hoarders whose collections have created serious health and safety problems in their homes.

Adult  
28 minutes, order 9-7388-IN



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### The Personals

*Improvisations On Romance In The Golden Years*

This 1999 Academy Award winning short documentary offers an extraordinary look at the emotional lives of a group of senior citizens

On stage, a drama group of seniors perform their roles with energy and laughter. Off stage, their lives are often lived alone, and in silence.

With the never-ending longing for love, sex and relationships as its central theme. This video draws a suprisingly humourous and in-depth portrait of a segment of our society whose inner lives are not often explored.

Adult  
35 minutes, order 9-7320-IN

### Piaget's Developmental Theory: An Overview

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

The work of Jean Piaget has become the foundation of current developmental psychology and the basis for changes in educational practice. David Elkind, author of *The Hurried Child* and *Miseducation*, and a student of Jean Piaget, explores the roots of Piaget's work and outlines important vocabulary and concepts that structure much of the study of child development.

Using both archival footage of Dr. Piaget and newly shot footage of Dr. Elkind conducting interviews with children of varying ages, this film presents an overview of

Piaget developmental theory, its scope and content. The film can serve either as an introduction to Piaget's work or as a review of it.

Adult  
25 minutes, order 8-1070-IN

### Play: A Vygotskian Approach

This video offers both theoretical and practical perspectives on dramatic play. Using enchanting sequences of young children playing house, doctor's office, rescue squadron and trick or treating, the theoretical positions of Lev Vygotsky and other prominent theorists have taken in systematically studying play are illustrated.

This video carefully reviews traditional ways of studying play: the Freudian-Eriksonian emphasis on its emotional content, the Piagetian view of its importance of symbolic representation and the social

psychological approach of looking at how play contributes to socialization. Lev Vygotsky's unique contribution of seeing play as an arena in which a child can begin to master her own behaviour is carefully detailed. The video ends with practical suggestions for fostering high level play in early childhood settings.

Adult  
26 minutes, order 8-1072-IN

### Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

*The Doctor Is In Series*

While the term post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) was first used for Vietnam veterans who came home from the war suffering from depression and rage, it is not confined to just those involved in wars. Anyone who has lived through an extremely traumatizing event can experience PTSD.

Treatment techniques developed for Vietnam veterans are now being used for these people. The earlier the treatment, the better the chance for recovery. Follow a Vietnam veteran to a support group and at home with his wife and children. Spend time with an adult woman who is an incest survivor, and two people who survived the 1989 California earthquake.

Adult, Professional  
20 minutes, order 2-2140-IN

### Rape By Any Name (Acquaintance Rape)

Acquaintance rape constitutes more than 60 percent of all rapes in North America - yet it is rarely reported and difficult to prosecute.

This video tackles the major issues involved in this complex problem, including male and female socialization, inadequate legal recognition, and assumptions regarding the victim's culpability. It

covers a variety of perspectives and opinions and features a mock trial based on an actual case of acquaintance rape.

An excellent resource for stimulating discussion and increasing awareness.

Adult, Professional  
60 minutes, order 9-7202-IN

### Reflections On Human Spirituality: Search For Meaning

*Healthy Living: Road To Wellness Series*

This closure video is on spiritual health as experts address the search for its meaning. It uses "the search" to draw connections together from the course philosophy - connections to self, to significant others, and to large groups. Students also get a glimpse of what's in store for the health movement as futurists share their perspectives in this poignant conclusion of *Healthy Living: Road to Wellness*.

Ages 16 to Adult  
30 minutes, order 5-4983-IN

### Refrigerator Mothers

From the 1950s through the early 1970s, the medical establishment thought it had found the cause of autism: poor mothering. Dr. Bruno Bettelheim presumed that the bizarre behaviours of autistic children - rigid rituals, difficulty with speech, extreme self-isolation - stemmed from their mothers' emotional frigidity. We now know that autism is a brain disorder, not the





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result of poor parenting. But for a whole generation of women, branded as cold “refrigerator mothers”, the damage had been done.

What happened to these mothers offers powerful lessons for all of us. We are a society inspired by the frenetic search for answers to the mystery of human behaviour. But our search must be tempered by humility and truth or we risk hurting the people we are supposed to help.

Adult, Professional  
53 minutes, order 9-7358-IN

### The Resiliency Series

*The Resiliency Series*

Dr. Steven Wolin, a psychiatrist and professor at George Washington University, and Dr. Sybil Wolin, a child developmental psychologist and former special education teacher, co-authored this popular best-seller which has become a standard of the resiliency movement and is now in video format.

Children, can, despite the worst circumstances imaginable, bounce back from adversity. We see it around us all the time, people who survive and thrive despite unthinkable hardships. But how do they do it? And how can helping professionals assist them in doing it? By watching the Wolins work with young people who have encountered brutal adversities, you can learn how to help kids survive challenging childhoods.

The Resiliency Series has two parts: Video #1 - *An Introduction to Resiliency*, which is a staff development program that will help put the Wolins’ ideas into action. It’s the perfect primer for introducing resiliency to staff and is designed to provide an overview of their resiliency research and clinical work; and Videos #2 - 8 - *Talking About Their Strengths* featuring Steven Wolin’s reframing interviews with resilient teens from multi-cultural background. These seven videos are intended for viewing by staff and students.

### Survivor’s Pride: An Introduction to Resiliency

Drs. Steven and Sybil Wolin are pioneers in the field of resiliency and in 20 years of clinical experience they have built a body of research and theory that provide answers to these questions.

This video:

- gives an overview of resiliency research and training
- helps to recognize and foster resiliency among students
- helps kids discover their own inner strengths
- teaches clinical reframing techniques for use with teens at risk
- recharges positive energies for those working with youth at risk

62 minutes, order 8-2012

### Survivor’s Pride: Initiative

Taking charge of problems; exerting control; a taste for stretching and testing yourself in demanding roles.

30 minutes, order 8-2013

### Survivor’s Pride: Humor

Finding the comic in the tragic.

30 minutes, order 8-2014

### Survivor’s Pride: Insight

The habit of asking tough questions and giving honest answers.

30 minutes, order 8-2015

### Survivor’s Pride: Creativity

Bringing order, beauty and purpose out of the chaos of your troubling experiences and inner feelings.

30 minutes, order 8-2016

### Survivor’s Pride: Morality

An informed conscience that extends your wish for a good personal life to all of humankind.

30 minutes, order 8-2017

### Survivor’s Pride: Independence

Drawing boundaries between yourself and troubled parents; keeping emotional and physical distance while satisfying the demands of your conscience.

30 minutes, order 8-2018

### Survivor’s Pride: Relationships

Intimate and fulfilling ties to other people that balance a mature regard for your own needs with empathy and the capacity to give to someone else.

30 minutes, order 8-2026

Professional  
30 minutes, order 8-20120-IN

### Safety In Numbers

With pathos and humour, this drama explores the mental reality of one woman’s attempts to quiet the chaos in her mind. It offers viewers an unusual and compelling trigger for discussions of mental disorders and of the sometimes hazy borderline between normal behaviour and “symptoms”.

Is she suffering from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder or Agoraphobia, or is she just overly rigid? Is there a clear boundary between the two? Viewers must decide.

Adult  
6 minutes, order 9-7380-IN



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### Scared Silent: Exposing And Ending Child Abuse (Library Ver)

Current statistics on reported cases of child abuse are staggering. Yet how many more shocking crimes against children go unreported?

This myth-shattering program, hosted by Oprah Winfrey (herself a silent victim of child abuse), takes viewers on a graphic journey into the hearts and souls of six perpetrators of sexual, physical and psychological child abuse.

Victims tell their own stories, and in some cases face their abusers. Perpetrators tell of being victims themselves, unraveling a tragic cycle that destroys lives, generation after generation.

The pathways to discovery are explored in depth as victim and abuser alike struggle with issues of guilt, shame, anger, and self-hatred.

An excellent video for all children and adults who have been scared silent for much too long.

A presenter's guide is available as a PDF file from the CLC website for those purchasing the video. To download the PDF guide, from your Internet browser enter the following URL:

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Adult  
46 minutes, order 1-8816-IN

### Scared Straight! 20 Years Later

Find out what happened to seventeen teenage lawbreakers who were taken inside of Rahway—a maximum security prison in New Jersey back in 1978 - in an attempt to convince them to abandon crime and build a better future for themselves.

Two decades ago the groundbreaking Oscar and Emmy winning *Scared Straight!* documented this experience. Take another look at a group of hardened convicts called "The Lifers" who tried to literally scare the kids into going straight, sparing their audience nothing while revealing what life behind bars is really like.

Combining current interviews with clips from the original program and interviews conducted ten years later, this video shows viewers how the experience impacted the futures of the teens and convicts alike. Most of the teens and many of the convicts benefitted from the experience, adding to the many reasons to continue the program for new generations. For viewers, especially teens who are currently committing crimes or those

who are "on the edge", this program will literally jolt them into understanding what life in prison really means.

*Curriculum Correlations:*

**SK Learning recommended resource for Social Sciences Gr 11 Law 30: The Law and You** - suggested use: *Criminal Law*

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90 minutes, order 1-2282  
Ages 15 to 18, Adult  
90 minutes, order 1-2282-IN

### Stale Roles & Tight Buns (Images Of Men In Advertising)

*Curriculum Correlations:*

**ON Health and Physical Education Gr 12 Healthy Active Living Education - Healthy Living: *Healthy Growth and Sexuality: "analyse the factors (e.g. media) that affect gender roles and sexuality."***

Sexism is a form of stereotyping that limits the roles of both men and women. Much of the inherent strength of sex-role stereotypes lies in the subtle and continuous reinforcement of common images. These images surround us in our lives; we see them displayed daily in newspapers, magazines, movies and on TV.

Presents a selection of images of men found in consumer advertising. Through these, we see the myths used to define and limit men.

The program's powerful visual and emotional impact generates new insights and a refreshed view of both men and advertising.

Ages 16 to Adult  
29 minutes, order 9-4100-IN

### Stress: Challenge And Survival

*Healthy Living: Road To Wellness Series*

Examines individuals who have gone through traumatic experiences — Holocaust survivors, Vietnam veterans and rape victims — and explores the issue of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. By examining these extremes, students may better understand why some individuals thrive and others do not.

Post Secondary - Introductory  
30 minutes, order 5-4959-IN



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### These Vital Years

*A Conversation With Betty Friedan At 76*

Betty Friedan originally gained fame for her important role in the Women's Movement of the 1960's and 1970's. She continues to be an insightful and often pithy social critic. In this video, she discusses the research she has done about the myths and realities of aging and her personal experience of being over 70.

Her zesty style of speaking and her sharp analysis of the mistaken beliefs we have so long accepted about aging make this video a stimulating and provocative experience.

Professional  
24 minutes, order 8-1079-IN

### Through The Eyes Of A Child

*Reducing The Trauma Of Child Removal*

Removing a child from their parents and home is very serious. Strong evidence indicates that children experience extreme trauma during removal, which affects their lives forever. Unexpected separation from a parent can feel like a life-or-death matter to a child, even when the child is coming from an abusive home.

This program explores the many factors to be considered by social workers and police officers involved in child removal situations. Viewers will gain insight into how the experience might feel to

the child, and how best to approach the removal in a manner that is least traumatic for the child and his family.

Questions explored include, is removal really necessary? Is the child in immediate danger? Will the physical and emotional well-being of the child be compromised by removal? Upon deciding that removal is necessary, there are questions such as, where will the child be taken? What rights do the parents have? How should the child's questions be answered? These and many other concerns are discussed in the program with thoroughness and sensitivity.

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Professional  
22 minutes, order 1-9291-IN

### Using What We Know: Applying Piaget's Developmental Theory

The work of Jean Piaget has contributed much of the theoretical justification for the current move to developmentally appropriate education. Piaget, however, was a

theorist, not an educator. Using his mentor's work, Dr. David Elkind proposes educational practices for today's primary classrooms. Filmed in three exemplary public school classrooms, the film deals with setting up a physical and organizational environment, making curriculum decisions and assessing child growth. The three classrooms are very different in the socio-economic status of the students, the personalities of the teachers and the resources available to them, but have a commonality in their pursuit of excellence.

Adult  
35 minutes, order 8-1075-IN

### Vygotsky's Developmental Theory: An Introduction

*Giants Of Psychology Series*

The work of Lev Vygotsky is increasingly cited as we reconsider the theory and practice of constructivist education. This program introduces the life, vocabulary and concepts of Lev Vygotsky.

The video illustrates four basic concepts integral to his work: Children construct knowledge, learning can lead development, development cannot be separated from its social context, and language plays a central role in cognitive development. Elena Bodrova, Russian-trained, brings an easy familiarity to these concepts. Deborah Leong's commentary and

the lively classroom examples enable students, teachers in training and classroom teachers to incorporate these concepts into their understanding of child development.

Adult, Ages 16 to Adult  
28 minutes, order 8-1074-IN

### We Don't Live Under Normal Conditions

Impassioned discussion drives this stylistically groundbreaking groundbreaking documentary which questions the origins of despair.

With hard to find facts disputing the alleged biological basis of depression, this video raises complex issues about how our society is handling depression and other mental "disorders".

A stunning collage of the personal and political, this surprisingly inspirational film will change the way you think about "normal".

"This is, along side "Dialogues with Madwomen", among the best work on the subject." Edward Crouse, The San Francisco Bay Guardian

Adult  
59 minutes, order 9-7341-IN





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### When Children Kill

Learn about the motives behind youthful murder and what can be done about it after the fact in this intensive and fast paced documentary - the first to focus entirely on juvenile homicide. The exploration features interviews with offenders, psychiatrists, teachers, a criminologist, an MP and Canadian Clive Chamberlain, who promoted the idea of "angelism" among children who have murdered.

*Curriculum Correlations:*

**ON Law: Understanding Canadian Law, Gr 11** (CLU3M) and (CLU3E).

Ages 16 to Adult  
23 minutes, order 9-1120-IN

### Working With Hostile And Resistant Teens Series

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Students are more explosive today than ever before and working with them is a constant challenge. Therapist Steven Campbell, who has worked with incarcerated teens in the Detroit area since the 60s and consulted on violence in the workplace for the U.S. Postal Service and corporate America, as well as violence in schools, has developed an effective anger management strategy.

Both videos consist of role plays with actual at risk teens who, in most cases, are acting out their own personal histories.

Campbell leads the role plays, then provides an analysis of each one, showing viewers how to work effectively with this challenging population. Invaluable, hands-on survival skills for dealing with hostile and resistant teens in any setting.

Role plays include the following scenarios: a student who

- threatened to kill a teacher
- punched out a principal
- may be suicidal
- fights but blames others
- relapsed and is acting out
- got thrown out of school and is trying to re-enter
- was fighting with another girl
- is pregnant but hasn't told anyone

**Working With Hostile Teens** 1993 46 minutes, order 8-2010  
**Working With Resistant Teens** 1993 45 minutes, order 8-2011

Adult minutes, order 8-20100-IN

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