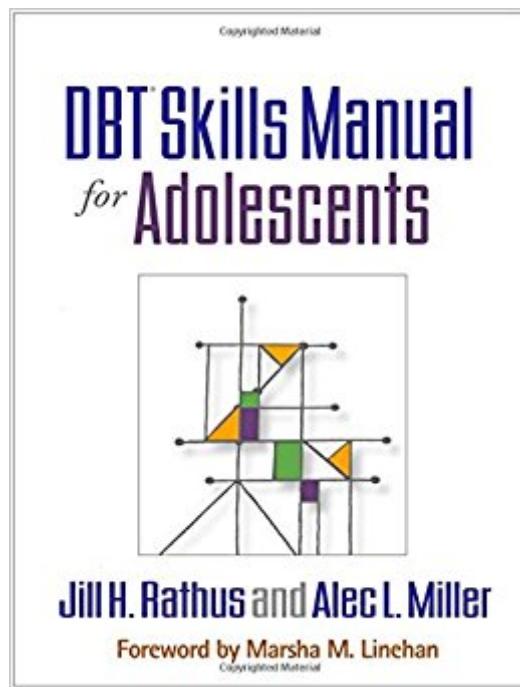


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# DBT® Skills Manual For Adolescents



## **Synopsis**

From leading experts who have trained thousands of professionals in dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), this manual provides indispensable tools for treating adolescents with emotional or behavioral problems of any level of severity. Clinicians are guided step by step to teach teens and parents five sets of skills: Mindfulness, Distress Tolerance, Walking the Middle Path (a family-based module developed by the authors specifically for teens), Emotion Regulation, and Interpersonal Effectiveness. Designed for optimal clinical utility, the book features session outlines, teaching notes, discussion points, examples, homework assignments, and 85 reproducible handouts, in a large-size format for easy photocopying. Purchasers also get access to a Web page where they can download and print the reproducible materials. See also the authors' *A Dialectical Behavior Therapy with Suicidal Adolescents* (with Marsha M. Linehan), which delves into skills training and other DBT components for those at highest risk.Â

## **Book Information**

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are very valuable. (School Social Work Journal 2016-04-01)

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Very useful tool! Comes with instructions for a digital download so that you don't have to destroy the binding to make copies. Helpful for anyone working with adolescents.

This is a very good curriculum, and I would recommend for those teaching DBT to teens. Drs.

Rathus and Miller are excellent psychologists and highly respected in the DBT community. They are also exceptional trainers, and I would recommend going to their adolescent skills training seminars. However, as a psychologist who has been teaching out of this book (as well as Dr. Linehan's second edition skills book), I have noticed overall I prefer Dr. Linehan's new manual (which is written for adolescents as well as adults). This is written more as one would speak verbatim. Dr. Linehan's book offers additional concepts, examples, and discussion points. I do like the worksheets and handouts at times over the other curriculum though because they are more child/teen friendly. My staff also enjoy teaching out of this curriculum because it is very straightforward and easy to understand. In my opinion it is a must have for adolescent psychologists as a supplement to Dr. Linehan's books.

I have both the manual and e-book. Their content is outstanding and very worthwhile to use with adolescents on up. However, the e-book is worthless if you bought it to use for hand-outs. You can't print Kindle e-books which I've never tried before but wanted to use this manual to directly print the hand-out pages. No such luck and the forums will tell you this though there are some workarounds. I will need to slap the manual on the copier and do it the old fashion way.

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This is designed for use in a group setting, not individual therapy. Takes some time to adjust for individuals.

I work at a mental health center. Our DBT therapist run groups for adolescents. One of the therapists bought this book personally. It was so utilized for ideas in the group that we bought agency copies.

The DBT content is very good for the right population of individuals and this manual includes all of the information necessary to structure groups for this age group. The handouts are well tailored for

the age group, which helps make this very user friendly.

This book is phenomenal and a wonderful update to the original. Clear explanations of each skill and the rational behind them. Also, the additional/optional skills are very helpful and again, very well explained. This book is really a must if you are, or are planning to, run DBT skills groups with adolescents.

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