

Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

Module 1

Gregory A. Fabiano, Ph.D.
University at Buffalo
Graduate School of Education
Department of Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology



Module 1- Overview

- How to identify children with ADHD
- The nature of the disorder
- Prevalence
- Causes
- Treatments



Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

Part I.

What it is

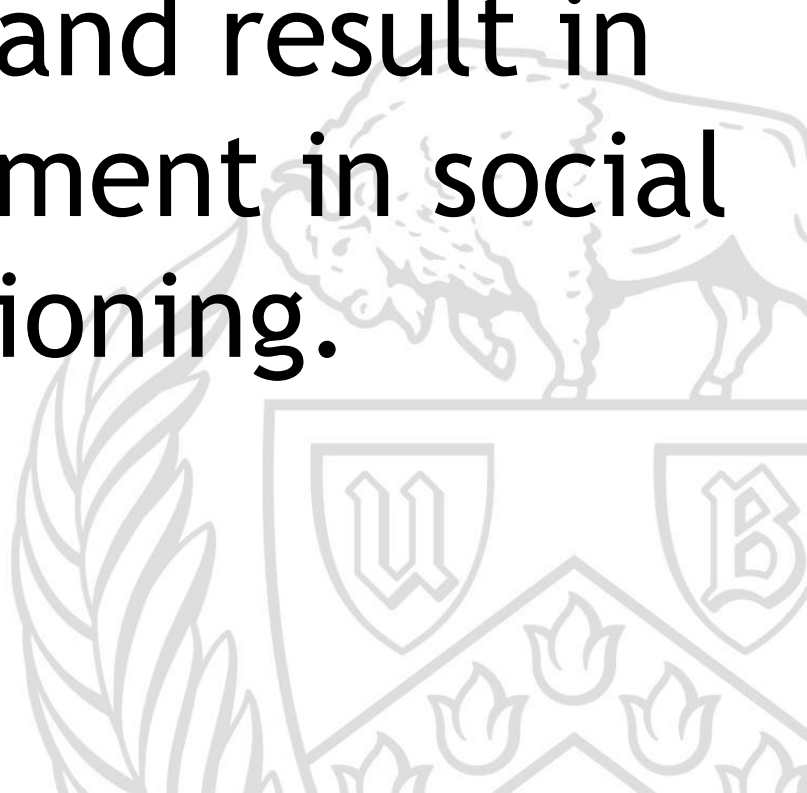


Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is characterized by **developmentally inappropriate levels of:**

- Inattention
- Hyperactivity
- Impulsivity



ADHD behaviors are developmentally inappropriate, pervasive, chronic, and result in considerable impairment in social and academic functioning.



History of ADHD

Heinrich Hoffman, a German psychiatrist, authored a widely-published children's book of short stories in 1844

“Fidgety Phillip”

“Johnny Look-in-the-Air”

“The Story of Cruel Frederick”

“The Story of Little Suck a Thumb”

“The Dreadful Story of Pauline and the Matches”



Fidgety Phil, often seen as an allegory for ADHD. Illustration from a book written by physician Heinrich Hoffmann. Courtesy of Project Gutenberg.

Percent of diagnosed/suspected children with ADHD in classrooms

