## Between a Rock and a Calm Place

Effective Strategies for Anxiety-Related and Oppositional Behavior

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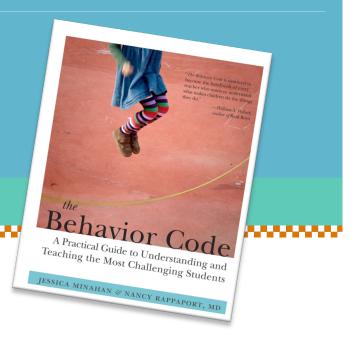
Location:

Kittredge Center Holyoke Community College 303 Homestead Ave, Holyoke

413-552-2700

8:45 am- 11:45 am (light breakfast at 8:30am)

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## About this Event

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) reports that one in four thirteen-eighteen year olds has had an anxiety disorder in their lifetime. Without intervention, these children are at risk for poor performance, diminished learning, and social/behavior problems in school. Understanding the role anxiety plays in a student's behavior is crucial and using preventive strategies are key to successful intervention. Effective behavior plans for these students must avoid the reward and punishment-based consequences from traditional behavior plans and focus instead on the use of preventive strategies and on explicitly teaching coping skills, self-monitoring, and alternative responses.



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