

AUTISM PSYCHOANALYTIC APPROACHES A CASE STUDY

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ABSTRACT

This paper focuses on the contribution of psycho analysis to the study of autism and aims to highlight the importance of describing the experience of autistic children. An attempt is made to understand and describe the mental processes that run through the child's psyche in order to explain autistic behaviors. It studies the kind of developing stress, the defensive mechanisms used to handle it and the various factors that are able to stabilize or change the autistic function. It assumes that the autistic child, for a number of reasons, is not able to face its individualization that is the double differentiation (local or intro psychic and interpersonal) and puts into function those mechanisms that aim at preventing its separation from its mother. Understanding this element can be a very important tool in the treatment of children with autism.

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