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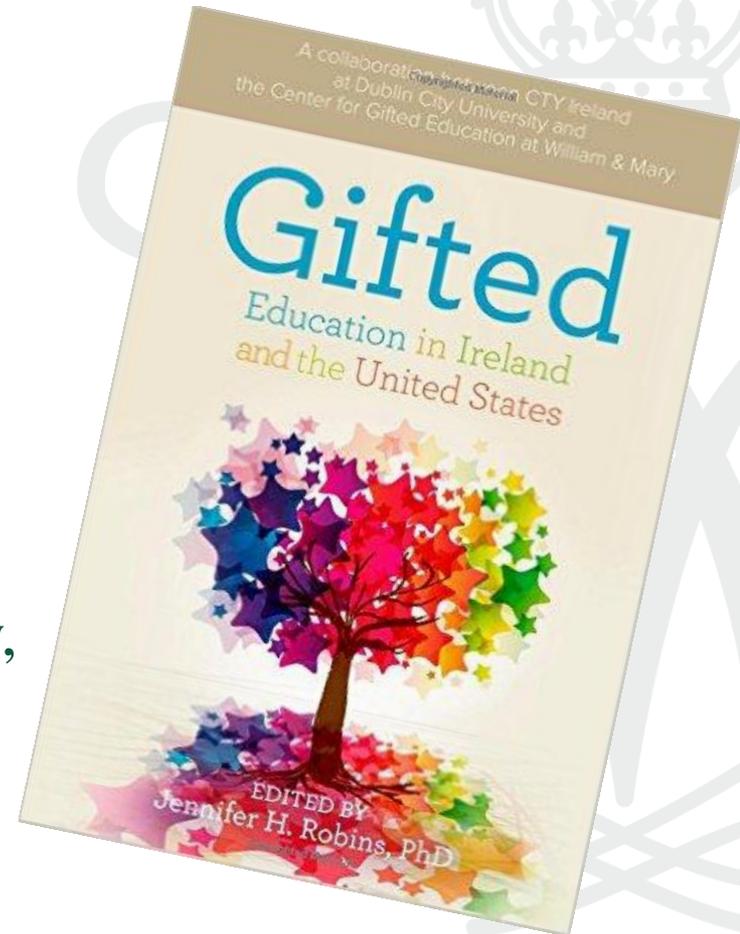
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Providing for the Positive Psychological Development of Students with Gifts and Talents

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Classifying Psychological Issues

- Rate
 - High-Incidence Problems
 - Affect many gifted students
 - Requires systemic and localized solutions
 - Low-Incidence Problems
 - Affect your child and few, if any, others
 - Localized solutions



Classifying Psychological Issues

- Condition
 - *Situational*: owing to a set of facts, conditions, or events
 - *Episodic*: occurring occasionally, but irregularly
 - *Chronic*: persisting for a long time or constantly recurring

High-Incidence Psychological Issues of SWGT

- Affect many gifted students
 - Asynchronous development
 - Identity formation
 - Multipotentiality
 - Big-Fish-Little-Pond Effect
 - Difficulty in peer relations
 - Perfectionism
 - Anxiety
- Condition
 - Situational, episodic, chronic
- Requires systemic and localized solutions



Low-Incidence Psychological Issues of SWGT

- Affects relatively few children and adolescents
 - Multiple exceptionalities
 - Depression
 - Mental illness
 - Suicidal behavior
- Condition
 - Situational, episodic, chronic
- Localized, individualized solutions

Providers of Varying Levels of Support



	Friends	Siblings	Parents	Teachers	Counselors	Psychologists	Psychiatrists	Physicians
Advising	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	Light Purple	White	White	White
Guidance	White	White	Medium Purple	Medium Purple	Medium Purple	Medium Purple	White	White
Counseling	White	White	White	White	Dark Purple	Dark Purple	Dark Purple	White
Therapy	White	White	White	White	White	Very Dark Purple	Very Dark Purple	White
Psychopharmacology	White	White	White	White	White	White	Very Dark Purple	Very Dark Purple

Cross's (2011) *Continuum of Psychological Services*



Providing for the Psychological and Emotional Well-Being of SWGT

- Requires a basic understanding of *typical* developmental patterns.
- Learn when and how SWGT are vulnerable, developmentally speaking.
- Monitor how the SWGT is affected by stress, pressure, rejection, setting events and so forth.
- Learn what are the SWGT's passions.

Caring Adults Can Help

- By combining this knowledge, caring adults can help SWGT navigate the complicated waters of development into becoming a healthy, productive, talented adult.