

Psychometric properties: kids coping scale



This brief scale was recently developed by two of the creators of this evidence and evaluation site (Maybery and Reupert) for studying the coping efforts of children aged eight to 12 years. Note that only one published study has used this measure.

Structure of the measure

The scale measures three aspects of coping; problem focused coping, emotion focused coping and social support. The structure of problem and emotion focused coping has been supported in a principal component analysis (see Maybery, Steer, Reupert & Goodyear, 2008 for details).

Construct validity

The problem focused subscale has been shown to be positively related to self esteem and connectedness and negatively related to problems with others, conduct problems and hyperactivity. The emotion focused and social support subscales have shown limited relationships with these other concepts.

Reliability

The problem focused subscale has moderate to lower reliability, the emotion focused subscale has weak reliability and social support has not been illustrated.

Evaluation and/or research that has used this concept/measure

Maybery, D.J., Steer, S., Reupert, A.E., & Goodyear, M. (2008). The Kids Coping Scale. *Stress and Health*, 25, 1. 31-40.

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