

What's New at B-DI



OTC 25, Texas A&M, College Station, TX

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Dates announced for OTC 25. Updated February 8, 2025.

The OTC 25 organizers have posted detailed information about the meeting at Texas A&M. The dates will be November 6-8, 2025.

Click here for additional details: [Save the Dates OTC 25](#)

The 25th Occasional Temperament Conference (OTC) organizing committee was announced on the temperament listserv. The message, posted by Sam Putnam was as follows:

Dear Temperament Consortium colleagues,

I'm very pleased to pass along news regarding the next Occasional Temperament Conference. Jeff Liew at Texas A&M has given me permission to share the following message:

"Rebecca Brooker, Jun Wang, and I will serve as Co-Chairs on the Steering Committee. We have 3 Departments/Colleges represented by the Co-Chairs (Educational Psychology in College of Education and Human Development, Psychological and Brain Sciences in College of Arts & Sciences, and Agricultural Leadership, Education & Communications in College of Agriculture and Life Sciences). The Committee also consists of Jeffrey Gagne and Zhe Wang as members. We are excited to host the next OTC at Texas A&M University, co-sponsored by 3 Departments and Colleges sometime in the late Fall/early Winter of 2025."

I am personally grateful to Jeff, Rebecca, Jun, Jeffery and Zhe for taking on this leadership role, giving us all the opportunity to connect and learn from each other once more. I am hopeful that all of you share my gratitude and enthusiasm. Looking forward to another wonderful meeting next year! Gig 'em Aggies!
Sam

Summary of the 24th OTC by Jean-Pascal Lemelin. Updated February 2, 2024.

The 24th Occasional Temperament Conference (OTC) was held at the Manoir des Sables, Orford, QuÃ©bec, October 5-7, 2023, in a joyful atmosphere and an idyllic natural setting. It was the first time OTC was presented in Canada. Dr. Jean-Pascal Lemelin (Program Chair) and Dr. Yann Le Corff (Program Co-Chair), from the University of Sherbrooke, Dr. Annie Bernier (Program Co-Chair), from the University of Montreal, and Dr. Nicolas Berthelot (Program Co-Chair) from the University of QuÃ©bec at Trois-

Riviera, hosted the conference with the assistance of Florence Paillon, Mylène Villeneuve Cyr, Geneviève Rivard, Kim Deschênes and Geneviève L'Amour.

The 24th OTC attracted over 140 participants from all over the world, making it one of the most attended editions since these meetings were put in place. The scientific program included 4 preconference workshops, 7 symposiums including a total of 40 oral presentations, and 47 poster presentations, fueling reflections and stimulating discussions among participants.

Themes of the workshops (and their respective leaders) were: Latent Profile Analysis in Temperament Research (Roy Martin, University of Georgia); Caring for the Spirited Child (Sean McDevitt, Behavioral-Developmental Initiatives); Hippocrates Revisited: Neurochemical Biomarkers of Temperament and Psychopathology (Irina Trofimova & William Sulis, McMaster University); A Preconference on New INSIGHTS (Sandee McClowry, New York University).

Themes of the symposiums (and their respective chairs) were: Adversity, vulnerability, psychopathology, and temperament (Kirby Deater-Deckard, University of Massachusetts Amherst and Santiago Morales, University of Southern California); Neuroscience, biology, and temperament (Martha Ann Bell, Virginia Tech); Social relationships, parenting, and temperament (Tracy Spinrad, Arizona State University); Practical and clinical applications of temperament (Sean McDevitt, Behavioral-Developmental Initiatives); Temperament in the school context (Kathleen Rudasill, Virginia Commonwealth University); Development and measurement of temperament (Koraly Perez-Edgar, Pennsylvania State University); Culture, gender, and temperament (Samuel Putnam, Bowdoin College).

The event featured two prestigious keynote speakers. Dr. Nancy Eisenberg, Emeritus Professor at Arizona State University, who was introduced by Dr. Cynthia Smith (Virginia Tech University), offered the participants a very comprehensive address around the construct of effortful control, entitled "Top down self-regulation in children: Conceptualization, operationalization, and correlates". Dr. Jennifer Tackett, Editor-in-Chief for Clinical Psychological Science and professor at Northwestern University, who was introduced by Dr. Sarah De Pauw (Ghent University), contributed an exciting presentation centered on leadership entitled "Who are the Game Changers? Why We Need to Study Leadership in Childhood and Adolescence".

Three Jan Kristal awards were awarded before the gala dinner to Dr. Masha Gartstein (Washington State University), Dr. Kathleen Rudasill (Virginia Commonwealth University) and Dr. Patricia McGuire in recognition for their distinguished contributions to the application of temperament theory and measures for the welfare of children.

The event was supported by the Université de Sherbrooke, the Université de Montréal, and several research groups of which the program chair and co-chairs are members: Le Groupe de recherche et d'intervention sur les adaptations sociales de l'enfance (GRISE; Group for Research and Intervention on Children's Social Adjustment; <https://grise.ca/>), le Centre de recherche universitaire sur les jeunes et les familles (CRUJeF; <https://www.crujef.ca/>) et le Groupe de recherche et d'intervention auprès des enfants vulnérables et à risque (GRIN).

All details, including the conference programs, can be found here:

<https://grise.ca/en/24th-occasional-temperament-conference/>

New Facebook Group-Child Practitioners Network. Posted March 10th, 2022.

An online forum for professional discussion of the role of temperament in parenting infants, children and teens. Members may post questions, problems, techniques and methods for dealing with temperament in their practices. The forum is open to practitioners and researchers who envision applications of their findings, as well as professionals who deal with education, prevention and/or intervention in their professional practices.

The Facebook Group can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1943406569152743>

Note: The Facebook icon at the bottom of this page goes directly to the Child Practitioners Network.

VIRTUAL OTC2020, November 1st and 2nd. UPDATE.

Report of the OTC 23 Meeting from the Organizers.

Posted December 20, 2020.

The 23rd Occasional Temperament Conference was hosted by Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, USA, on November 1st and 2nd 2020, and was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Drs. Cindy Smith (Program Chair) and Martha Ann Bell (Program Co-Chair) hosted the conference and were assisted by Graduate Student Program Organizer, Diana Devine.

Dr. Cynthia Stifter of The Pennsylvania State University was the invited keynote speaker and her presentation, *The Foundational Role of Temperament in Child Development: A Case for Childhood Obesity*, addressed the ways that child temperament and child obesity are intertwined.

Dr. Sean McDevitt organized our opening symposium, *Honoring the Contributions of Dr. William Carey*, whom we sadly lost earlier this year. In this session, clinicians and researchers discussed the ways their work has been influenced by Bill Carey, who was so integral to the study of child temperament. Presenters in this symposium were: Dr. Robert Hudson, Drs. Sara Harkness and Charles Super, Drs. Mary Sheedy Kurcinka and Janet Crow, Dr. Cindy Ratekin, and Dr. Patricia McGuire.

Our other conference symposia included: *Temperament in the Context of Developmental Disabilities*, organized by Dr. Laudan Jahromi (Columbia University); *Temperament and Culture*, organized by Dr. Carlos Valiente (Arizona State University) and Dr. Sara Harkness (University of Connecticut); *Temperament and Technology*, organized by Dr. Koeun Choi (Virginia Tech); *Temperament and Neuroscience*, organized by Dr. Rebecca Brooker (Texas A&M University); *Temperament and Regulation*, organized by Dr. Diane Lickenbrock (Western Kentucky University); *Temperament and Cognition*, organized by Dr. Wallace Dixon (East Tennessee State University); and *Temperament and Socialization*, organized by Dr. Esther Leerkes and Ms. Lauren Bailes (University of North Carolina at Greensboro).

Conference participants were able to view the 62 poster presentations prior to the conference and then participate in a series of six virtual question and answer poster sessions with faculty and graduate student presenters. Poster session themes included: *Temperament in Infancy*; *Temperament in Applied and Contextual Settings*; *Temperament and Parenting*; *Temperament and Neurobehavior and Physiology*; *Temperament in Toddlerhood and Early Childhood*; *Temperament in Middle Childhood through Adolescence*.

The Jan Kristal Memorial Award was presented Dr. Elaine Aron to acknowledge her important work on highly sensitive temperaments. Helen Neville gave an overview of Dr. Aron's accomplishments, including her many published books.

Due to the virtual format of the conference, the planned preconference sessions were canceled.

Thanks to the many efforts of the conference organizers, colleagues at the Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech, researchers, clinicians, and practitioners, and poster and paper presenters, we were able to enjoy a well-attended virtual conference in early November. There were over 150 registrants and nearly 100 participants attended the keynote address. The generosity of the sponsors of our conference (Department of Human Development and Family Science, Department of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, College of Science, Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment “all from Virginia Tech”) allowed for reduced registration rates for graduate students and early career scholars.

Please visit the website for our conference: <https://www.cpe.vt.edu/otc2020/index.html> to view the agenda and download the conference program, which includes abstracts for all papers and posters.

OTC2020 VIRTUAL website can be found at:

<http://www.cpe.vt.edu/otc2020/>

New Temperament Podcasts at the Science of Parenting website. Posted August 29, 2020.

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Go check it out!

The podcast list can be found at: <https://www.b-di.com/podcasts.html>

VIRTUAL OTC2020, November 1st and 2nd. UPDATE.

Registration for online attendance is now OPEN!

Posted September 10, 2020.

Organizers for the 23rd Occasional Temperament Conference have made the following announcement:

Registration for the conference is open and details can be found here:

<https://www.cpe.vt.edu/otc2020/registration.html>

For our online conference, the Registration rate is \$75 and we still have a special rate of \$50 for students and early career attendees. If you previously registered for the March dates, your registration was transferred to the November dates; you do NOT need to register again. Our paper symposia presenters have already been selected but with our new date and online conference, we do have limited availability to accept new poster submissions. If you are interested in submitting a poster presentation to our OTC, please contact Diana Devine (she/her) at devinedm@vt.edu. Our conference will open on Sunday, November 1st with a symposium led by Sean McDevitt honoring the contributions of William Carey to the field. That symposium will be followed by a virtual poster session, with breakout rooms by topic, so that our poster presenters and attendees will be able to discuss their work and network in small groups, which is such an important part of our OTC.

On Monday, November 2nd, our opening keynote will be delivered by Dr. Cynthia Stifter of Penn State. Throughout the day on Monday, we will have symposia led by Drs. Laudan Jahromi, Carlos Valiente, Sara Harkness, Koeun Choi, Rebecca Brooker, Diane Lickenbrock, Wallace Dixon, and Esther Leerkes and her student Lauren Bailes covering topics of temperament in the context of developmental disabilities culture, technology, neuroscience, regulation, cognition, and socialization. Details about our conference program can be found here: <https://www.cpe.vt.edu/otc2020/agenda.html> We are excited to "see" those of you who are attending our redesigned virtual conference in November!

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Obituary for William B. Carey MD 1926-2020. Posted July 27, 2020.

Dr. William B. Carey, 93, a pediatrician, child development researcher, and medical educator, of Cathedral Village in Philadelphia died on July 26th, 2020 of natural causes. His death was confirmed by his daughter, Liz Carey.

Dr. Carey was best known locally as a dedicated practitioner of general pediatrics, mainly in a solo practice, for 29 years in Media, Pa.

His national and international reputation was based primarily on his behavioral research in the newly rediscovered field of children's temperament differences and their considerable practical importance, starting in the 1960's.

At first by himself and later with a small group of psychologists, especially Sean C. McDevitt, Ph.D., he developed the first set of parent temperament questionnaires for clinical and research applications in infants and children, using the brilliant conceptualization of the principal pioneers of the field, Drs. Stella Chess and Alexander Thomas of New York. The five scales have been translated into many foreign languages for use abroad. These tests and related research led to many invitations for him to lecture widely around the country and the world from London and Padua to Sydney and Shanghai. His underlying aim was to help parents understand and tolerate these usually normal, largely inborn behavioral style variations and adapt their management appropriately to them. In later years he became a tireless critic of the current tendency by some professionals to try to make these and other sometimes annoying variations of normal behavior into brain function abnormalities calling for inappropriate management including drugs. In particular, he spoke out frequently against the massive overdiagnosis of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

William Bacon Carey was born in Germantown, Philadelphia, on December 6, 1926, the third son of Henry Reginald Carey of Cambridge, MA, and Margaret Howell Bacon of Philadelphia. After his father died in 1931, his mother was remarried in 1934 to C. Padgett Hodson, a British naval architect, who died in 1945. Carey's early education was at The Germantown Friends and Penn Charter Schools. Following the family's move to Boston in 1936, he attended and graduated from The Fessenden School and Milton Academy. In high school among other achievements he was undefeated as a varsity wrestler. He pursued an American studies major at Yale College and then graduated from the Harvard Medical School in 1954. His pediatric training took place at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where he had been teaching part-time since 1960 and more extensively since 1989, when he stopped his practice. (He retired from teaching in the Fall of 2019.) He was a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania.

His military service was first as a midshipman in the Merchant Marine Cadet Corps from January 1945 until September 1946 involving one trip to the Philippines and five to Europe. Later he served 1957-1959 as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in Arizona.

In 1956 he married Ann Lord McDougal in her parents' house in Libertyville, IL. They raised three daughters: Katharine B. Carey of St. Paul MN, Laura B. Carey of Bryn Mawr PA, and Elizabeth M. Carey of New York City. Mrs. Carey died in December of 2014.

His publications include over 130 research papers, reviews, commentaries, editorials, and book chapters. He was the author, co-author, or co-editor of 9 books: one for professionals about clinical aspects of children's temperament (Coping with Children's Temperament), a popular similar one for parents (Understanding Your Child's Temperament), two anthologies on the subject by distinguished authors, a practical guide for clinicians (Child Behavioral Assessment and Management in Primary Care), and all four editions of the original and leading textbook covering his general field of interest, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics,

from 1983 through 2009. With McDevitt he developed the BASICS Behavioral Adjustment Scale, an improved comprehensive assessment of various levels of children's general behavioral functioning. Also, he published during a ten year period over 100 brief Literary Quotes in The Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, pointing out valuable insights into child development to be found sporadically in the non-scientific literature, starting as early as Dante and Montaigne.

Beside Phi Beta Kappa from Yale, his honors included the American Academy of Pediatrics Aldrich Award in Child Development and its Practitioner Research Award. He was President of the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics 1991-1992. In 1984 he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (now known as the National Academy of Medicine) apparently in recognition of his large output of useful published behavioral research performed while in a busy solo primary care pediatric practice.

He was a member of Philadelphia's literary club, the Franklin Inn, and the Small Point Club in Phippsburg, Maine, where he spent many summer vacation days. Earlier vacation spots had included Pocono Lake Preserve in Pennsylvania, a family house in Portsmouth NH, Martha's Vineyard, and other locations in Maine.

His chief avocations were music, reading, and gardening. His love of opera was passionate and extensive. An interest in Italian language and culture began in medical school years and led to numerous return trips including lectures in Italian on several pediatric topics in Rome, Padua, Catania, Trieste, and elsewhere.

He was President of the Friends of Wyck, an historical house in Germantown, Philadelphia, where a branch of his mother's Quaker family had lived since 1690.

He is survived by his three daughters, his brother, Judge John Carey of Rye, NY, and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be announced at a future date.

Links to Dr. Carey's contributions to this website can be found at: <https://www.b-di.com/carey.html> and in the Resources section.

New Blog by Alice Shannon, MFT. "Listening to Temperament." January 16th, 2019.

Alice is a long time advocate for the use of temperament concepts in her clinical practice in northern CA. She contributed the Teaming up to Tame a Preschooler article in the Clinical section of the B-DI website and has written several guest columns for the B-DI Newsletter.

Alice's stated purpose for her new site: "I want my blog, Listening to Temperament, to provide personal and professional access for understanding temperament, and for learning to tap into this underutilized resource as a wellspring for individualized insights and solutions for day to day well being and as well as greater life challenges."

Alice's blog can be found at: <https://listeningtotemperament.com>

22nd Occasional Temperament Conference: Murcia, Spain, May, 2018. Updated June 18, 2018.

Meeting Summary from Carmen Gonzalez-Salinas

The 22nd Occasional Temperament Conference was held at the University of Murcia, Spain, May 3-25, 2018. It was hosted by Jose Antonio Carranza and Carmen Gonzalez-Salinas, from the University of Murcia, and Charo Rueda, from the University of Granada. In accordance with the selected theme, a

multidisciplinary approach to the study of temperament, this meeting brought together a variety of research addressing temperament from different disciplines, including Neuroscience, Personality and Developmental Psychology, as well as studies of application in clinical and educational settings. In this occasion, two outstanding researchers were invited. Marian Bakermans-Kranenburg (Leiden University), keynote speaker, reviewed correlational and experimental evidence for the concept of differential susceptibility. Nancy Eisenberg organized a roundtable oriented to reflect about conceptual issues, and the contribution of temperament to the study of psychological development. Additional components of the panel were Marinus Izjendoorn (University of Leiden), Liliana Lengua (University of Washington), Marcel Zentner (University of Innsbruck), Reinhard Pekrun (University of Munich), and Carmen Gonzalez-Salinas (University of Murcia).

The Jan Kristal Memorial Award was introduced by Sean McDevitt and given to Barbara Medoff-Cooper and Liliana Lengua to acknowledge their important contribution for the welfare of children. Masha Gartstein kindly summarized Liliana's professional and academic trajectory, and we could congratulate Liliana personally.

The preconference workshops addressed varied topics concerning research and practice on temperament. Jose A. Lopez-Lopez (Bristol Medical School; meta-analysis), Brian French (University of Washington; multilevel modeling), Sam Putnam (Bodowin College; test construction), Scott Frohn (University of Nebraska; test construction), Sean McDevitt (psychologist, Arizona; temperament and parenting in referred children), Irina Trofimova (McMaster University; temperament and mental disorders), and William Sulis (McMaster University; temperament and mental disorders), generously introduced us to their respective topics.

Thanks to the joint efforts of the conference organizers, scientific committee, preconference leaders, conference speakers, and poster presenters, we enjoyed an exciting scientific program. More international participation was encouraged this year, resulting in a record in the number of attendees (more than 100) that came from about 25 different countries. However, we missed the TC members who couldn't make this conference. We sent warm messages for Bill Carey and Mary Rothbart in a special postcard we printed for them.

The scientific agenda was complemented with joyful activities, such as the gala dinner at the Real Casino de Murcia, the guided city tour, and the day trip to Cartagena and the Roman Theater. The city of Murcia was quite animated during these days, as "The Three Cultures Festival" (Jewish, Muslim, and Christian) offered street music and dance.

Go here: here: <http://www.um.es/otc2018> to download the OTC22 conference program and book of abstracts

The 20th Anniversary of the B-DI Newsletter for Parents! Posted August 6, 2017.

BDINews-Caring for the High Maintenance Child, By Kate Andersen is hosted by Yahoo Groups.

The free monthly newsletter for parents has been providing information about temperament and dealing with high maintenance children since 1996. With topics ranging from behavioral adjustment to communication, social skills and family problems, the topical issues have been read by thousands of parents looking for help with their spirited child. BDINews can be downloaded or printed without charge using links to html format and pdf format files at the top of the newsletter pages. These files may also be distributed by parents or professionals to anyone in need of the information.

BDINews is available online at: <https://www.b-di.com/newsletter.html>

Subscribe to BDINews at: BDINews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

New Carey Temperament Scales Questionnaires. Posted December 14, 2016.

Questionnaire Update: New Format and Design.

William B. Carey, MD & Sean C. McDevitt, PhD, and Associates.

The questionnaires were updated in layout and format to make them easier to read and more convenient to score using CD and online software. The categories and norms remain the same as in the original versions.



For additional information go to the [CTS Information Page](#).

Child Behavioral Assessment and Management in Primary Care, Second Edition. Posted June 22, 2016.

William B. Carey, MD & Sean C. McDevitt, PhD, (2016)

Based on the 2012 first edition, the second edition of CBAM offers new content, including an outline of areas of behavioral adjustment in the 0-4 age range and a more detailed review of the application of temperament counseling. A new chapter deals with the confusion of terminology that has crept into the behavioral health field in recent years.

Mobile and print versions are also available.



CBAM2 2016

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Review of Child Behavior Assessment and Management. Posted May 21, 2015. March Issue, 2015

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OTC 2014 held in Lincoln, Nebraska! Posted November 19, 2014.

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Nebraska Union

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb.

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Posted by Sean McDevitt, Listserv Moderator

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ATQ2: 2013 Edition

Posted September 18, 2013.

Upgrades to web-based assessments & ATQ2 iReport Writer.

New norms based on 6400 subjects!

Updated in 2008 and now again in 2013, the ATQ2 online is based upon norms established on over 6400 adults who have completed this questionnaire. The self-assessment process allows users to select the norms that will be used for their temperament profile (e.g., college age males, females in their 40s, etc.) or to use the original, now called 'classic,' norms. Profile category descriptions are based upon five levels for each of

the nine scales, allowing for finely grained statements about temperament for each individual. Further refinements make the ATQ2 easier to use. New auto-advancing during questionnaire input and pre-submit entry checking reduce user errors. New printing capabilities enable one click printing of the 3 page reports or creation of a pdf file version of the ATQ2 report.

[Click here for ATQ2 information about the online web assessment.](#)

[Click here to view the ATQ2 2013 edition iReport Writer options.](#)

ADULT TEMPERAMENT QUESTIONNAIRE, VERSION 2

Posted November 6, 2008. The ATQ2: Same Instrument with New Norms and Profiling.

The Adult Temperament Questionnaire provides information regarding the temperament of adults, and is based on the landmark research of Drs. Alexander Thomas, Stella Chess and associates in the New York Longitudinal Study.

Categories of temperament or behavioral style indicate how the individual responds to the environment around him or her, the how of behavior. Research has shown that infants, children and adults differ in a consistent way from one another on these dimensions and that these characteristics are part of the foundation of individual personality. The new ATQ2 uses 9 categories to describe these reactions: activity level, regularity, adaptability, approach to novelty, emotional intensity, quality of mood, sensory sensitivity, distractibility and persistence.

This 54 item self report questionnaire was distilled from questionnaire items used with the original NYLS sample as part of the early adult followup studies. In 1998, the original ATQ was standardized on the NYLS sample and initial reliability was established. Over the first 9 years of use by clinicians and researchers, the ATQ was utilized in clinical and academic research settings, and data were collected on over 3000 individuals.

In 2008, the ATQ online was updated to incorporate user experience and feedback. Broader norms were established, based on over 3400 adults who had completed the original questionnaire. The process now allows users to select the norms that will be used for their temperament profile (e.g., college age males, females in their 40s, etc.) or to use the original, now called 'classic,' norms. Doing this adjusts the user's profile comparisons to an appropriate age and gender reference group, resulting in a more meaningful interpretations. In addition profile category descriptions have been extended from three to five levels for each of the nine scales, allowing for finer grained statements about temperament for each individual.

New Features:

The ATQ online questionnaire now allows users to purchase access codes for future ATQ web profiles so that a significant other, a class of students and/or clients in a private practice can be referred for their own temperament profiles. Discount pricing allows for larger numbers of access codes.

Hand scored practice sets and refill sets now include access codes for a virtual profile sheet call ATQ iProfile. By entering the raw scores and impressions online, a custom profile sheet is created using the age and gender norms selected for comparison.

What options are available for accessing the ATQ 2nd Edition?

- Professional Practice Sets with Test Manual, User's Guide with questionnaires, scoring and profile sheets. [Click here.](#)
- ATQ2 iReport Writer software uses and iReport Writer practice sets. [Click here.](#)
- Questionnaire refills, with and without scoring and profile sheets. [Click here.](#)
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- Online self-test on the www.b-di.com home page. Get additional access codes for others. [Click here.](#)

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Updated in 2008 and now again in 2013, the ATQ2 online is based upon norms established on over 6400 adults who have completed this questionnaire. The self-assessment process allows users to select the norms that will be used for their temperament profile (e.g., college age males, females in their 40s, etc.) or to use the original, now called 'classic,' norms. Profile category descriptions are based upon five levels for each of the nine scales, allowing for finely grained statements about temperament for each individual.

Further refinements make the ATQ2 easier to use. New auto-advancing during questionnaire input and pre-submit entry checking reduce user errors. New printing capabilities enable one click printing of the 3 page reports or creation of a pdf file version of the ATQ2 report.

[Click here for ATQ2 information about the online web assessment.](#)

[Click here to view the ATQ2 2013 edition iReport Writer options.](#)

ADULT TEMPERAMENT QUESTIONNAIRE, VERSION 2

Posted November 6, 2008. The ATQ2: Same Instrument with New Norms and Profiling.

The Adult Temperament Questionnaire provides information regarding the temperament of adults, and is based on the landmark research of Drs. Alexander Thomas, Stella Chess and associates in the New York Longitudinal Study.

Categories of temperament or behavioral style indicate how the individual responds to the environment around him or her, the how of behavior. Research has shown that infants, children and adults differ in a consistent way from one another on these dimensions and that these characteristics are part of the foundation of individual personality. The new ATQ2 uses 9 categories to describe these reactions: activity level, regularity, adaptability, approach to novelty, emotional intensity, quality of mood, sensory sensitivity, distractibility and persistence.

This 54 item self report questionnaire was distilled from questionnaire items used with the original NYLS sample as part of the early adult followup studies. In 1998, the original ATQ was standardized on the NYLS sample and initial reliability was established. Over the first 9 years of use by clinicians and researchers, the ATQ was utilized in clinical and academic research settings, and data were collected on over 3000 individuals.

In 2008, the ATQ online was updated to incorporate user experience and feedback. Broader norms were established, based on over 3400 adults who had completed the original questionnaire. The process now allows users to select the norms that will be used for their temperament profile (e.g., college age males, females in their 40s, etc.) or to use the original, now called 'classic,' norms. Doing this adjusts the user's profile comparisons to an appropriate age and gender reference group, resulting in a more meaningful interpretations. In addition profile category descriptions have been extended from three to five levels for

each of the nine scales, allowing for finer grained statements about temperament for each individual.

New Features:

The ATQ online questionnaire now allows users to purchase access codes for future ATQ web profiles so that a significant other, a class of students and/or clients in a private practice can be referred for their own temperament profiles. Discount pricing allows for larger numbers of access codes.

Hand scored practice sets and refill sets now include access codes for a virtual profile sheet call ATQ iProfile. By entering the raw scores and impressions online, a custom profile sheet is created using the age and gender norms selected for comparison.

What options are available for accessing the ATQ 2nd Edition?

- Professional Practice Sets with Test Manual, User's Guide with questionnaires, scoring and profile sheets. [Click here.](#)
- ATQ2 iReport Writer software uses and iReport Writer practice sets. [Click here.](#)
- Questionnaire refills, with and without scoring and profile sheets. [Click here.](#)
- ipasscode.com-ATQ2 referrals can be made for clients. Now available! [Click here.](#)
- Online self-test on the www.b-di.com home page. Get additional access codes for others. [Click here.](#)

CBAM: A New Book for Professionals.

Posted January 28, 2012.

Child Behavioral Assessment and Management: Theory & Practice.

William B. Carey, MD & Sean C. McDevitt, PhD, (2012)

This book, written by two clinicians who have worked for many years in primary care, suggests that health care professionals should view children's behavior as a spectrum where normal conflicts shade into problems and then disordered behavior, rather than making a categorical judgment about whether symptoms being presented by the caregiver are severe enough to diagnose and treat as an abnormal condition.



CBAM2 2012

[Click here for free copy in PDF format](#)

OTC- 2010- REPORT by William B. Carey, MD -October, 16, 2010

Note: Reprinted from a post on the TC Listserv

Successful meeting- Those who were not able to attend the 18th Occasional Temperament Conference a week ago will be glad to know that it was a great success. Much credit goes to our host, Sam Putnam and his group at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. It was in some ways a transitional year, which he managed masterfully. (Earlier Bowdoin graduates such as Hawthorne, Longfellow, and Ambassador George Mitchell

would be proud.)

Attendance was about 80, larger than the usual 50 or so, bigger but not too big. The usual friendly atmosphere prevailed and there was sufficient time to discuss matters formally and informally. Participants were the usual mixture of academic and clinical practitioner researchers, coming from all over the USA, several countries in Europe, and elsewhere. The program offered various aspects of temperament research. Theoretical investigations covered environmental effects on, and interactions of temperament with, family, school, and culture and physical ones like intrauterine cocaine exposure. Discussion of clinical applications included problem solving in pediatrics, nursing, clinical psychology and education. Other discussions focused on "What is temperament now" and temperament-cognitive links. The 24 posters offered further views.

A novelty this year was three simultaneous preconference workshops on person-centered analysis, clinical applications, and cross-cultural data. Previously we have avoided splitting up the whole group in any way in order to avoid creating factions. I believe, however, that this year's experience demonstrated that such special interest sessions are a valuable addition to consider repeating next time. Another innovation was the initiation of the Kristal award. This was named for Jan Kristal, who hosted the previous OTC meeting in 2008 in San Rafael, CA, but who died of cancer shortly after. The intention was to recognize at each OTC meeting a person who like Jan has made significant contributions to the clinical applications of temperament research, which is much in need of encouragement. The ad hoc committee (who excluded themselves from consideration) decided on three recipients for this year in order to catch up after 12 years with no such recognition. Those honored: Barbara Keogh, Jim Cameron, and Sean McDevitt. We expect this to become a regular part of the OTC.

Plans for the future-After each OTC there is always a scramble to decide where the next one should be held. We make it up as we go along. For the present there seems to be a consensus for keeping the meetings in the USA and resisting the allure of holding them in Europe. There have been several independent temperament meetings over there (London, Como, Leiden, etc.) but no recurring series like ours. Many participants are concerned that we would lose the involvement of our younger researchers who are less able to afford the expenses of transatlantic travel. Two possible prospects for 2012 are Salt Lake City and Seattle. We await further details of these and other potential proposals.

Thanks again, Sam.

Best wishes,

Bill

[The schedule of meetings and presentations at OTC 2010 is here](#)



Mary Rothbart and Jan Kristal at OTC 2008

10/18/08: The 17th Occasional Temperament Conference

OTC 2008 was held October 17-18, 2008 in the San Francisco Bay area. The meetings were organized by Jan Kristal at Dominican University in San Rafael. This event marked the 30th year since the first occasional temperament conference, held in Lund, Sweden. The conference theme was: Research and Clinical Applications across the Lifespan.

The meeting was attended by 50+ clinicians, researchers and students, with attendees from all around the US and Europe. Notable temperament researchers such as Mary Rothbart, Roy Martin, Berit Hegekkull, Ivan Mervielde, Sara Harkness, Charles Super, James Cameron, Diana Guerin, Sandee McClowry and others were in attendance as were clinicians such as William Carey, Elaine Aron, Sean McDevitt, Jan Kristal, Helen Neville and Alice Shannon. Commentary was provided by Mary Rothbart, William Carey, Hedi Teglas and Xing Zhou.

The schedule of presentations at the meetings can be found at the OTC website.

[Click here to visit the OTC 2008 website.](#)

8/29/07: Stella Chess Memorial Service in New York City

A memorial service for Dr. Chess was held on Wednesday, September 19th at the Farkas Auditorium at NYU Hospital. It was attended by over 100 colleagues, friends and family members from around the country.

The service included musical offerings by violinist Yeou-Cheng Ma, MD, who performed selections by J.S. Bach. Speakers included a number of current and former NYU colleagues of Dr. Chess: Drs. Ted Shapiro, Margaret Hertzog, H. Paul Gabriel and Richard Oberfield. Dr. William Carey of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School presented a tribute from a non psychiatric contemporary. Final comments, warm and poignant memories of being raised by two psychiatrists, were given by Stella's son, Kenneth Thomas. A luncheon followed.

Dr. Chess died in March of this year at the age of 93. [Click here](#) for a copy of Dr. Carey's tribute to Stella Chess.

10/18/2006: IPASSCODE.COM ONLINE BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT BY PROFESSIONALS!

B-DI announces the opening of ipasscode.com, a new online database of behavioral assessments designed for use by professionals in practice. The database is available for all licensed or credentialed behavioral health professionals. Professionals who work for qualified organizations and institutions (hospitals, clinics, school districts, etc.) may also use the system.

Professionals register to use the website and then are able to refer subjects (patients, clients or students, depending on the setting) to the site using a passcode referral. The passcode is a unique combination of letters and numbers that recognizes the subject, professional and test needed, and allows it to be completed online. The results are then transmitted directly to the referring professional for followup with the subject. ipasscode.com is completely secure and uses the same encryption used by banks and financial institutions to protect sensitive data.

The database can be used with self report, caregiver/parent rated and teacher rated instruments. Tests on the site include all of the current B-DI assessments, including the Carey Temperament Scales, Adult Temperament Questionnaire, BBAS, etc. as well as well known questionnaires by leading clinicians. These include the Beck Depression and Anxiety Scales, Brown ADD scales, Beck Youth Inventories, and Parenting Satisfaction Scale. Other instruments, including the Sensory Profile questionnaires and SASSI Adult and Adolescent, substance abuse screening inventories, are being prepared for the site. Additional test measures are being contracted.

To visit ipasscode.com [click here](#) for professional registration and login.

6/15/2006: Occasional Temperament Conference 2006

The organizers of OTC 2006 have announced the dates for this year's meetings, scheduled for October 12-14, 2006 in Providence, RI. The conference will be held at the Center for the Study of Human Development at Brown University. Program organizers are Ronald Seifer, PhD and Judith Bandieri. The registration form and complete information will be posted on the Center for the Study of Human Development web site in the near future. A number of leaders in temperament research and clinical applications in practice gather at OTC to present papers and discuss issues in the field. Attendees will include professionals and students interested in temperament research as well as clinicians and practitioners. OTC meetings offer a rare opportunity for academicians and practitioners to interact on topics of mutual interest.

3/20/2006:CTS iReport Writer2 Online Scoring

NOW AVAILABLE!!

The new CTS iReportWriter2 online scoring software adds a new set of capabilities to the original iReport Writer system. Based on feedback from current users, the iReport Writer2 adds encrypted scoring, form checking to reduce errors, increased browser compatibility, and improved html coding for cleaner 'on screen' and printed reports.

Features of the new system:

- 1)
scoring can be done with 128 bit secure socket layer encryption (SSL)- the ultimate in security and privacy;
- 2)
new 'form checker' javascript on the questionnaire checks to see if gender, birthdate and scoring date are completed and in the correct format, prompting corrections when needed;
- 3)
a new printing feature is now compatible with other popular browsers besides Internet Explorer such as Firefox, Safari and others;
- 4)
new clean html coding provides sleeker 'on screen' and printed reports; Current users will be upgraded free of charge and be able to select either the new system or continue using the old one. Order numbers and prices for CTS iReport Writer2 software will remain the same. New users will receive information on both login locations. All CTS iReport Writer software sold after the release date (3/22/06) will include access to both scoring systems!

[Click here](#) to see the options for using the new CTS iReport Writer2 in processing questionnaire data.

4/25/2005: Version 6 CTS Software on CD

Based on the internet Report Writer technology, the new CTS Version 6 software scores any of the five CTS questionnaires and generates 2 attractive temperament reports, one for the professional and one for the caregiver. The software comes in 3 versions, PC, Mac OSX and Mac OS9. It is available in 25 or 100 use versions on CD. Both temperament reports include a temperament profile and interpretations of temperament characteristics. The caregiver report is personalized for age and gender of the child and uses the youngster's first name in behavioral descriptions. The professional report includes validity checks for

missing data, social desirability and ratings/perceptions discrepancies.

[Click here](#) for additional information about CTS software included in the 2005-6 B-DI catalog.

[Click here](#) to download a sample V6 software report. (Note that CC101499p.htm is the Professional report for Charley Cheese, born 10/14/1999.)

[Click here](#) to see the new formats for Professional and Caregiver reports printed with javascript printing function in Version 6 and iReport Writer.

9/16/2004: Occasional Temperament Conference 2004

The organizers of OTC 2004 [have posted a website](#) for attendees at the conference, scheduled for October 28-31, 2004 in Athens, GA. A [conference program](#) and [informational brochure](#) are available in pdf format at the site. A number of leaders in temperament research and clinical applications in practice are scheduled to present papers. Attendees will include professionals and students interested in temperament research as well as clinicians and practitioners. OTC meetings offer a rare opportunity for academicians and practitioners to interact on topics of mutual interest.

[Click here](#) for information about registration at the conference.

8/26/03: CTS iReport Writer Upgrade!!! CTS iReport Writer login page



Programmers at B-DI are working with ISS2000, a professional web design firm, to upgrade the iReport Writer experience. New login, selection, and questionnaire pages have been completed and the Caregiver and Professional reports will soon be getting a new, more attractive and functional look!

MCTQ questionnaire online



The CTS iReport Writer allows professionals to score and interpret the Carey Temperament Scales questionnaires online from any internet connection, using just standard browser. Reports can be received instantly and are archived at B-DI for later retrieval and use. No minimum computer requirements or upgrades are necessary, and there are no shipping or handling charges on iReport Writer uses.

To obtain information about purchasing iReport Writer uses, visit the [B-DI online ordering page](#)

3/27/03 : Memorial Tribute to Alexander Thomas held at NYU Medical Center

A ceremony celebrating the life of Dr. Thomas was held on March 24, 2003. It was attended by over 100 colleagues, friends and family members. Dr. Thomas was remembered for his innovative research in temperament and his courage in challenging the conventional wisdom of the time, behaviorism and psychoanalysis, for which he was soundly criticized. Speakers included William B. Carey, MD, Sidney Thomas, his brother, and his three sons. Musical interludes were played by violinist and developmental pediatrician, Yeou-Cheng Ma. A reception followed.

See links to [Dr.Carey's remarks](#) and [photos](#) of the ceremony.

1/31/03 : In Memoriam: Alexander Thomas, MD

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Dr. Thomas who died Wednesday in New York City at the age of 89. Those who knew him will miss his intellect, affability and commitment to the well being of others. His obituary, taken from the New York Times is reprinted [here](#)

12/1/2002 : BASICS is here!!!

B-Di is pleased to announce publication of the BASICS Behavioral Adjustment Scale, a 42 item parent report questionnaire that determines behavioral adjustment as defined in 5 subscales of function:

- Behavior in social relationships,
- Achievement,
- Self-Relations,
- Self-Relations,
- Coping. Additionally a
- Symptoms category screens for problems in areas of physical functioning including eating, sleeping, elimination, etc.

The BBAS was developed by William B. Carey MD and Sean C. McDevitt, PhD and standardized on 415 children aged 4-14. Norms indicate how a specific child is functioning compared with others in the same age group. The scale has good internal and retest reliability and there is evidence of discriminant validity in clinical vs. nonclinical subsamples. Dr. Carey presented a paper on BBAS at the recent 2002 Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics meetings in Seattle, Washington.

BBAS should provide clinicians an efficient method for organizing the behavioral characteristics of children in this age group, focusing on strengths as well as problem areas and identifying behaviors highly relevant to emotional and behavioral functioning. [Click here to learn more about obtaining BBAS.](#)

7/15/2002

By request, iReport Writer now comes in the Carey Temperament Scales Practice Set version with questionnaires, Test Manual and User's Guide. Practice sets are typically purchased by new users of the CTS. Now iReport Writer technology will be available to new users as well!

[Click here for details about iReport Writer Practice Sets](#)

4/4/02 :iReport Writer is here!

Now users of the Carey Temperament Scales have a new utility for scoring and obtaining reports from CTS questionnaires. iReport Writer provides the ability to generate sophisticated temperament profiles and written reports using web-based Report Writer software. The system allows input of questionnaire data into a browser form (e.g., Internet Explorer) and processes it on the B-DI server, returning a report right in the browser window. A demonstration page has been developed to show the feature of the iReport Writer system. [Click here for details on products available and demo pages.](#)

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Update 2/15/02 iReport Writer is here! ATQ on the Web



As seen in Health Magazine, understanding temperament can help find the real you! The NYLS Adult Temperament Questionnaire is now available on the web. The 54 item questionnaire can be accessed, scored and interpreted in minutes online. The ATQ returns scores on same the nine temperament dimensions that are measured in infants and children with the Carey Temperament Scales. Unlike the CTS, individuals may self-refer and complete the questionnaire independently, without the involvement of a professional person. The scoring service costs \$12.00 and is prepaid by credit card. The temperament profile and report appear on the browser screen within seconds of completing the questionnaire ratings. A confirmation number emailed to the individual allows retrieval of the profile for 1 year following completion.

Get more details from the [ATQ on the Web page](#)

Update 10/29/01 Meetings



The 14th Occasional Temperament Conference will be held October 4-6, 2002 in Newport Beach, California. OTC 2002 will be hosted by Diana Wright Guerin, PhD and colleagues from the Department of Child and Adolescent Studies at California State University, Fullerton.

Get details on the [meetings page](#).

Update 7/14/2001

William B. Carey, MD recently spoke to the American Enterprise Institute panel on the prescription of Ritalin for the treatment of ADHD. The hearings were to determine whether a conspiracy existed between the drug companies and the American Psychiatric Association to promote use of stimulant medications. Dr. Carey's remarks emphasized the problems that still exist today in making the diagnosis and providing appropriate treatment for children who have the disorder without diagnosing and treating normal temperament variations as if they reflected ADHD.

Click here to read [Dr.Carey's remarks](#).

Update 5/4/2001 :Coming soon!!!

TACTIC: The Teacher and Caregiver Temperament Inventory for Children

TACTIC is a 97 item rating scale that assesses temperament and screens for attentional and behavioral problems in children 2 to 6 years of age.

The questionnaire is completed by the preschool teacher or other caregiver and rates the nine NYLS temperament characteristics while also screening for conduct, emotional and attentional problems. It is anticipated that TACTIC will be used by professionals who require unbiased ratings of behavior from a caregiver in an out-of-home setting, and will serve as a basis for both assessment of the child and consultation with the caregiver.

TACTIC will be unveiled in November at the Zero to Three National Training Institute in San Diego, California. Conference dates are 11/30-12/2. The TACTIC poster with information on standardization data

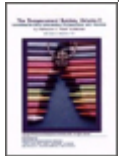
and availability will be accessible throughout the conference.

Update 11/13/00 :CTS version "V4.2 P" Error 200 Fix for CTS software 4.2

Programmers at B-DI have identified a fix for Error 200, the bug in the programming language Turbopascal that prevented CTS software from running on computers with processors faster than 250 mhz. The fix involves applying a patch developed in Europe to circumvent the division by zero that afflicts all programs written in Turbopascal. Testing of the patched programs has been successful at processor speeds up to 1 gigahertz. New software produced after November 13, 2000 will be patched and labelled 'V 4.2P' The patched program provides new options for users of CTS questionnaires, as limited use diskettes will continue to be available. Version 5 is currently available only in unlimited use versions. Prices and product offerings for Version 4.2 will remain the same.

01/31/2000 : New B-DI Publication Now Available!

The Temperament Guides: Resources for Early Intervention Professionals



This manual by Kate Andersen, author of BDINews, has just been published by B-DI. The Temperament Guides provides an effective, temperament-based program ("Your Individual Child") for practitioners working with young children and their families. It includes a chapter on the practical aspects of temperament assessment by Sean McDevitt, PhD and a Foreword by William Carey MD.

Looking systematically at behavioral issues related to each of the nine temperamental characteristics, it also examines the role of temperament in 10 of the most common childhood behavior problems. In addition, The Temperament Guides includes 40 reproducible parent education handouts for use in early intervention.

[Click here for further information.](#)

5/15/99 B-DI and Y2K: CTS Version 4.2 Released!

Y2K ready! Last Version of DOS-based program. Diskette exchange offer!



Version 4.2 of the Carey Temperament Scales is now available. It includes 4 digit dating for birthdate and date of assessment, bug fixes and updated report formatting. Although not technically a Y2K problem since it doesn't use the computer's system date, all previous 2 digit date versions will give incorrect age parameters after the Millenium (starting on 01/01/2000). Version 4.2 corrects that problem, ensuring trouble-free use well into the next century.

Version 4.2 is the last DOS-based version of the CTS software, due to problems with Microsoft system software. As Microsoft has updated the Windows operating system, some changes have created incompatibilities which prevent use of the CTS software on some of the newer versions of Windows 95 and Windows 98. CTS Version 4.2 will run on all systems that currently run V4.1, but incompatibilities may still occur with newer Microsoft Operating System software. Since its introduction in 1996, tens of thousands of DOS-based CTS software uses have been sold. All users whose software now operates properly with the Microsoft software may want to take advantage of the diskette exchange program described below.

A totally new Windows-based version of the CTS software, Version 5.0, is being written to allow wider use of the program with PC systems. Release date is scheduled for early 2000. The current adult ATQ

software_is_Windows-based and has no Y2K issues to resolve. Nor are there any reports of incompatibility of the ATQ software with any Microsoft operating system. Because of its similarity to the ATQ program, CTS Version 5.0 should eliminate any problems of compatibility with Windows.

In the meantime, owners of all current DOS-based CTS software may upgrade to Version 4.2 for only \$49.95 per diskette (plus s&h), no matter where the original program was purchased or how many uses are left on the diskette!

The original diskette will be replaced with a fresh V4.2 diskette of the same type (e.g., Report Writer, Profile Writer or Quickscore) and restored to the number of uses originally purchased. Users are reminded to remove all .txt files (including save.txt, which contains the data for the last protocol) before submitting diskettes, to preserve confidentiality of client names.

To participate in the diskette exchange program, simply mail your used diskette(s) with a check, purchase order or credit card information to :

B-DI, 14636 North 55th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

Sorry, no phone or online orders will be taken! Email questions about this offer to bdi@temperament.com

2/1/99 : ATQ Software Released!

B-DI is pleased to announce the release of the software for the NYLS Adult Temperament Questionnaire. The program is available in 25 use and unlimited use diskettes. The ATQ software administers, scores, profiles and generates individualized reports of temperament characteristics in adults.

The ATQ software can also be used to score questionnaires taken with the printed ATQ questionnaires in 2-3 minutes, eliminating hand scoring.

The ATQ software has the unique ability to self-administer the questionnaire from a regular or laptop computer, eliminating the need for printed questionnaire forms.

Report output includes two reports, one for the subject and a second, more detailed report for the professional. The latter includes scores on each temperament dimension, a temperament profile and interpretive statements based on the individual's profile scores. For professional users, passworded validity checks can be accessed and included in the printed professional report.

Two B-DI products incorporating the ATQ software are available: 1) the 25 use ATQ Report Writer at \$149.95 plus shipping and handling, which includes the Test Manual, User's Guide, 25 print questionnaires and software with 25 uses (ATQRW25), and 2) the Unlimited Use diskette with 100 print questionnaires, Test Manual, and User's Guide at \$495.00 (ATQRWU), plus shipping and handling.

Orders for these new products can be faxed, phoned or mailed. Online ordering capability is also available at shoppingindex.html. Be sure to use the order numbers listed above when sending your written request.

12/9/98 : William B. Carey MD addresses NIH Consensus conference on ADHD and temperament

The National Institutes of Health convened a consensus conference in November on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The purpose of the conference was to assess the current evidence about the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD so that future efforts in the area could be focused in the areas of greatest need. Dr. Carey spoke on the topic:

"Is ADHD a valid disorder?"

Carey criticized the definition and treatment of the ADHD disorder on the grounds that there is no provision for taking normal temperament variations into account. His remarks are reprinted [here](#) and the full text of his review paper on the subject is reprinted [here](#).

10/26/98 : BDINews Electronic Newsletter!

B-DI announces publication of Behavior-Development-Individuality, a Newsletter for parents and professionals who deal with the "high maintenance" infant or child. Written by Kate Andersen, parent educator and expert on the difficult child, the monthly newsletter is aimed at parents and EIs (early interventionists).

B-D-I will cover a variety of topics related to temperament and practical information on coping with stressful interactions and helping others to cope. For a **FREE** trial newsletter, visit the [Newsletter Information page](#).

Kate Andersen hosts the widely read 'Ask Kate' column on this website, which will now be added to the monthly BDINews.

6/11/98 : Meeting in Philadelphia to include Thomas, Chess, Carey and others!

The 1998 Occasional Temperament conference will be held in Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania. At this meeting, researchers and clinicians interested in the role of temperament in behavior and development will share new findings and progress in the field. Topics will include temperament constructs, temperament and ADHD, infant temperament, school age issues, life span/continuity of temperament, and more. A link to the OTC web site is found on the temperament.com [conferences page](#)

1/28/98 : Free downloads!

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4/21/97 : In case you missed it!

B-DI has established a Graduate Student discount for Carey Temperament Scales materials purchased for thesis or dissertation research. See [Graduate student discount page](#) in the B-DI Online Catalog for details. Sorry, not available from commercial distributors, only orders sent directly to B-DI.