

## Psychotropic Medication Categories

The following classification is provided to assist primary care physicians who prescribe psychotropic medication to children and adolescents in foster care (identifying the specific categories of psychotropic medication that may be used with children and adolescents):

### Medications for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

- Psychostimulant medications (selective examples):
  - Methylphenidate
  - Dextroamphetamine
  - Amphetamine mixed salts
- Other medications for ADHD
  - Bupropion
  - Atomoxetine
  - Alpha-adrenergic agents (Clonidine and Guanfacine)

### Antidepressant Medications

- Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRIs) (selective examples):
  - Fluoxetine
  - Sertraline
  - Citalopram
  - Escitalopram
- Selective Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors (SNRIs) (selective examples):
  - Venlafaxine
  - Duloxetine

### Antipsychotic Medications

- Second Generation Antipsychotic Medications (SGAs) (selective examples):
  - Aripiprazole
  - Quetiapine

- Risperidone
- Ziprasidone
- First Generation Antipsychotic Medications (selective examples):
  - Perphenazine
  - Haloperidol

## **Mood Stabilizers**

- Lithium
- Specific Anticonvulsants (used for mood stabilization, not for seizures – selective examples):
  - Divalproex Sodium
  - Carbamazepine

## **Sedative/Hypnotics (used as a psychotropic, not for dermatologic conditions – selective examples:**

- Diphenhydramine
- Hydroxyzine

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