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Contextual Family Therapy
Cognitive Behavioral Family Therapy Models
Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy
Symbolic-Experiential Family Therapy
Satir Human Validation Process Model
Milan Systemic Family Therapy
Structural Family Therapy
Strategic Family Therapy
Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Families
Narrative Therapy with Families
Emotionally Focused Therapy

Medical Family Therapy
Family Psychoeducation

Key Features:

- Introduces the theory, history, theoretical assumptions, techniques, and components of each model
- Includes a template for using each model, from the initial meeting through assessment, intervention, and termination
- Provides numerous interviews with master therapists
- Includes case study commentary and analysis by master therapists
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