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Clinicians should evaluate EI/DESR symptoms inherent in ADHD and develop psychosocial and medical interventions to address all aspects of the person's ADHD.

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