## Outline

#### Part I: Assessment

Symptoms of trauma Symptoms of attachment disorder Traumatized brain and biochemistry Core beliefs and expectations attachment styles Life script: Psychosocial history and relationship patterns

#### **Part II: Treatment Interventions** Structure

Synergistic Trauma and Attachment Therapy (STAT™) Model 3-step treatment process Integrative approach: mind-body-spirit

#### **Experiential and Skill-Based Interventions**

Facilitate emotional and neurobiological connections Foster trust and secure attachments

Heal interpersonal trauma to self-acceptance Confront traumatic events: move from victim to survivor

Change negative beliefs and narratives Resolve anger, fear, shame and loss Exposure Therapy to alleviate trauma and PTSD symptoms Forgiveness to let go and move on

#### **Posttraumatic Growth: Recovery and** Resilience

Positive psychology Instill optimism and hope Gratitude and positive emotions A sense of meaning and purpose Use signature strengths Enhance relationships and social support Self-esteem and self-efficacy Volunteering and giving

#### **Improve Relationships**

Strengthen the hardwired need for a safe emotional bond

- The language of attachment
- Change attachment patterns: withdraw-cling, blame-distance, criticize-defend
- Attachment Communication Training: Constructive communication, problem-solving
- and conflict-management skills

Sensory Processing and fulfillment of attachment needs

#### **Therapeutic Goals**

Develop positive core beliefs Resolve loss and grief Promote safe and secure attachments Alleviate anxiety, depression, shame, and "victim mindset" Reduce biochemistry of trauma Stress management skills Constructive parenting skills Supportive and fulfilling family relationships Mitigate defensiveness, enhance motivation and cooperation

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## **Objectives**

- 1. Determine the psychological, social, cognitive, and biological aspects of trauma and attachment disorder.
- 2. Develop effective individual and relationship-based assessment tools and methods.
- 3. Provide skill-based and experiential techniques to improve emotional dysregulation, core beliefs, brain wiring and biochemistry, PTSD symptoms and relationship patterns.
- 4. Incorporate the Attachment Communication Training to foster effective communication, conflictmanagement and secure attachment.
- 5. Explore how traumatized and resistant individuals can achieve positive personal and relationship goals, including posttraumatic growth.
- 6. Create secure and fulfilling relationships by facilitating limbic resonance and attachment security

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## Speaker \_

Arthur Becker-Weidman, PhD, received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland's Institute for Child Study. He has achieved Diplomate Status in Child Psychology and Forensic Psychology from the American Board of Psychological Specialties, and is a certified therapist, consultant, and trainer by the Attachment-Focused Treatment Institute and also by the Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy Institute. He is the director for the Center for Family Development, with offices in Western New York and New York City.

Dr. Becker-Weidman consults with families, therapists, and organizations throughout the United States and internationally. He supervises and trains the clinical staff at several residential treatment centers in attachment models of residential treatment and Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy in the United States and internationally.

Dr. Becker-Weidman was the vice president of the Board of Directors of the Association for the Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children. He is an adjunct clinical professor at the State University of New York in Buffalo, The Academy for Human Development in Singapore, and Medellie College in Buffalo. He serves on the Board of NY APSAC as Treasurer. Dr. Becker-Weidman was founder and first president of the Board of the Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy Institute. He is the director of the Attachment-Focused Treatment Institute, which is a program of the Graduate Counseling Program at the Academy of Human Development, a University in Singapore.

Dr. Becker-Weidman has published many papers in peer-reviewed professional journals. He is the author of six books on treatment of trauma and disorders of attachment as well as four training DVDs.

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