Outline

Competencies of MBCT

Foundations of MBCT

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) Original MBCT trials

Evidence base for MBCT

Neurological evidence

Principles

Adaptation and expansion of CBT principles Decenter from strong and persistent negative thoughts

Leading mindfulness exercises skillfully Mindful inquiry

MBCT Curriculum & Core Therapeutic Tasks

Session 1: Awareness and Automatic Pilot

Raisin exercise - distinguish thinking and feeling

Body scan - foundation to build attention Mindfulness of daily activities

Session 2: Living in Our Heads

ABC model for linking thoughts and emotions Pleasant events calendar to foster attention to the positive

Mindful breathing for stress and focus

Session 3: Gather the Scattered Mind

Mindful stretching for working with discomfort

Mindful walking for dynamic mindfulness Unpleasant events calendar to relate differently to difficulty

3-Minute breathing space

Session 4: Recognize Aversion

Mindfulness of breath, body, sounds to deepen awareness

Working with difficulties without struggle

Session 5: Allow/Let Be

Exposure to difficult thoughts and feelings to transform them

Notice thoughts without getting lost in

Session 6: Thoughts are Not Facts

Purposefully exposing to strong thoughts and feelings

Techniques for working wisely with difficult thoughts

Session 7: How Can I Best Take Care of

Recognize relapse signatures to prevent future problems

Develop self-care action plans

Session 8: Maintaining and Extending New

Personalize mindfulness practices for individual clients

Maintain momentum of positive gains

Clinical Issues – Advanced **Strategies for Working with Challenging Clients:**

Adaptations of MBCT for:

Depression

Stress

Anxiety Chronic Pain

PTSD

Substance Use Disorders

Children & Adolescents

Limitations of the Research and **Potential Risks**

Most research has been done in group

Best when clients have the cognitive capacity to engage in the practices

Adaptations must be made for acute conditions and special populations Mindfulness involves moving into

experiences, which may cause a temporary exacerbation of symptoms

Evaluations and Dissemination

Objectives

- 1. Compile the underlying mechanisms that make mindfulness techniques effective for stress, depression, anxiety, trauma, pain, and addiction.
- 2. Breakdown the role of thoughts in perpetuating symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression as it relates to ruminating thoughts and behaviors in clients.
- 3. Describe the brain changes associated with mindfulness practice to explain to clients the scientific effectiveness of practicing mindfulness.
- 4. Connect how mindfulness builds upon and refines the evidence-based principles of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT).
- 5. Incorporate mindfulness practices into traditional CBT thought records to help alleviate clients of intrusive, obsessive compulsive thoughts.
- 6. Utilize specific mindfulness-based techniques to help clients disengage from the narrative of negative thoughts and emotions.

- Organize the eight session structure used MBCT program in your own clinical setting.
- 8. Differentiate between the group process in MBCT vs. CBT to avoid clients' cycles of struggling with distressing thoughts and feelings.
- 9. Practice guiding a client through a 3-minute mindfulness exercise to improve the consistency of conscious choices rather than automatic reactions when distressed.
- 10. Explore the use of decentering skills with a client, in a session, in the reduction of worry and ruminations.
- 11. Apply the three steps of the mindful inquiry process, after the mindfulness exercise is over, to help clients more quickly internalize the skills and attitudes that allows them let go of struggle and make conscious choices.
- 12. Adapt the MBCT curriculum to different client populations, including children, as it relates to treatment considerations.

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professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurosciences at the UC College of Medicine, and a research/ psychologist contractor with the Cincinnati VA Medical Center.

His most recent books include: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy & Mindfulness Toolbox (PESI, 2017); Mindfulness: Living Through Challenges and Enriching Your Life in this Moment (Wiley-Blackwell); Perspectives on Spirituality and Religion in Psychotherapy (PR Press); Building Competence in Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (Routledge); and Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy for PTSD (Wiley-Blackwell). Dr. Sears is lead author of Mindfulness in Clinical Practice (PR Press) and Consultation Skills for Mental Health Professionals (Wiley).

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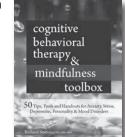
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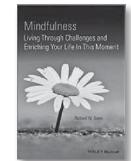
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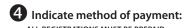
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