

Outline

What Distinguishes SFBT From Traditional Approaches

Key tenets, theory and evidence behind SFBT
 How important is the problem?
 Why assessment, diagnosis and treatment planning doesn't guide treatment
 "The details drive the change"
 The absence of symptomology v. the presence of what clients most desire
 What are the two most important words in SFBT?

Intentional Questions: The Strength Behind SFBT

Reframe questions as invitations
 How to build questions that:
 Lead to meaningful answers
 Create change that sticks
 Harness your client's strengths and resources
 Immediately replace resistance with buy-in
 Keep the client engaged throughout session

Core SFBT questions:
Desired Outcome: Discover what clients want to be different in their lives
Resource Talk: Activate the client's strengths
Preferred Future: Elicit a detailed description of what the client wants
Scaling: Measure progress toward the desired outcomes
Coping Questions: Find positive resources even in difficult situations

Live Seminar Schedule

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea
8:00 Program begins
11:50-1:00 Lunch (*on your own*)
4:00 Program ends
 There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon).
 Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker.
 A more detailed schedule is available upon request.

Inside a SFBT Session: Innovative, Practical Strategies from Start to Finish

Opening the Session
 Why your first few interactions are crucial
 How to elicit hope right away
 Key questions to instantly shift the client's perspective
 The Core of the Session
 Working with one problem at a time
 Strategies to build momentum toward the client's hoped for future
 Tolerating silence and using it as a valuable tool
 What to do when the client is focused on problems and symptoms
 Techniques to keep the client engaged and the session meaningful
 Closing the Session
 Specific strategies for effective session closure
 Increase likelihood of between-session work

Video case examples: See each step in action!

SFBT Across Settings and Populations

School-based SFBT
 Group therapy
 Children, adolescents and families
 Couples
 Addictions, trauma and severe mental illness
 Multicultural factors
 Ethical considerations
 Limitations of the research and potential risks

Target Audience:

Counselors • Social Workers • Psychologists
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 SFBT Expert, International Trainer & Author

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"I was hooked within about six seconds of this presentation! I have become much more effective as a therapist using SFBT methods."

Glenn, LCSW

Objectives

1. Utilize specific solution-focused strategies, including miracle and best-hopes questions to improve clinical outcomes.
2. Compare the benefits of utilizing a solution-focused approach versus other evidence-based treatment models.
3. Implement solution-focused interventions that shift the conversation from "problem talk" toward productive, solution-oriented talk.
4. Assess the practical benefits and limitations of utilizing a solution-focused treatment approach with clients.
5. Summarize the current research related to the efficacy of a solution-focused approach to treatment.
6. Implement the structure and questions of the Solution Focused Approach with their clients in an ethical way.

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It's time to incorporate Solution Focused Brief Therapy into your clinical toolbox!

Solution Focused Brief Therapy (SFBT) is an evidence-based, straightforward, result-driven approach to therapy that helps clients become "unstuck" by drawing on their already existing resources and personal strengths. Through easy to learn, simple interventions and principles, **SFBT offers you a whole new perspective of what therapy can do.**

Join Elliott Connie, SFBT trainer, author and psychotherapist, as he walks you through the philosophical shift from problem to solution-oriented therapy that will completely change your practice. No tricks, no theoretical rhetoric that takes years to understand – just **simple, practical, innovative strategies that will transform your clients' relationship with their perceived problem.**

In this dynamic, engaging seminar you'll have the unique opportunity to share your thoughts, practice the skills, and even watch a SFBT session from start to finish so you'll know exactly how to use it in your own office!

Breathe new life into your practice – sign up today!

"My first solution focused therapy session with a client was amazing! The room felt so much lighter, exciting, positive, and hopeful."

Jo, Psy.D.

"I cannot believe how much I have learned and how much progress I have seen my clients make as my skills improved. Thank you!"

Paula, LPC

Speaker



Elliott Connie, MA, LPC, is a Texas-based psychotherapist in private practice and the founder/director of The Solution-Focused University, an online learning community that trains and provides resources for professionals who want to master the Solution Focused approach in their work. Over the course of his 15-year clinical career, Elliott has successfully worked with thousands of individuals, couples, and families using a solution-focused model to help them achieve their desired outcomes. He is an experienced speaker who has gained international recognition for training hundreds of practitioners throughout the United States,

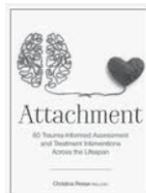
Australia, Europe and Asia on the solution-focused treatment model. Elliott is the author/co-author of four books, including *Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Clients Managing Trauma* (Oxford University Press, 2018), *The Solution Focused Marriage: 5 Simple Habits That Will Bring Out the Best in Your Relationship* (The Connie Institute, 2012), *Solution Building in Couples Therapy* (Springer, 2012), and *The Art of Solution Focused Therapy* (Springer, 2009).

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Attachment

60 Trauma-Informed Assessment and Treatment Interventions Across the Lifespan

By Christina May Reese, LCPC, PHD

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56 Practices to Help You Detox, De-Stress, Distract and Discover

By Goali Saedi Bocci, PhD

Buzzing, ping and grasping for our attention, our phones and screens can cause significant distress, as we lose touch with reality and the importance of self-care and emotional well-being. Take advantage of the 56 practices inside to detox from your devices, feel rejuvenated, find healthier coping skills, and embrace the present moment.

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