# Outline

# The Neuroscience of Trauma and

Introduction to the autonomic system (ANS) Fight, flight, freeze, fawn survival responses Polyvagal Theory, and types of freeze

Key brain areas involved in trauma and anxiety Clinical implications of the freeze response

## **Mechanisms of Change:**

# **How EMDR and Other Treatment Approaches**

The neuroscience of exposure therapy and cognitive therapy

The neuroscience of relaxation exercises EMDR and other "transformative therapies"

Mechanisms of change

Why EMDR works so well from a brain perspective

### **Assessment:**

### Connect Symptoms and Presentations to a Diagnosis

Nervous system switched on/off – PTSD and

Underactivations and weakened connections Trauma memories and intrusive thoughts

Phobias, anxiety and insula hyperactivation

Emotional hijackings and implicit memory: Basal ganglia and amygdala

Why treating avoidance is critical in anxiety and trauma

DSM-5<sup>®</sup> symptoms in a nutshell

Connect Your Client to a Diagnosis Simple vs. complex trauma

Intergenerational trauma

Symptom clusters and physical manifestations

CAPS-5 and PCL-5

Primary Care PTSD Screen

**Dual diagnosis** 

## **EMDR** as Applied Neuroplasticity

How EMDR builds dual awareness to treat avoidance

What you are thinking about is the network

You need to activate a network to change it Neurons that fire together, wire together (Hebb's Rule)

EMDR as neuroentrainment

# Practical EMDR Techniques and Protocols to Move Clients from **Surviving to Thriving**

### **EMDR Assessment, Resourcing, Eye Movements and More:** How to Work with the Original 8-Phase

Client history and treatment planning How to resource: Create a safe space

Assessment: Choose a target, SUDS, connect with the image/emotions/thought

Desensitization: tactile vs. auditory vs. eye movement

How to use Touchpoints, Theratapper, CDs

Positive Cognition Installation: Likert scale 1-7 Body Scan: Locating tension and distress in

Closure: Closing the neural network and the 6-hour window

Re-evaluation

## When to Use EMDR in Trauma and **Anxiety Treatment**

Demonstrations and experiential exercises Single event trauma

Anxiety disorders involving imaginal exposure

Demonstration of original 8-Phase Model \*\*\*Experiential exercises with groups of three: client, therapist, observer

Preparation and assessment

Desensitization

Positive cognition and body scan

# **EMDR for Direct Treatment of Traumatic**

Modifications for complex/developmental

Do not use standard protocol - Rationale for modifications

Resourcing strategies:

Comfortable place Container Nurturing figure Protective figure Circle of support

Techniques to reinforce and activate positive neural networks

Relevance of Polyvagal Theory, early trauma,

Sensory motor modifications and somatic approaches

How to build Dual Awareness

Adaptive Information Processing Theory

EMDR techniques to bring traumatic memories into the prefrontal cortex

### Attachment-Based EMDR for Resolving Relational Trauma

Strategies to foster the critical connection between client and therapist

How to emphasize safety during sessions Guidance on order of operations:

Resourcing with multisensory guided imagery

Activate trauma network

Desensitization round

Ask, "What is coming up?"

How to install positive cognition

Identify and resolve remaining tension or distress in the body

Debrief clients to ensure embodiment

### **EMDR Modifications for Anxiety Disorders**

Modifications for phobias and generalized

Resourcing strategies for self-efficacy and

Imaginal exposure and exposure through pictures and videos

Techniques to reinforce and activate positive neural networks

How to build Dual Awareness and reduce avoidance

### **EMDR Modifications for Other** Disorders

**Borderline Personality Disorder** Dissociative Identity Disorder OCD

Generalized Anxiety Disorder

### **EMDR vs Brainspotting vs EFT vs** Neuromodulation

When to use each

Strengths and limitations of each

Overview of how to conduct a Brainspotting

Overview of how to conduct an EFT session Integrating neuromodulation and EMDR for faster, more effective treatment\

# **Research Limitations and Potential**

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# **Intended Audience**

This workshop is intended for masters- and doctoral-level clinicians experienced in working with trauma.

Counselors • Social Workers • Psychologists • Addiction Counselors • Marriage and Family Therapists • Nurses • Other Mental Health Professionals

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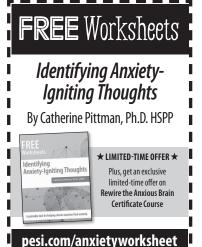
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165 Brain-Changing Tips, Tools & Handouts to Move Therapy Forward Jennifer Sweeton, PSY.D., M.S., M.A.

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# Speaker

**Dr. Jennifer Sweeton**, is a licensed clinical psychologist, author, and internationally-recognized expert on trauma, anxiety, and the neuroscience of mental health. Dr. Sweeton has been practicing EMDR for nearly a decade, and has treated a variety of populations using EMDR and other memory reconsolidation approaches, including combat veterans, individuals with PTSD and complex trauma, and those suffering from treatment-resistant anxiety.

She completed her doctoral training at the Stanford University School of Medicine, the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, and the National Center for PTSD. Additionally, she holds a master's degree in affective neuroscience from Stanford University, and studied behavioral genetics at

Dr. Sweeton resides in the greater Kansas City area, where she owns a group private practice, Kansas City Mental Health Associates. She is a past president of the Oklahoma Psychological Association, and holds adjunct faculty appointments at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. She is the president of the Greater Kansas City Psychological Association. Dr. Sweeton offers psychological services to clients in Oklahoma, Kansas, and internationally, and is a sought-after trauma and neuroscience expert who has trained thousands of mental health professionals in her workshops. Speaker Disclosure:

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# Objectives **•**

- 1. Establish the role of the autonomic nervous system in trauma and anxiety symptomology.
- 2. Articulate the clinical implications of the freeze response in trauma treatment.
- 3. Characterize the potential neurobiological mechanisms of change in the empirically validated EMDR approach.
- 4. Specify how EMDR techniques can build dual awareness in clients to treat the avoidance that makes trauma and anxiety treatment challenging.
- 5. Communicate the 8 Phases of the EMDR protocol.
- 6. Determine which clients you should use EMDR with.
- 7. Establish the relevance of Polyvagal Theory and early trauma in EMDR work.
- 8. Communicate the central principle of the Adaptive Information Processing Theory and establish how it informs the EMDR approach.
- 9. Analyze resourcing strategies from EMDR that clinicians can use to help facilitate the processing of trauma.
- 10. Specify the steps clinicians must take to emphasize safety during EMDR sessions.
- 11. Delineate how EMDR can be modified to treat anxiety disorders.
- 12. Differentiate between EMDR strategies recommended for trauma and EMDR strategies recommended for anxiety.
- 13. Characterize how EMDR techniques can be used to reinforce and activate positive neural
- 14. Communicate how EMDR can be modified to work with complex/developmental trauma to directly treat traumatic memories.
- 15. Evaluate strategies that can help foster the critical connection between client and therapist in
- 16. Establish the order of operations for attachment-based EMDR treatment to resolve relational
- 17. Articulate how EMDR can be modified to work with Borderline Personality Disorder, Dissociative Identity Disorder, and Generalized Anxiety Disorder.
- 18. Differentiate between EMDR and Brainspotting by communicating the strengths and limitations of each.

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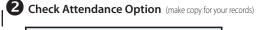
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