### **Outline**

## Neurobiology, Executive Function & ADHD

What is executive function (EF)?
EF in "neurotypicals" v. EF in ADHD
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The neurodevelopment of EF over the lifespan

How EF impacts daily life Is there a gene for ADHD?

Limitations of the research and potential risks

#### **Assessment and Diagnosis**

What are the "unofficial" signs of ADHD in adults?

The Big 3 — history, history, history!

Why collateral information is crucial

Rating scales, questionnaires, and semi-structured interviews Differential diagnosis: Inattentive, Hyperactive, Combined presentations

Co-morbidities: Which do you treat first?

Depression, anxiety, substance abuse, ASD, LD personality & sleep disorders

Sluggish Cognitive Tempo?

Strategies to assess for risky behavior

#### **Psychoeducation**

5 must-have tips for an ADHD-friendly session How to teach clients about ADHD in a way that reduces stigma The 7 stages of the Adult ADHD "Identity" How to normalize the ADHD experience (not a character flaw!)

4 indicators that clients will follow through with treatment

# Cognitive-Behavioral & Related Therapies

What does self-talk for adults with ADHD sound like? Common cognitive distortions related to ADHD Specific interventions for:

Procrastination

Low self-esteem, guilt and shame

Pessimism and self-criticism

And more!

Strategies to help "undo" unhelpful behavior patterns Goal setting considerations Mindfulness and relaxation

## **Objectives**

- Explain how ADHD in adults negatively impacts
   executive function (EF) and how to identify EF deficits
   in clients
- 2. Summarize current research related to ADHD in adults, including limitations and areas for further study.
- Differentiate diagnostically between the various presentations of ADHD in the DSM-5® and explore related conditions, including Sluggish Cognitive Tempo, to inform treatment intervention with clients.

#### **Executive Function Skills Development**

#### Organization, Planning & Time Management

The 30-40% rule

Clutter control made simple

Strategies to "automate" behavior/habits

#### Impulse Control & Self-Regulation

Self-monitoring and self-talk

Mindfulness and relaxation

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#### Focus, Attention & Memory

Chunking, mnemonics and other memory techniques

5 ways to reduce cognitive load N-BACK technique

Sleep hygiene

#### Social Skills and Emotional Intelligence

Decoding emotions/facial expressions Recommendations for relationships and parenting Anger identification and expression of emotion

#### Medication

Common myths about ADHD medication Benefits & potential side effects How to make an appropriate referral

#### **Other Treatment Considerations**

The role of exercise and sleep
Diet, supplements, food dyes, sugar, omega-3's
ADHD coaching — what to look for in a referral
Professional organizers, tutors, vocational counseling
Canine therapy and other adjunct supports
ADA quidelines for accommodations at school/work

#### 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

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# 4. Utilize effective psychoeducation about ADHD to normalize the client's experience and improve engagement in treatment.

- Implement treatment strategies for clients with ADHD to improve executive functioning skills at work/school and in relationships.
- Consider the efficacy of good sleep hygiene, physical activity and nutrition in the treatment and management of ADHD symptoms in adult clients.



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- Improve self-esteem, procrastination, and insight with innovative CBT & mindfulness techniques
- 5 must-have tips for an ADHD-friendly session to keeps clients engaged in treatment

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- Implement 5 must-have tips for an ADHD-friendly session to improve client engagement
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- Address low self-esteem that often accompanies this frustrating condition
- Provide psychoeducation about ADHD that reduces stigma and elicits hope

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## Speaker

Kevin T. Blake, Ph.D., P.L.C., ADHD-CCSP, is a licensed psychologist and recognized national authority on ADHD, executive function, and learning disorders. With over 20 years of specialized experience, Dr. Blake was one of the first professionals in the United States to study these conditions in adults specifically. Dr. Blake now speaks throughout the nation, educating clinicians on the latest evidence-based diagnosis and treatment recommendations for improved clinical outcomes. Currently in private practice and serving as a facilitator for a community adult ADHD support group, he also speaks across the nation on the latest evidence-based diagnosis and treatment recommendations for improved clinical outcomes A published author, Dr. Blake's articles have been featured in Attention!, LDA Newsbriefs, and Perspectives (of the International Dyslexia Association). In 1991 Dr. Blake was honored to be a delegate to the National Institute for Literacy's "LEAD 2000 Congress," where he was a member of a special committee advising the U.S. Congress on diagnostic and remediation issues confronting learning disabled adults. Dr. Blake is a member of the American Psychological Association, International Dyslexia Association, Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders, and Learning Disabilities Association. Dr. Blake's own experience overcoming dyslexia and hearing impairment drives his passion for educating both professional and lay audiences about methods to overcome the challenges of ADHD and specific learning disorders. An accomplished and engaging speaker, Dr. Blake's presentations are known for weaving together empirical evidence, germane information, and practical how-to's in a way that is accessible and applicable. When he's not traveling the country to speak, Dr. Blake calls Tucson, AZ home.

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