OUTLINE

Recognize Shame: Assessment Tools

Shame vs. guilt

Multicultural perspectives

How addressing shame expedites treatment Reading the body - non-verbal signs of shame *Interview questions for assessing shame in:*

Key relationships and current patterns Sexual, physical or verbal abuse, trauma, and neglect

Shame and Attachment Styles: Clinical Strategies to Cultivate Secure **Attachment and Self-Compassion**

Characteristics of shaming environments Concerns of adults shamed in childhood Strategies to replicate conditions for healthy attachment

How to enhance presence, attunement, resonance and trust

Dignity in the telling - titrating shame exposure

Somatic approaches to cultivate secure attachment

Developmental movements Horizontal processing

Self-compassion exercises

Interventions to address interpersonal difficulties

Befriend bodily sensations Common humanity visualizations

Address Shame in Your Trauma Treatment Plans: Reclaim the Body from Shame with Breath and Movement

How shame complicates trauma recovery Polyvagal theory – shame and the shutdown

Shame and victims of sexual assault – from victim to survivor

Exercises to strengthen connections

Belongingness treasures Divine child mandala

I am meditation - choosing visibility

Interventions based in breath and movement Heart mudra and breath – embracing resistance

The peaceful warrior

OBJECTIVES

- Enhance client attunement with clinical strategies that replicate conditions for healthy attachment.
- · Characterize how shame complicates the treatment of trauma and specify how shame can be worked with in traumatized clients.
- · Evaluate how shame can be addressed in your treatment plans with self-forgiveness interventions that can help facilitate recovery.

Effectively Intervene in the Downward Spiral of Shame, Anxiety and Depression

Cognitive approaches that lean into ruminatory

Put shame into perspective Dispute shame messages

Anxiety interventions for the shame-prone client Breath and movement strategies to stem

How yoga addresses anxiety symptoms Break through shame fueled depression with: Techniques to bring shame to light Prosocial behavior Imagery-based compassion exercises

The Devastating Impact of **Shame in Relationships:** Build, Maintain and Repair Couple and Family Relationships

Unmask shame - anger and other disguises Engage partners in shame reparation How intergenerational shame impacts intimacy Shame resiliency strategies - empathy, forgiveness and compassion

Forgiveness practice - Releasing breath with

Identify shame wounds and antidotes Mindful RAIN for shame - regulate emotions and reduce judgmental thoughts

Shame Research, Limitations and Treatment

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.

Communicate how anxiety generated by feelings of shame can be managed with breathing

• Establish how depressed clients can manage shame generated negative emotions with imagery-based compassion exercises.

techniques that can be taught in-session.

· Analyze how mindfulness can be incorporated into therapy with shame-prone clients to reduce judgmental thoughts and reactivity.



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- Show shame-prone clients that they are worthy of healing
- Help clients overcome the anxiety associated with feeling shame
- Trauma reclaim the body from shame with breath and movement
- Unmask shame to address anger and defensiveness
- · Shame resiliency strategies to build, maintain and repair relationships

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Debilitating and complex, shame is among the most destructive of human emotions. Depression, violence, anxiety -- it emerges in a variety of ways that are profoundly damaging to your clients' lives and the lives of those around them.

Working with clients experiencing unhealthy shame presents you with a formidable therapeutic challenge. How do you effectively manage something that hides in the shadows...that by its very nature is so excruciating that it pushes people toward avoidance? How do you heal something that lurks behind masks of anger and defensiveness? How do you break through to suffering individuals who've spent a lifetime viewing themselves as wrong, unlovable, and unworthy of getting better?

Stop letting shame derail the therapeutic process and transform how you work with shame-driven

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Key Benefits of Attending:

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- Reduce judgmental thoughts and reactivity with mindfulness.
- Cultivate secure self-attachment with somatic approaches.
- Discover how shame complicates trauma treatment and how addressing shame can help you expedite recovery.
- Build resiliency to shame with interventions based on empathy, forgiveness and compassion.

SPEAKER

Debra Premashakti Alvis, Ph.D., is a licensed psychologist and private practitioner with over 25 years of clinical experience in supporting clients' recovery from shame, trauma, anxiety, depression and relational concerns. A seasoned international presenter and consultant, Dr. Alvis is also a therapeutic yoga educator and a lecturer at the University of Georgia where she developed and led the Mind/Body Program. The program included a clinician training program integrating contemplative approaches in psychotherapy. A 30-year personal contemplative practice, research experience, and a deep understanding of mindfulness and yoga further enrich her presentations. She draws upon this unique background to provide effective and easily applicable skills designed for immediate integration into clinicians' practices.

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