

Outline

How Food Affects Mood

Assess nutritional factors contributing to mental health conditions
5 substances that affect mood
7 practical interventions to improve mood
Research on nutrition's impact on mental health
Case study – 24-year-old female – depression and anxiety

Practice Healthy Eating – Vitamins, Minerals and Antioxidants

B Vitamins for emotional health
Benefits of magnesium and common symptoms of magnesium deficiency
Antioxidants for emotional support
Recommendations within your scope of practice
Nutrients
Symptoms of deficiency
Best food sources

The Connection Between Stimulants, Anxiety and Sleep

The truth about sugar, stimulants and processed food
History of processed food and what's gone wrong
Link between sugar and depression
The S.A.D. diet and diseases of affluence
Case Study: the wife who loved coffee

The Skinny on Fat

Emotions and biochemical activity within the brain
Mediterranean food pyramid
Inflammation and mood disorders
Omega 3 fatty acids and good fat
Key nutrients to transform emotional health

Objectives

1. Integrate psychoeducation regarding daily food choices with cognitive therapy.
2. Assess the impact of diet on treatment progress.
3. Incorporate diet changes into treatment plans for specific disorders.
4. Analyze the impact of sugar on depression.
5. Utilize CBT techniques to help clients improve their mood, sleep habits, and self-care.
6. Assess when a referral to a medical practitioner may be indicated.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Counselors • Psychologists • Social Workers • Marriage and Family Therapists • Addictions Counselors
Clinical Nurse Specialists • Nurses • Dieticians • Occupational Therapists

Nutritional Imbalances that Contribute to Depression

Lack of essential fats and vitamins
Blood sugar imbalances associated with excessive sugar and stimulant intake
Neurotransmitters and their effects when they are lacking in our system
Tune up your brain and neurotransmitters

Your DNA is not Your Destiny

The role of epigenetics
Are diseases of the brain preventable?
CBT techniques to help clients change their thoughts and behavior toward food and eating
Clinical benefits of deep breathing
Incorporate wellness activities into treatment plans

Explore the Gut-Brain Link and Its Impact on Mental Health

Understand gut microbiome and dysbiosis from a therapist's perspective
Learn how proper digestion supports optimum mental health
The relationship between digestion and stress
Steps for proper digestion

Ethical Considerations and Understanding Your Role as a Therapist

Education and awareness for clients – the basic food assessment you can use
Practical strategies to help clients eat healthy on a budget
How to apply techniques ethically and responsibly
When to refer to a medical practitioner
The risks and limitations of research studies
Resources for clients

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- Techniques to incorporate nutrition in treatment plans, within your scope of practice
- Improve treatment outcomes by helping clients make practical, lasting dietary changes



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Diet is an often-ignored aspect in the prevention of poor mental health and the promotion of good emotional health. The causes of behavioral health problems are complex, and nutrition is a valuable yet often missing piece of the puzzle to help clients improve their emotional state.

Imagine if you could feel more confident talking with clients about nutrition from a therapist’s point of view, and do so while adhering to our ethical code.

Kathleen Zamperini, LPC, NCC, NCGC-1, CMHIMP brings a unique perspective as a licensed professional counselor with a degree in nutrition and certification with the Mental Health Integrative Medical Institute. She uses the language of a therapist to explain key concepts of integrating a cognitive behavioral approach with nutritional strategies to improve treatment outcomes.

Discover the clinical applications to transform the way your clients view food and revolutionize your clinical toolbox to ethically educate clients about nutrition and how they can make lasting changes.

Speaker

Kathleen D. Zamperini, LPC, NCC, NCGC-1, CMHIMP has a master’s degree in counseling psychology and a master’s degree in education with secondary guidance certification. She is a licensed professional counselor and is a Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor. Kathleen received a degree in holistic nutrition from the Canadian School of Natural Nutrition, and is a Certified Mental Health Integrative Medicine Provider. She has a passion for helping clients understand the role of nutrition in mental health. She has 30 years of counseling experience working with persons dealing with depression and anxiety, and is the director of counseling for a large social service agency, Catholic Charities, in Pittsburgh, PA. She has published articles in the National Gambling Association Newsletter on the role of nutrition in treating gambling addictions, and presented numerous presentations on this topic, including a statewide conference.

Speaker Disclosures:
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