## Outline

### Behavioral Activation (BA) as a **Treatment Strategy**

Strategies for trauma, anxiety, and depression Assessing post-trauma behavioral changes How to assess trauma related symptoms in different life domains

Uncover obstacles that interfere with treatment engagement

### **Triggers, Avoidance, and Safety** Behaviors

Examine behavioral patterns that

contribute to trauma-related symptoms Functional analysis and behavioral chains connect problem behaviors and traumatic experiences

Identify maladaptive coping strategies, avoidance and safety behaviors, and addictive behaviors

Situations that trauma survivors frequently avoid

Strategies to build mastery and regain confidence

One survivor's story: learning to recognize sneaky triggers, avoidance, and safety behaviors

### How to Pinpoint Areas of Desired Change with Clients

Values assessment to identify specific achievable goals

Establish target behaviors

Create personalized plan for post-traumatic growth

Activity hierarchies tailored to client needs Transform individual goals into workable steps to foster achievable progress between sessions

One survivor's story: where to begin when so much feels wrong

**Take Action with Behavioral Activation:** Tools and Techniques to Re-engage Clients with Their Lives

Techniques for building healthy habits and reducing unhealthy habits

Relearn to tolerate situations and return to meaningful activities

User-friendly home practice assignments that allow clients to assess their daily habits in relation to their goals and values One survivor's story: sticking to the plan, one small step at a time

### **Behavioral Activation Strategies to Overcome Treatment Challenges**

The therapeutic relationship: session avoidance, lack of engagement and treatment drop out

Identify and target commonly co-occurring issues

Emotional, behavioral, and interpersonal

dysregulation Substance use disorders

Sleep disruptions One survivor's story: when in-person

interactions are off limits

## **Measure Progress and Continued Growth**

Use measurement-based care to assess progress Identify successes and areas for continued growth Update the treatment plan One survivor's story: treatment flexibility is the key to recovery Limitations of the research and potential treatment risks

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• Break chronic patterns of avoidance that can exacerbate your clients' symptoms • Build your clients mastery and confidence to resume activities and re-engage in their lives • Step-by-step guidance on using BA as a standalone treatment or to complement other treatment approaches • Clear and concise strategies to improve client engagement and retention

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**behaviors head-on** and re-engage clients in the activities that provide them with the safety, confidence and support they need to stay in therapy and drop down into uncomfortable emotions and memories with you in sessions. Beneficial both as a standalone intervention for PTSD as well as a valuable preparation tool for trauma-focused treatments you're already using, BA helps clients decrease patterns of avoidance and reduce their PTSD symptoms through identification and attainment of target behaviors.

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# **Objectives**

- 1. Assess pre-treatment functioning and the impact of trauma-related symptoms in different life domains.
- 2. Utilize tools from Behavioral Activation for activity monitoring, values assessment, and goal setting with clients.
- 3. Create individualized exposure hierarchies using subjective units of distress and determine how clinicians can safely increase the intensity of home practice activities.
- 4. Evaluate how Behavioral Activation can be used in conjunction with other trauma treatment approaches to help clients relearn to tolerate situations and return to meaningful activities.
- 5. Evaluate the research and research limitations of Behavioral Activation techniques impact on trauma symptomology.
- 6. Utilize BA techniques to help clients build healthy habits and reduce unhealthy habits.

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# Speaker

LISA CAMPBELL, PHD, is the program coordinator for the VA San Diego, South County PTSD Clinical Team. Dr. Campbell specializes in the treatment of PTSD and over the past 20 years has treated all types of trauma survivors, both for the VA and in her private practice.

Dr. Campbell is the co-author of Behavioral Activation for PTSD: A Workbook for Men (Althea Press, 2018) and an assistant professor of psychology at the University of California, San Diego where she plays an active role in training psychologists. She earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno.

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