# 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

## **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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(Times listed in Eastern) 8:00 Program begins 11:50-1:00 Lunch Break 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.

# **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 selfcare.
- 6. Assess when a referral to a medical practitioner may be indicated.

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# Kathleen D. Zamperini, LPC, 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.

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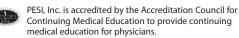
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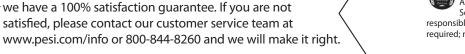
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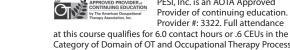
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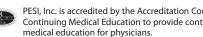
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