Outline

Internal Family Systems (IFS)

Comprehensive, compassionate, non-pathologizing treatment approach

Paradigm-shifting perspective on "psychopathology"

Easily integrated into other therapeutic modalities

Teach clients to access inner wisdom and self-compassion to permanently heal traumatic wounds

Evolution of the Model

Development of the IFS model by Richard C. Schwartz, Ph.D.

IFS as an empirically validated treatment: Summary of research support

Composition of the Psyche

Concept of multiplicity: "We are all multiple personalities."

Components of the psyche:

- Wounded, vulnerable, parts
- Protective parts: Proactive and reactive
- Burdens: Negative beliefs about oneself
- The Self: Compassionate inner leader and internal source of wisdom and healing energy

Guide clients to access their own inner wisdom and healing potential

IFS-specific techniques for in-the-moment emotion regulation, helpful even with panic, flashbacks and dissociation

The IFS Model

Assumptions of the model

Goals of IFS therapy

Flow of the IFS model over the course of treatment

Flow of an individual IFS session

Case conceptualization in IFS

Diversity and cultural sensitivity

How IFS understands Personality disorders, dissociative identity disorder, and addiction

IFS Step by Step

Step 1: Using Meditative Processes to Identify and Connect with a Target Part

Differentiate the person from the symptom

Access a state of compassion and curiosity essential for healing

Establish a relationship with the target part

Learn the history and benevolent intention behind the symptom

Step 2: Working with Protective Parts

Facilitate internal attachment work

Learn and address the fears/concerns of protective parts

Establish a trusting and appreciative relationship with proactive and reactive protectors

Gain permission to proceed to healing

Step 3: Healing the Traumatic Wound

Develop a compassionate, connected relationship with the wounded part

Witness the pain rather than re-experience it: Learn to be "with," not "in," to avoid re-traumatization

Retrieve the wounded part from "trauma time"

Release/unburden thoughts, feelings and beliefs

Integrate change into the system and use maintenance and troubleshooting strategies

Bringing IFS Concepts to Life

Experiential exercise

Video demonstration of IFS therapy with a real client

Step-by-step commentary to solidify understanding of techniques illustrated in the video session

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The IFS model provides a compassionate, respectful, non-pathologizing approach to understanding the organization and functioning of the human psyche.

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- symptom reduction and improved functioning for clients
- deep self-healing within even the most troubled clients

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Alexia (Lexi) D. Rothman, Ph.D., is a certified IFS therapist and consultant in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Rothman has been in private practice since 2004. She has received extensive training in Internal Family Systems Therapy from IFS developer, Dr. Richard Schwartz, and has assisted in multiple Level 1 and 2 IFS trainings around the country, as well as serving as a professional consultant for IFS therapists.

She is a United States Presidential Scholar who graduated summa cum laude from Emory University as a Robert W. Woodruff Scholar. Dr. Rothman received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from UCLA, where she was an Edwin W. Pauley Fellow and a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. She has held adjunct faculty positions at Emory University and Agnes Scott College.

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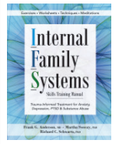
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