# Outline

#### A Clinician's Guide to Narcissism: Narcissistic Personality Disorder and the Spectrum of Narcissistic Traits

DSM-5<sup>™</sup> criteria for Narcissistic Personality Disorder

Social and culturally acquired definitions The spectrum of narcissistic traits Narcissistic traits without meeting criteria for NPD

Psychoeducation for survivors about NPD, narcissistic behavior and its consequences

#### **Narcissistic Abuse and General Emotional Abuse:** Similarities, Differences and Tactics

Impacting Detection and Treatment Goals of perpetrators of emotional abuse

vs. narcissistic abuse Cycle of abuse in narcissistic relationships Gaslighting and other tactics of manipulation and coercion

What is narcissistic supply?

Subtypes: engulfing and ignoring/ neglecting

#### Narcissistic Abuse in Specific **Relationships:** Dynamics and Impacts Romantic/intimate relationships/sex

addiction Co-parenting vs counter-parenting Friendships and frenemies Family of origin – the golden child, black sheep, scapegoat, and invisible child Lack of self-esteem, difficulties trusting others, C-PTSD and other effects of narcissistic abuse

### **Potential Missteps and Traps to Avoid**

Everyone's a narcissist (over-pathologizing problematic behaviors) No one's a narcissist (dismissing client reports because you can't diagnose NPD) Pushing for reconciliation or family therapy Inadvertently gaslighting clients by questioning hard-to-spot emotional manipulation Not focusing enough on calming the underlying trauma triggers

Victims of Narcissistic Abuse in Therapy: Break the Cycle of Abuse through Increased Autonomy, Agency and Senseof-Self

Building assertiveness and individuation - strategies to help clients be their own individual

Exercises to help clients discover their own preferences, interests, desires, and goals

Teach clients to distinguish between assertiveness, aggression, and passive aggression

Counteract internalized messaging that assertive communication is harmful, cold, cruel, or harsh

Prepare clients for the backlash that often attends increasing autonomy and agency

Cultural sensitivity considerations Exploring levels of contact and clients' wishes regarding contact

Developing healthy boundaries -- how to best protect themselves within the relationship parameters they choose Processing guilt/shame over setting boundaries and saying no Coping strategies for when contact is inevitable

### **Additional Approaches and Considerations**

Trauma competency - an essential for working with these clients Inner child work to heal attachment wounds Is family therapy advised? Specific modalities to explore - AEDP, IFS, EMDR, SE, BSP, Gestalt Research, risks and treatment limitations

Live Webinar Schedule (Times listed in Pacific)

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. Analyze how abuse from individuals with narcissistic personality disorder in the context of romantic relationships, friendships, and family relationships can lead to long term effects for clients.
- 2. Differentiate narcissistic abuse from other forms of emotional abuse to improve your ability to recognize the subtle signs that clients may be victims.
- 3. Employ in-session psychoeducation approaches to help clients become aware of narcissistic behavior in their lives and recognize the consequences.
- 4. Analyze common mistakes made by practitioners in the treatment of survivors of narcissistic abuse.
- 5. Employ exercises to help survivors of narcissistic abuse build assertive communication skills.
- 6. Investigate the current research and treatment limitations surrounding work with survivors of narcissistic abuse.



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#### You may be working with a victim of narcissistic abuse without even knowing it.

Clients in your caseload who lack self-esteem, can't say no, and blame themselves for everything may have been emotionally manipulated, controlled, and gaslit through a narcissistic relationship.

But without the right training you could be failing to see the subtle signs, leaving you without a key piece of the puzzle...and keeping them trapped in emotionally damaging and often dangerous relationships.

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- Avoid clinical missteps that could alienate these clients
- Build assertiveness in clients who can't say no
- Teach clients to develop healthy boundaries without guilt
- End clients damaging self-blame and help them be their own individual
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**Amy Marlow-MaCoy**, LPC, focuses her practice on treating complex and developmental trauma in adults raised in narcissistic, emotionally immature, and toxic families of origin.

She is the author of the Amazon best-selling book The Gaslighting Recovery Workbook: Healing from Emotional Abuse (Callisto Media, 2020), a workbook designed to help individuals identify, understand, and begin to heal from emotional trauma and abuse caused by gaslighting in interpersonal relationships.

Amy has been trained in Level 1 Internal Family Systems therapy. She also provides supervision to LPC candidates and regularly consults with other clinicians regarding treatment of adult children of narcissists. She earned her Master of Education in Counseling Psychology degree from Temple University.

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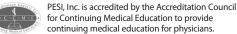
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