# OUTLINE

### The Neuroscience of Trauma and Mechanisms of Change

Key brain areas involved in trauma Fight, flight, freeze, fawn survival responses Clinical implications of the freeze response The neuroscience of EMDR, exposure therapy and cognitive therapy

### **Connect Clients to a Diagnosis:** Trauma Assessment Tools

Simple vs. complex trauma Intergenerational trauma Symptom clusters and physical manifestations CAPS-5 and PCL-5 Primary Care PTSD Screen Dual diagnosis

### **Stabilize Your Clients Prior to Trauma** Work

Trauma treatment roadmap – order of operations Bottom-up techniques to reconnect and feel safe in the body Self-soothing techniques Grounding strategies Breathwork

Gauge when a client is ready for intense trauma/cognitive work

### **Proven Skills and Techniques from Evidence-Based Approaches:**

Somatic Approaches:

Address Physical Symptoms of Trauma Relevance of Polyvagal theory and

- early trauma Assess for readiness to apply somatic
- tools
- Teach body awareness
- Manage unease with "Felt sense"
- exercises
- Resourcing strategies to create a safe space

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### **CBT Coping Skills:**

- Manage Emotions Identify inaccurate trauma-related cognitions Exposure, titration and pendulation to slow emotions Cognitive reframing and reappraisal interventions
- Memory reconstruction techniques

### **EMDR-Based Techniques:**

**Resolve Traumatic Memories** Adaptive Information Processing Theory EMDR vs EFT vs neuromodulation Resourcing strategies Combine memory reprocessing with cognitive restructuring Using "restricted processing" with complex trauma

#### Narrative Therapy Exercises: **Rewrite Traumatic Experiences** Interventions to help clients talk about hotspots

Reclaim identity with the "Tree of life" exercise

Awareness and closure - create life stories

### **Solutions to Trauma Treatment** Roadblocks

How to handle the angry client Strategies for the resistant trauma client Boundary concerns

Dealing with crises, suicidality, substance use

**Reintegration and Post-Traumatic Growth** Better than normal - the neuroscience of

post-traumatic growth The therapeutic alliance as a brain-based

approach

The power of forgiveness in moving forward Meaning making exercises

**Research, Limitations and Potential Risks** 

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### MEGAN HOWARD, LCSW, CSUD, EMDR CIT., has spent her career

studying, researching, and treating trauma related disorders and has a special interest in treating gender issues, specifically men's trauma and the impact and relativity to ongoing substance abuse. Megan has quickly built one of the largest specialty clinics in the state of Idaho. She continues to own and operate this intensive outpatient treatment facility that has remained one of the largest substance abuse and specialized trauma clinics in their state region. Megan works as a consultant in the development of substance abuse facilities in Idaho and the surrounding areas. In addition to her consulting work, she maintains an active schedule of international lectures. She is a member of EMDRIA and the International Society of Addiction Medicine, and received training from the late John Southworth, Ken Seeley, and other leaders in the field.

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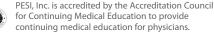
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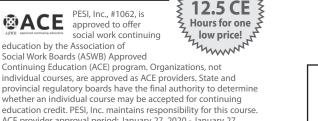
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