### Outline

#### Mindfulness and the Clinician

#### "Know What You Teach" and "Teach What You Know"

Empirical support for improved symptomology and well-being

The latest research on therapists who practice mindfulness

Your mindfulness practice and how you can embody mindfulness

Situations that may contraindicate applying mindfulness in session **Research limitations** 

#### Mindfulness Psychoeducation Approaches: Easy to Use Strategies to Enhance Motivation in Therapy

Mindfulness vocabulary Visuals and metaphors to explain mindfulness Motivate clients with neuroplasticity

#### **Deepen the Therapeutic Relationship:** Build Presence, Trust and Empathetic Connection

with Clients Overcoming barriers Affect regulation techniques for therapist and client Strategies to create empathetic connection Exercises to build clients trust in themselves

#### Teach Mindfulness to Clients:

#### Formal and Informal Mindfulness Practices

Tips for teaching clients about the senses and awareness Strategies to shift from "Automatic Pilot" Skill building interventions to increase responsiveness & reduce reactivity Strategies to cultivate attunement Approaches for deepened experience of mindfulness

Brief and other informal practices How to adapt practices to special populations

#### Group Therapy vs. Individual Sessions

Effectiveness of group vs. individual mindfulness How to set up and conduct a mindfulness group

- Screening for individual goodness of fit
- · Encouraging client buy-in and commitment to practice

Mindfulness interventions specifically designed for groups

#### **Anxiety and Stress:**

#### Mindfulness Interventions to Relax the Body and Mind

Breathing practices that break the rumination cycle Guided visualizations to lower the stress response Movement strategies

Multi-sensory regulation techniques Mindfully reduce the intensity of panic attacks

#### **Mindfulness for Trauma:** Disempower Intrusive Thoughts

Muscle tension releasing - exercises to counter fight or flight Guided meditations to disempower intrusive thoughts

Grounding exercises and sample scripts

### Using Mindfulness in Depression Treatment

Recognize self-criticism and respond with self-love Manage negative self-talk with awareness of thoughts

Meditations to boost well-being

#### Mindfulness for Addictions: Break the Habit Loop

Awareness vs. autopilot -- relapse prevention Mindfulness for triggers Emotional regulation for cravings

#### Mindful Anger: Breathing and Self-Soothing Techniques

Breathe through anger Distraction and grounding techniques Self-soothe with calming words and imagery

#### Mindfulness, Diversity, & Cultural Humility

Adapt mindfulness experiences with cultural sensitivity Assess appropriateness of mindfulness interventions for individuals Negotiate the treatment plan

#### **Mindfully Conquer Compassion Fatigue**

Right here/right now – stay in the moment to reduce anxieties

Effective and healthy ways to manage your emotions Change limiting stories about caring for yourself Release the negative – 3 steps to countering negativity bias

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Debra Premashakti Alvis, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist, developed the Mind/Body Program at the University of Georgia providing clinician training on the integration of mindfulness and contemplative practices into psychotherapy. Her work as a professor at the University of Georgia included the supervision of doctoral students and co-leading a research team investigating mindfulness.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Alvis maintains a private practice and has more than 25 years of clinical experience in treating clients with a variety of conditions by combining mindfulness principles, body-oriented principles and traditional psychotherapeutic approaches. She also has an over 30-year personal contemplative practice.

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