

Outline

Spotting Emotional Immaturity: Teach Clients to Understand Emotional Immaturity
Importance of describing over diagnosing
Projective identification and the Emotionally Immature Relationship System
Characteristics of emotional immaturity and maturity
What relationships feel like with emotionally immature people

How Emotionally Immature Parenting Impacts Your Clients: What You Can Expect When They Come for Therapy
Emotional loneliness and the fear of non-being
Good coping, emotional suffering; polyvagal effects
Self-disconnection and distrust of the inner world
The four horsemen of self-defeat
Loss of emotional autonomy and mental freedom
Healing fantasies, role-self, internalizer vs. externalizer styles

Cognitive and Emotional Techniques: What Works and What Doesn't
Why clients find it so hard to break free from exploitation and emotional neglect
Why CBT and psychodynamic approaches aren't enough
Exercises to help clients express themselves without anxiety
Teach clients to simultaneously disengage and become relationship leaders
How to define and use values as guideposts for the future
Phrasing suggestions, encouraging agency and showing how it's done

End Emotional Takeovers and Coercion: Help Clients Achieve Emotional Autonomy from Emotionally Immature People
The emotionally immature person's "distortion field"
Emotional coercion: how clients can spot and deflect control maneuvers
Communication skills to establish boundaries without guilt
When to sever ties with someone

Release Self-Doubt, Shame, and Fear: Clinical Tools and Interventions to Help Clients Find Their True Selves
Techniques to release clients' feelings of personal "badness"
Interventions to address fears of being selfish and incapable of love
Tuning into energy shifts to track safety, unreliability, and threat in others
Repurpose self-doubt, shame, fear and guilt
Practicing experiencing emotionally intimate connection

Practice Tips for Working with the Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents
Using countertransference effectively
Honoring personal style
Invitation, collaboration and celebration vs. direction and persuasion
How to phrase suggestions
Research and treatment limitations

Live Webinar Schedule
(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. Distinguish between psychopathology and emotional immaturity, and establish how a disease concept model can impede therapeutic progress.
2. Demonstrate practical communication skills that clients can use to protect themselves and redirect interactions with emotionally immature people.
3. Utilize cognitive and emotional techniques to teach clients how they can set boundaries without feeling guilty.
4. Employ interventions that help clients regain self-trust and the ability to identify emotionally immature control maneuvers.
5. Formulate a treatment strategy that teaches clients how to evade attempts to undermine their mental freedom, inner-world connection, sense of goodness, and ability to reach out to others.
6. Apply effective therapy approaches to release clients from emotional coercion and self-doubt in emotionally immature relationships.

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As a therapist, working with these clients can leave you feeling frustrated and ineffective as they make the same self-destructive choices again and again, struggle to set healthy boundaries, find themselves unable to walk away from the role of “rescuer” in toxic relationships, and only say what they think others want to hear – including in therapy.

Lindsay C. Gibson, PsyD is the Amazon #1 Best Selling Author of *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents: How to Heal from Distant, Rejecting or Self-Involved Parents*. As a psychotherapist for over thirty years, her work has been translated into 14 languages and has helped thousands of people reverse their toxic psychological legacy and reclaim their lives.

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- Skillfully guide clients in how they can restructure toxic relationships with parents and others
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- Teach clients to protect themselves from hurtful behaviors without completely severing all ties
- Give clients the courage to set boundaries without feeling guilty

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Meet Your Speaker

Lindsay C. Gibson, PsyD, is the Amazon #1 Best Selling Author of *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents: How to Heal from Distant, Rejecting or Self-Involved Parents* (New Harbinger, 2015.) It has sold over 100,000 copies, been translated into 14 languages, and has helped thousands of people reverse their toxic psychological legacy and reclaim their lives.

Dr. Gibson’s unique contribution to the field was to recognize that the anxiety, obsessions, and depression of her clients were often rooted in distorted beliefs and emotional coercions induced by emotionally immature parents.

A psychotherapist and psychodiagnostician for over 30 years, Dr. Gibson came to realize how prevalent emotional immaturity was in the family members of her clients. Many had parents that were functional people, not extreme on the spectrum of mental health conditions, yet the destructive phenomenon of parental emotional immaturity had devastating consequences for those who grew up in its wake.

Dr. Gibson continues to work as a clinical psychologist in private practice. Her follow-up book *Recovering from Emotionally Immature Parents: Practical Tools to Establish Boundaries and Reclaim Your Emotional Autonomy* was released in 2019 (New Harbinger).

Speaker Disclosure:
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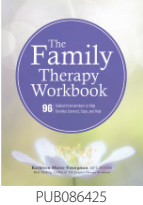
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