Outline

Codependence: Losing Oneself in Others

Conceptualizing codependence as loss of self in someone else

Developmental sources of codependence Codependent behaviors vs. the label Identifying codependence - how codependent clients look in therapy Research, risks and treatment limitations

Intake and Assessment of Clients with **Codependent Behaviors**

Clinical dynamics to notice as you use your standard intake

Using the Holyoake Codependency Index Relationship patterns/themes to look for Establishment of mutuality in treatment work Client goal setting

Case Study: 24 year-old in a serious relationship with a dominating partner

Psychoeducation and Early Sessions: Set the Stage to Shift Clients' Focus from External to Internal

Tools for educating the client about external vs. internal focus

How to avoid becoming the client's external source of direction

Strategies to encourage self-empowerment from the very first session

Addressing clinical challenges and

codependence in self

Case Study: Continue with 24 year-old feeling dominated by partner

Self, Others, and the Relationship: Family of Origin and Parts Work to Help

Clients Face Illusions and See the Realities Influences on self: Individual, family systems, and social/cultural

Parts of self that emerged from family-of-origin experiences

Visual tools to teach relationships between self and other(s)

Gathering your clients' trauma history Case Study: 50 year-old mother of an alcoholic adult son who chronically relapses

Objectives

Somatic and Cognitive Techniques:

Enhance Codependent Clients' Awareness of Body, Mind, Feelings and Thoughts

Mindfulness techniques to increase awareness of body, mind and feelings

Bottom-up grounding tools to notice self in the moment

Cognitive strategies to increase awareness of thoughts

Exercises to help clients be with their feelings in safe, manageable ways

Tools clients can use to intervene on their own behalf

Build Self-Competence in Codependent **Clients:** Strategies to Set Healthy Boundaries, Quiet Guilt, Manage Anxiety and More

Addressing the grief of accepting the realities of

self, others and situation Respond vs. react - present moment awareness to help clients tolerate frustration Mindful breathing techniques for anxiety

management Set healthy boundaries with "I" statements Tools for quieting guilty thoughts

Case Study: Continue with 50 year-old mother of relapsing adult son

Increasing Self-Empowerment and Self-Attunement: Exercises and Practices That

Show Clients They Can Count on Themselves Acceptance exercises that help clients let go of what they cannot control

Show clients how to plan with self in mind Practice acting on goals

Developing daily practices for self-awareness and self-responsiveness Returning to self as a secure base and an

anchor in the storms and delights of life

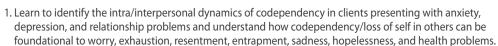
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- 3. Utilize mindfulness techniques to increase codependent clients' awareness of their own feelings.
- 4. Learn more than 15 cognitive strategies to develop and sustain self-recovery, including increased awareness of thoughts, feelings, and behaviors, self-monitoring, skill building, corrections of thoughts, psychoeducation through multiple visual tools and bulleted lists, and the development of daily practices.
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