

# Outline

## Suicide and NSSI

The relationship between suicide and self-injurious behavior  
When clients present with depression, anxiety, trauma  
Confidentiality, documentation, and legal considerations

## Assessment Tools for Adolescents

Formal assessment tools for NSSI

Recency and frequency  
Severity  
Triggers Who's aware  
Suicide risk assessment  
SAFE-T C-SSRS  
Ideation, plan, means, intent  
Level of risk, intervention and when to hospitalize

## Motivational Interviewing Techniques That Engage Young People in Treatment

Tips to quickly establish rapport  
Using the Stages of Change/Motivational Interviewing Model in Treatment  
Overcome therapy interfering behaviors  
When parents are ready for change NOW!

## Adapt DBT for Use with Adolescents

Track suicidal and self-harming urges with diary cards  
Reduce emotional reactivity and improve distress tolerance  
Identifying emotions and triggers  
Mindfulness practices and relaxation techniques  
Reproducible handouts and checklists

# Objectives

1. Employ clinical screening and assessment tools to help you determine which clients present the highest risk for suicide.
2. Apply motivational techniques that engage resistant suicidal and self-harming teens in the therapeutic process.
3. Develop strategies for incorporating schools and peer groups into your treatment plans for suicidal and self-harming clients, and communicate how this multi-systemic approach can improve treatment outcomes.
4. Articulate how alternative coping strategies can be introduced in-session to help self-injuring clients manage triggering situations without engaging in self-harm.
5. Communicate how clinicians can foster support among family members with techniques that promote problem solving and communication, and help young people feel in control and part of the therapeutic process.
6. Utilize therapeutic interventions from Dialectical Behavior Therapy to improve your clients' coping skills and interpersonal effectiveness.

## CBT Interventions to Build Coping Skills and Manage Crisis

"Thought flipping" to maintain positive focus  
Address body image issues  
Create opportunities to build resilience, self-efficacy and self-control  
Handle suicidal crisis - self-soothing and distraction techniques

## Effectively Work with Parents, Peers and Schools

Interpersonal effectiveness skills for adolescents  
Training exercises to convey feelings/read the feelings of others  
Integrate parents into treatment  
Parental behaviors that can do more harm than good  
Means restriction strategies for safe home environments  
Involve schools and peers  
Learn to build "Trusted Adult" support networks  
Peer education approaches that create support  
Minimize the impact of bullying

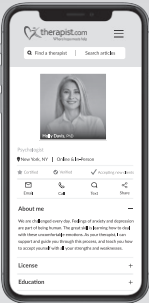
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# Suicide and Self-Harm in Adolescents

Helping young people heal is your greatest reward.

But when treating adolescents with depression, anxiety, and trauma the full extent of their suffering is not always obvious. Many in distress wear a mask of strength while secretly harming themselves or hiding their struggle with thoughts of suicide. **You worry that you could be missing critical signs.**

**This seminar will provide you with** the assessment tools you need to unmask self-harming and suicidal thoughts, adapt interventions from DBT and CBT to work with the distinct challenges of treating suicidal and self-harming adolescents, and manage the specific confidentiality and liability issues that accompany working with minors.

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# Meet Your Speaker

**Tony L. Sheppard, PsyD, CGP, ABPP, AGPA-F**, specializes in treating young people suffering from psychiatric issues including self-harm and suicide. A licensed psychologist and certified group psychotherapist, Tony brings over 15 years of experience working with children, adolescents, and young adults to his clinical practice. In addition to his private practice, Groupworks, he has trained hundreds of clinicians, educators, nurses, and physicians across the country in the treatment of self-harm and suicide, and is the author of a training curriculum in group psychotherapy. Tony’s clinical approach draws from interpersonal neurobiology, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, solution-focused brief therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and positive psychology. His creative and interactive delivery style will draw you into the dire nature of youth suicide and self-harm and have you leaving feeling confident and prepared to handle this most important work.


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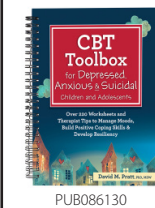
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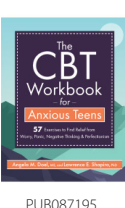
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