### **Outline**

# Motivational Puzzles: Why People Don't Do What's Best for Themselves

Redefine motivation as an interactive state Utilize three components of change Desire for and fear of change in therapy Ambivalence across the stages of change How ambivalence becomes resistance The spirit of MI

#### **Core MI Processes to Cultivate Change**

Engaging: The Relational Foundation

Partnership – the core relationship "Dancing" vs. "wrestling" Avoid the "expert" role Foster client autonomy The core skills of MI

Focusing: The Strategic Decision

Match your agenda to the client's goals & priorities

Help clients develop a direction for change

Guiding vs. directing or following
Help clients find freedom
How to prioritize multiple proception

How to prioritize multiple presenting issues & concerns

**Evoking: Preparation for Change** 

The key ingredient of MI Preparatory vs. mobilizing change talk Elicit importance, confidence & readiness for change

Acceptance & empathy as tools for eliciting change talk
Help clients align values and behavior

Aid clients in leveraging strengths
Build momentum toward change

Planning: Commitment to Change

How and when to plan Information exchange to aid in plan development

The "Dos" and "Don'ts" of giving advice

#### MI Tools for Anxiety: Inspire Clients to Engage in Previously Avoided Behaviors

MI strategies to strengthen collaboration How to challenge "the way I've always done it" thinking

Interventions to break familiar, anxietyinducing patterns

Combine MI with cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)

Case Study: Father referred to parenting edication by school social worker. Feels the school's concerns are overblown

Case Study: Teenager with disturbing family conflict and her recent progress towards her health goals have stalled

## MI & Depression: Boost Your Clients' Resilience, Self-Worth & Self-Efficacy

Overcoming ambivalence in depression Friends & family: Help clients learn to filter well-intentioned advice

Accept, acknowledge, empathize Help clients reframe therapeutic tasks MI & crisis intervention

Case Study: Woman with depression, loss of purpose and disconnected from life

#### Substance Use and Addictive Behaviors: MI Strategies to Catalyze Change and Reach Recovery Goals

What makes life worth living?
Avoid pushback: Emphasizing choice
Substance use
Other addictive/compulsive behaviors

Using MI in conjunction with the 12 steps

Case Study: Lifelong smoker who has tried
quitting for years

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Scope of practice Ethical considerations

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**Christopher C. Wagner, PhD,** licensed clinical psychologist, has offered hundreds of Motivational Interviewing (MI) trainings in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia/Oceania. In addition to focusing on clinical and theoretical advances in MI, he has also developed group applications of MI and is an author of the official Guilford series book entitled Motivational Interviewing in Groups, co-written with long-time

colleague Karen Ingersoll. Dr. Wagner has been practicing MI for over 20 years, and has served in leadership positions, including the board of directors, of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT)—the leading international organization of trainers in motivational interviewing representing 40 countries across the globe.

Dr. Wagner's experience spans across individuals with a variety of health, mental health, addiction, and employment challenges throughout outpatient, inpatient, residential, and corrections settings. He serves as an associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth University where he has focused his scholarship on expanding MI theory and practice. Dr. Wagner's trainings are highly engaging and specialized on helping participants incorporate MI skills and strategies into their current styles of practice.

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