

Calming The Emotional Storm: DBT Emotion Regulation Skills

Over 75% of mental illnesses described in the DSM are related to emotion dysregulation – the inability to manage emotions effectively. Given that Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) was initially created to treat Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), of which emotion dysregulation is a primary problem, it only makes sense that DBT would be effective in treating other disorders, and research in recent years is supporting this.

This seminar will provide an overview of the DBT Emotion Regulation skills. Participants will learn about these skills, including briefly reviewing the biosocial theory and how this contributes to problems managing emotions. Many of the emotion regulation skills will be introduced and participants, and there will be discussion regarding how to use these skills with clients with a variety of diagnoses.

Target Audience

Psychologists Social Workers Counselors
Therapists Psychiatrists Nurses

Course level: Intermediate

Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the role of mindfulness in emotion regulation
2. State the importance of naming and validating emotions
3. Define opposite to Emotion Action
4. Describe nonjudgmental Stance
5. Define accumulating positives

Seminar Schedule

Typically begins at 2:00 PM and ends at 3:30 PM Eastern time. However, check the webinar schedule.

Outline

Biosocial theory
The invalidating environment
Mindfulness in emotion regulation
Nonjudgmental stance
Understanding and naming emotions
Opposite to emotion action
Emotion regulation skills
Cope ahead

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The Presenter

Sheri is a registered Social Worker who has been working in the mental health field since 2000, both at a community hospital outpatient clinic and now in her full-time private practice. Sheri works with clients aged 16 and older who are experiencing severe mental health problems; she has had extensive training in mindfulness and dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) and has been running DBT-informed groups since 2004.

Sheri is the author of nine DBT books for both adults and teens, the focus of which is to teach clients how to use DBT skills to help them live emotionally healthier lives. She has also written DBT Made Simple, the aim of which was to make DBT more accessible to therapists working with diagnoses other than borderline personality disorder; and she has been presenting extensively in Canada and abroad with this goal as well. Sheri is the winner of the R.O. Jones award for her research on using DBT skills with bipolar disorder, presented at the Canadian Psychiatric Association Conference in September, 2010.

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