Practical Strategies for the Treatment of Trauma: A Clinician’s Toolkit

In this seminar, Dr. Hartman-Hall reviews empirically validated treatments for PTSD and trauma symptoms. Practical strategies are presented for managing clinical challenges including self-injury and dissociation. Ideas for addressing sleep disturbance and chronic pain will be discussed. Clinician self-care and managing vicarious traumatization is also a focus. This seminar provides tools developed from clinical experience and the research literature that you can start using right away to help your clients who are struggling with trauma symptoms.

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:
1. Describe how current symptoms may reflect adaptations to traumatic experiences
2. Identify major components of empirically-validated treatments for PTSD
3. Explain the importance of cultural sensitivity in treatments to traumatic experiences
4. Identify strategies for helping clients manage co-morbid treatments for PTSD
5. Recognize vicarious traumatization and the importance of clinician self-care

Outline

Begin 10 AM ET

Fight or Flight response
Cultural factors PTSD
Diagnosing trauma disorders
Treatment planning
Empirically validated treatments for PTSD

Break 11:30-11:45 AM ET

Stage model for complex trauma
Strategies for safety
Dissociation
Managing sleep and pain symptoms
Vicarious trauma and therapist self-care
End 1:15 PM ET

Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:
1. Describe how current symptoms may reflect adaptations to traumatic experiences
2. Identify major components of empirically-validated treatments for PTSD
3. Explain the importance of cultural sensitivity in trauma work
4. Identify strategies for helping clients manage co-morbid symptoms including self-injurious and suicidal behaviors, sleep disturbance, and pain
5. Recognize vicarious traumatization and the importance of clinician self-care

Target Audience

Psychologists
Social Workers
Therapists
Counselors
Psychiatrists
Nurses

Course level: Intermediate

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The Presenter

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