Outline

Neuroscience of Childhood Trauma Trauma Theory

Fight-or-Flight (parasympathetic / sympathetic nervous system) Attachment Theory

Assessment

Complex Trauma

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Reactive Attachment Disorder

Developmental Trauma Disorder

A new conceptualization and integrated clinical framework

Essential Components for Trauma-Informed **Treatments**

Establishing safety and a sense of competence/worth

Appropriate attachments & relational engagement

Self-regulation (body & emotions)

Self-reflection & Introspection

Integration of traumatic experiences (acknowledgment & processing of the trauma)

Future safety ~ transitioning beyond the Trauma

Body Based Treatment – Emotional and Behavioral Regulation

Verbal vs nonverbal responses - how to recognize trauma without verbal report

Bottom-up versus top-down processing – trauma starts in the body

Developmental needs of traumatized children

Embodied play & sensory integration – emotional and behavioral regulation

Incorporating Play Therapy into Proven Evidence-based Treatments

Components that "fit" the child's specific needs

TF-CBT- Trauma focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

EMDR – Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing

CPP – Child Parent Psychotherapy

ARC – Attachment, Regulation, and Competency

TARGET - Trauma Adaptive **Recovery Group Education** Therapy

Play Therapy Principles

Therapist establishes a friendly relationship

Accepts the child as he is

Creates a permissive relationship; child has freedom of expression

Validates (acknowledge and reflect) child's feelings

Responsibility for decisions and change is left mostly to the child

Child directs the therapeutic process; therapist follows

Therapeutic interaction is not rushed

Limits are set only when necessary for child's outcomes

Advancing Trauma Treatment with Play Therapy

Non-verbal techniques Sensory-based techniques

Culturally and developmentally appropriate techniques

Play Therapy Strategies and Techniques

Integration of traumatic experiences to acknowledge and process the trauma: Sandtrays, drawings, & play

Target shame, self-doubt, and selfcompassion: Sandtray Safeplace & All About Me

Build an understanding of the brainbody relationship: Flip your lid and Charades

Target indiscriminate attachments and interpersonal reactivity: Invisible String & Family Sandtray

Improve emotional and bodily regulation: Stressballs, Be Spaghetti, Feelings Map, Trashballs, Yoga, and Weather Massage

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Objectives

- Articulate how to help children with complex trauma histories restore their capacity for playfulness and co-regulation.
- 2. Evaluate the fight-or-flight response in children, and learn playful ways to teach children about the brain-body relationship
- 3. Communicate the neurophysiological theory behind developmental trauma and attachment.
- Contrast diagnostic challenges within this population, and ascertain symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder which can be decreased through embodied play therapy strategies.
- Combine embodied play therapy interventions with evidence-based treatment models for improving emotional and behavioral regulation.
- Pair the core components found within the leading evidence-based trauma treatments (TF-CBT, EMDR, CPP, ARC, TARGET) with play therapy techniques to improve relational engagement.
- Evaluate which trauma informed treatment components "fit" with specific needs of children who have experienced developmental trauma.
- Determine how core components of childcentered play therapy align with best practices for treating childhood trauma.
- 9. Help children heal from trauma through play therapy and evidence-based cognitive
- 10. Implement play therapy techniques that are consistent with the core components of trauma-informed treatment.
- 11. Develop a treatment plan for introducing play therapy to clients and families in an engaging, fun manner.
- 12. Integrate culturally attuned play therapy strategies into trauma work with children and families.

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Speaker

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She and has received specialized training in Trauma Sensitive Yoga (TC-TSY), Attachment, Regulation and Competency (ARC), Sensory Motor Arousal Regulation Therapy (SMART), Theraplay, and Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT-A). She is certified in Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), and is an EMDR (Level II) clinician working towards becoming an EMDRIA-approved consultant. Additionally, she is an infant and early childhood mental health consultant.

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