## **Outline**

#### Why Not Medication?

- Useful as a short-term tool
- Concerns with long-term use: Effects on the brain

#### ADHD and the "Immature" Brain

- Brain imaging evidence of ADHD
- Research regarding ADHD brain development
- Frontal lobes mature more slowly in the ADHD brain
- Excess theta brainwaves
- Implications for treatment

#### **Movement-Based Strategies**

- Wake up an underaroused ADHD brain
- Hyperactivity as an adaptive mechanism
- The impact of play and exercise on the brain
- Role of rhythm and timing training
- Integrated movement systems for ADHD

#### Frontal Lobe/Working Memory Strategic **Tools**

- Use it or lose it: Increase memory. attention and focus
- Games for impulse control and working memory
- Computerized cognitive training programs
- Meditation and mindfulness for ADHD
- Neurofeedback

#### **Diet and Nutrition**

- The impact of sugars, fats, proteins and
- Diet and dopamine

Objectives.

and treatment planning.

- Omega 3-6-9: What you need to know for brain health
- Multivitamins/minerals: Do they make a difference?
- Gluten, food additives and pesticides

#### **ADHD and Nervous System** Overstimulation

- "Overaroused" subtype of ADHD
- Stress, anxiety and ADHD: the connection
- Breathwork and movement for nervous system calming
- · Heart rate variability biofeedback
- Art therapy techniques to guiet and focus the brain

#### **Environmental Influences**

- · Video games and Social Media
- Sleep deprivation
- Same symptoms as ADHD
- · Strategies to help insomnia
- · Environmental toxins: lead, phthalates, pollution
- The impact of time in nature on ADHD symptoms

#### Limitations of the Research and **Potential Risks**

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### 5. Develop clinical strategies to calm the nervous system of clients diagnosed with ADHD.

6. Consider the clinical implications of environmental influences on ADHD symptoms in clients.

1. Articulate the relationship between the frontal lobe of the brain and ADHD

2. Determine the impact of movement and exercise on the reduction of ADHD symptoms

3. Implement treatment interventions for improving impulse control and working memory

4. Analyze the influence of diet and nutrition on ADHD symptoms in relation to assessment

symptomology for the purpose of client psychoeducation.

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## Speaker -

**David Nowell, Ph.D.,** is a clinical neuropsychologist in private practice in Northborough, Massachusetts. He offers consultations to patients on an inpatient rehabilitation unit and is an adjunct instructor in neuropsychology to graduate students in the Clark University psychology program. He serves as a physician advisor with the University of Massachusetts Medical School Disability Evaluation Service where he was the former clinical director of the Learning Disability Assessment Program. Dr. Nowell writes a popular blog at Psychology Today on motivation and time management, and speaks internationally to clinicians on such topics as executive functioning, non-medication management of ADHD, and applying findings from Positive Psychology.

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