# **Outline**

## Anxiety Spirals, Panic and Early Cue Problem Solving Detection

Examples of Worry Spirals and Panic Spirals The Empirical Evidence 3 Benefits of Catching Anxiety Early Reminders for Catching Anxiety Early

### Mindfulness

Move Toward Relaxation vs. Away From Anxiety Process vs. Command Present Focus – Mindfulness as a Relaxation Tool Acceptance Observation of Thoughts and Emotion Labeling of Thoughts and Emotions Observation and Labeling Game

#### Self-Controlled Desensitization (SCD) Quick Alternatives to PMR

Rationale for SCD Formal SCD In-Session SCD Active Relaxation

#### **Cognitive Therapy**

An Alternative Way to do Cognitive Therapy – B3s Find Alternative Thoughts The Role of "Shoulds" and "Need To's" Change to "Want To's" The Humor of Worry Deal with Superstitious Worry Limitations of research and CBT Interventions

#### **Target Audience:**

Counselors • Social Workers • Psychologists Case Managers • Addiction Counselors Therapists • Marriage & Family Therapists Nurses • Occupational Therapists Occupational Therapy Assistants Speech-Language Pathologists Other Mental Health Professionals

# **Objectives**

- 1. Articulate components of the "anxiety spiral" and utilize several evidence-based strategies (including self-controlled desensitization) to prevent exacerbation of symptoms.
- 5. Examine the clinical presentation of panic, 2. Specify five potential anxiety treatment pitfalls and learn evidence-based approaches to avoid or correct them.
- 3. Implement four mindfulness strategies for treating anxiety symptoms in a clinical setting. 6.

Worry Prevents Problem Solving-Evidence 4 Ways to Do Problem Solving

## **OCD-Like Symptoms in Panic and** Worry

Dangers of a Poor Assessment Stop Encouraging Avoidance and Escape Assess for Negative Reinforcement **Remove Crutches** Traditional Exposure Interoceptive Exposure for Panic Finding and Flooding "The Real Worry" Risks Associated with Treatment of Panic Related Research Limitations

## Reduce Tension and Increase Energy

**Problems That are Often Treatment** 

**Resistant and How to Approach** 

Hypochondriasis and Fear of Untimely

Catastrophizing/Intolerance of

Live Seminar Schedule:

8:00 Program begins

4:00 Program ends

for treatment of anxiety.

reinforcement

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon).

Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker.

Evaluate the inverse relationship between worry

worry and fear of guilt and how they compare

strategies to stop these cycles of negative

Develop clinical skills to address treatment-

resistant issues, including perfectionism,

catastrophizing/intolerance of uncertainty.

to Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder; learn clinical

subjugation, procrastination, hypochondriasis, and

and problem solving, and identify its implications

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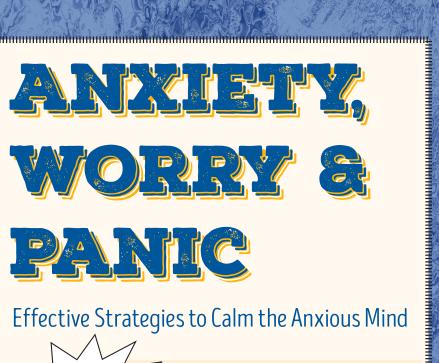


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Her first book Active Relaxation has received outstanding reviews from mental health care professionals and anxious readers alike. Her second book, Treatment Resistant Anxiety, Worry, and Panic, has received praise from top experts in anxiety management.

Dr. Abel has published many articles in professional journals and wrote a pamphlet about GAD for ABCT. She has been quoted by several popular magazines (e.g., Health, Prevention, Glamour) for her expertise in Worry. Dr. Abel presents to the public (e.g., Working Women's Survival Show), as well as professionals (e.g. Australian Psychological Society; Anxiety Disorders Association of America).

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