

Commonly used Trauma Treatments

- Using rituals with trauma
- Critical incident stress management
- EMDR
- Cognitive behavioral ideas
- Emotion focus treatment
- Guided imagery and relaxation
- Narrative therapy
- Art therapy

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Using Rituals with Trauma

When words are
inadequate,
create a ritual.

Allen Wolfelt



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Using Rituals with Trauma

- ❑ Rituals mark that something has happened
- ❑ Rituals speak to all grievors
- ❑ Rituals honor a person's level of participation
- ❑ Rituals are centered in the present
- ❑ Rituals have a sequence therefore a safety



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Using Rituals with Trauma

- The act of **DOING** is more important than what is done
- The story guides the ritual
- Rituals create a sacred space to honor, acknowledge, process



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Using Rituals with Trauma

- ❖ **Rituals help with the effects of trauma**
 - less powerless, victimized**
 - less out of control**
- ❖ **Connects people**
- ❖ **Helps to reconstruct memory, process meaning**
- ❖ **Helps to incorporate the experience**
- ❖ **Active Coping mechanism**



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Critical Incident Stress Management

Mitchell Model

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, ICISF

NOVA

National Organization for Victim Assistance

MSDM

Red Cross Multiple Stressor Debriefing Model

NSTP

Salvation Army National Disaster Training Program

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Critical Incident Stress Management

- Traumatic event is a *critical incident*
- Taxes previous means of coping
- Beyond the norm, abnormal circumstances
- Numerous secondary traumatic stresses
- If not processed then PTSD



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Critical Incident Stress Management

Goals of Interventions

**Relief of secondary traumatic stress (STS)
and**

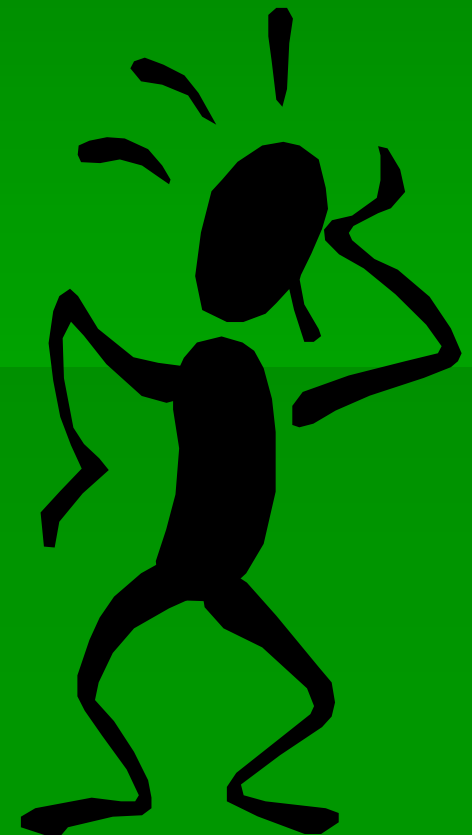
Integration of the critical incident

Stages

Stabilize

Adjust

Adapt



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Critical Incident Stress Management

Seven Phases of the Mitchell Model

- ❖ Introduction Phase
- ❖ Fact Phase
- ❖ Thought Phase
- ❖ Reaction Phase
- ❖ Symptom Phase
- ❖ Teaching Phase
- ❖ Reentry Phase



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Critical Incident Stress Management

Objections to critical incident interventions

- Mandatory or compulsory
- One size fits all
- Re-traumatizing

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EMDR

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing



Developed by
Francine Shapiro, PhD
1989



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EMDR

Method of bilateral stimulation of the brain through eye movements, ring tones, or tapping back and forth



Thought to help person unlock implicit memories therefore being able to process them



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EMDR

- EMDR involves recalling stressful past events and “re-programming” the memory
- The “story” or “belief” one has told themselves about the trauma is retold in a positive, self-chosen belief
- It is thought that using rapid eye movements relieves the anxiety associated with the trauma therefore the original event can be examined from a more detached perspective, allowing the person to see the material in a new and less distressing way
- A type of “cognitive reorganizing” takes place, allowing the negative, painful emotions to give way to a more resolved, empowered feeling

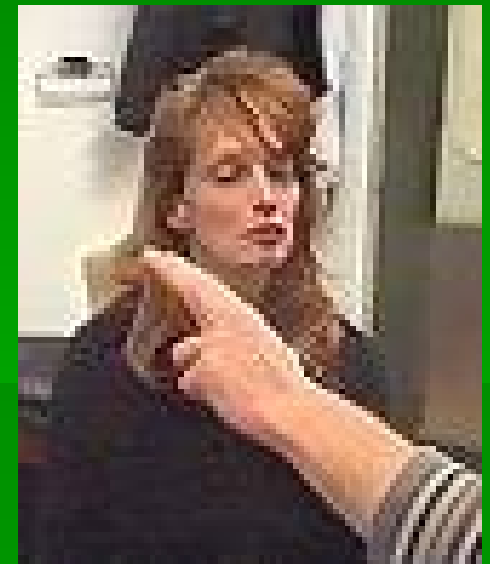


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EMDR

Steps of EMDR

1. History and treatment planning
2. Preparation
3. Assessment
4. (& 5) Reprocessing,
Desensitization and Installation
6. Body Scan
7. Closure
8. Reevaluation



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Objections to EMDR

- Lack of research
- Relatively new therapy so not sure of long term effects

