BEYOND ANGER AND VIOLENCE: A PROGRAM FOR WOMEN

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TODAY'S TRAINING

- Training is focused on Beyond Violence (BV) and Beyond Anger and Violence (BAV) for the Covington Curriculum Conference.
- BV and BAV are manualized curriculums with facilitator guides (includes DVD) and workbooks.
- Purchasing materials is not required for the training
- As a result of this training you will have some exercises and tools you can use with clients.

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SELF-CARE

- Trauma-informed training
- Experiential
- · Balance vulnerability with safety

SAFETY PLAN

Six things you can do

Breathing

Safe place in your imagination

Placing a call

Counting backwards

Massaging one's hands

Prayer, meditation

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INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- · Work position
- What facility and population do you work with?
- What motivates you in this work?
- What questions do you have about women and violence?

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BEYOND VIOLENCE

- Facilitator guide
- Participant workbook
- Video (DVD): What I Want My Words To Do To You

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BEYOND VIOLENCE

- Four parts (modules)
 - Self, Relationships, Community, Society
- Twenty sessions
- Two hours in length each
- Eight to twelve participants
- Closed group format

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BEYOND ANGER AND VIOLENCE

- Facilitator's guide
- Participant's workbook
- DVD What I Want My Words To Do To You

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BEYOND ANGER AND VIOLENCE FACILITATOR GUIDE (CONTENTS)

- Twenty-one sessions total
 - Orientation session
 - Twenty sessions lesson plans
- Appendices
- Yoga poses
- Extra handouts
- Guide to gender-responsive materials

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BEYOND VIOLENCE/ BEYOND ANGER AND VIOLENCE

- The role of anger expression of anger with acts of aggression
- Participants' experiences of anger and aggression from others

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WOMEN AND ANGER (CONT.) • Aggression is a behavior. • Hostility is an attitude. • Anger is an emotion. 13 13

SOCIALIZED GENDER DIFFERENCES FOR **ANGER** Who can express anger safely? Consequences? Reactions and responses? 14 © S. Covington, 2023

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WOMEN AND ANGER (CONT.)

- Feelings of powerlessness
- Mental health
- History of trauma
- Substance misuse
- Disordered eating
- Aggressive behavior
- Relationship pain

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MOMEN AND ANGER Anger Risk Inward Depression Towards Self Self Harm, Suicide Outward Escalate to Aggression and/or Violence

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THEORETICAL FOUNDATION

- The Social-Ecological Model
- Relational-Cultural Theory
- Empowerment Theory
- Trauma Theory
- Addiction Theory
 - The Holistic Health Model of Addiction
- Best Practices for Prevention Programs

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CRITICAL AND INTERRELATED ISSUES • Addiction • Mental Health • Trauma • Physical Health • Violence PREVALENCE OF TRAUMA AND PTSD WITH SUBSTANCE MISUSE • 75% to 90% of a treatment-seeking sample of people with substance misuse concerns

(Hughes, McCabe, Wilsnack, West, & Boyd, 2010)

their lifetime

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HISTORIES OF TRAUMA / VIOLENCE AMONG CLIENTS TREATED FOR METHAMPHETAMINE

also have a history of victimization
More than 60% of women seeking treatment for substance misuse report experiencing physical/sexual abuse during

Persons in treatment for methamphetamine report high rates of trauma

- 85% women
- 69% men

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HISTORIES OF TRAUMA / VIOLENCE AMONG CLIENTS TREATED FOR **METHAMPHETAMINE** Most common source of trauma/violence: • For women, was a partner (80%) • For men, was a stranger (43%) History of sexual abuse • 57% women • 16% men 22 22 SEXUAL ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH Women who have histories of sexual assault commonly experience multiple factors: • 65% experience PTSD • 51% experience depression • 82% develop anxiety • 49% become dependent on alcohol • 61% use illicit substances • 44% experience thoughts of suicide • 19% attempt suicide (Campbell, Dworkin, and Cabral 2009) 23 © S. Covington, 2023 23 **DIFFERENCES IN RISK** • 1 in 4 women and 1 in 8 men experience psychological abuse from a partner • 38% of female homicides are committed by male partner; 6% of male homicides are female partner • 1 in 5 women will be raped in their lifetime compared to 1 in 71 men

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(Brieding, Chen & Black, 2014; World Heath Organization, United Nations Development Programe, and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 2014; Black, Basile, Breiding, Smith, Walters, Merrick, Chen & Stevens, 2011)

PATHWAYS THEORY

- A focus on women's voices & women's lives
- Examines the specific life course events that place women at risk of use of violence
- Combines concepts of social context & personal choice/agency
- Investigating the links between use of violence and
 - Childhood & adult events
 - Trauma & substance abuse

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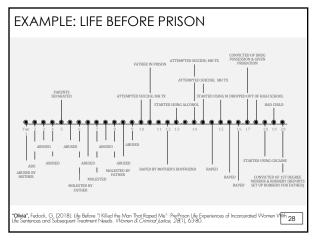
PATHWAYS PERSPECTIVE

- Women's use of violence embedded in the conditions of their lives
- Examines the specific life course events that place women at risk for use of violence
- Triple jeopardy: The impact of race, class & gender (Bloom)
- Multiple marginality: From families, school, work (Owen et al., 2017)
- Trauma & addiction (Covington)

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WOMEN, INCARCERATION, AND VIOLENCE

- Women comprise 7% of the state prison population in the US
- 45% of incarcerated women serving time for a violent offense
- Violence occurred in relationship (e.g., against intimate partner, with a romantic partner)

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WOMEN, INCARCERATION, AND VIOLENCE

- 58% parents of minor-age children
- 26% homeless in year prior to incarceration
- 53% jobless in the month prior
- 76% mental health concern; 58% substance use concern

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WOMEN WITH VIOLENT VS. NON-VIOLENT OFFENSES

- Higher rates of childhood abuse
- More likely had parents with mental health issues
- More substance abuse (e.g., start early, polysubstance use)
- Introduced to crime by male partners
- Primarily one-time violent convictions

Kubiak, S. P., Kim, W. J., Fedock, G., & Bybee, D. (2013). Differences among incarcerated women with assaultiv offenses: Isolated versus patterned use of violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 28(12), 2462-2490.

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BEYOND ANGER AND VIOLENCE GOALS:

- To provide an opportunity to reflect and learn more about themselves.
- To provide information to help better understand the relationships between thoughts, feelings, and behaviors.
- To help understand the effects of families, relationships, and community and the larger society on their lives

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BEYOND ANGER AND VIOLENCE GOALS (CONT.):

- To help understand more about the roles of anger and violence in their lives.
- To provide an opportunity to learn new skills, including communication, conflict resolution, decision making, and calming or self-soothing techniques.
- To become a group of women working to create a less violent world.

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RESEARCH ON BEYOND VIOLENCE (MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS) Pilot groups of Beyond Violence on a Phase 1: Residential Therapeutic Unit Phase 2: Randomized Control Trial in general population comparing Beyond Violence and treatment-as-usual (Assaultive Offender Programming) Phase 3: Beyond Violence with women with life sentences Examined long-term outcomes after Phase 4: release from prison 34

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RESEARCH ON BEYOND VIOLENCE (MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS)

- Women who participated in Beyond Violence showed:
 - Reduction of depression, anxiety, PTSD, and serious mental illness symptoms
 - Reduction of unhealthy anger styles
 - Increase in healthy anger management
- Beyond Violence can be implemented
 - In a therapeutic unit and general population
 - With women preparing to re-enter the community and women with long-term sentences

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BEYOND VIOLENCE ONE YEAR POST RESEARCH

- Less recidivism
- Less relapse

	Arrest within the First Year	Positive Drug Screen
Beyond Violence Program	15%	25%
TAU (Assaultive Offender Program)	47%	47%

(Dr. Sheryl Kubia, MDOC Research Results 2015)

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Pilot Project on Beyond Violence
(California Department of Corrections
and Rehabilitation – CDCR)

Phase 1: Training staff and peer educators

Phase 2: Peer educators participate in
Beyond Violence

Phase 3: Peer educators co-facilitate
Beyond Violence with four specific
groups

(Dr. Nena Messina, UCLA)

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2014 CDCR PILOT STUDY

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PTSD Change over time	Positive at Admission to BV		McNemar's Chi Square
Peer Educators	55.2%	18.5%	8.33**
Other Participants	72.1%	42.3%	7.35*

(Nena Messina (2014). Beyond violence, final report, CDCR cooperative agreement no. 5600004087.)

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2014 CDCR PILOT STUDY (CONT.)

Summary of Findings

- Implementing Beyond Violence showed significantly positive outcomes:
 - Reductions in PTSD
 - Reductions in anxiety
 - Reductions in anger and aggression
 - Reductions in symptoms of serious mental illness
- Beyond Violence was successfully implemented in a prison setting and was successfully facilitated by the Peer Educators (reducing costs).
- Although the sample size is small, positive results were found for previously identified difficult populations to treat

(Nena Messina (2014). Beyond violence, final report, CDCR cooperative agreement no. 5600004087.)

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RESEARCH: PEER FACILITATORS 20-25 peer facilitators for 240 women per year Randomized control trial Significant findings: Women in BV had · Lower levels of depression, anxiety, and **PTSD** • Lower levels of anger and aggression (including physical aggression) • Lower levels of emotional dysregulation 40 40 **BACKGROUND INFORMATION** • The Therapeutic Environment • Prior to the Session · Grounding and Self-soothing Interruptions Participant Workbooks • Art Supplies Use of the DVD · Knowing the Women in the Group Co-Facilitating Tips on Conducting a Group Session Adjusting Timing Yoga Poses and the Mind-Body Connection 41 © S. Covington, 2023 41 FORMAT OF SESSIONS · Quiet Time • Relaxation/Self-soothing • Review of Assignment • Short Lecture on Topic Areas • Exercises, Focus Questions • Between Sessions Activities • Relaxation/Self-soothing 42

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~ Bass & Davis	
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Creating a Container	
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INTRODUCTIONS

- Name
- When and Where You Were Born
- How I Identify Myself
- People in My Family
- One Thing I Like About Myself

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CONTENT AREAS

- How our thoughts and feelings affect our behavior
- How to better manage feelings, especially the powerful and painful ones
- The impacts of families & relationships on our lives
- Abusive and healthy relationships

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CONTENT AREAS (CONT.)

- The role of anger in women's lives
- The effects of our communities on our lives, including support for violence in communities
- Making amends and restitution
- Envisioning a more peaceful world

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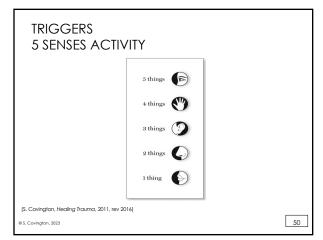
GROUP AGREEMENTS

- Attendance
- Confidentiality
- Safety
- Feelings
- Participation
- Using "I" Statements
- Showing Respect

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WE LIVE IN A VIOLENT WORLD

- Children from violent homes have a higher tendency to commit suicide, abuse drugs and/or alcohol, and commit violence against their own partners or children
- Three-to-ten million children are exposed to or witness domestic violence each year
- A woman is battered every fifteen-toeighteen seconds

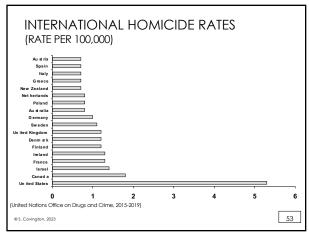
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BREATHING AND EXHALING

- Breath in nose
- Breath out mouth

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DEFINITION OF VIOLENCE

One definition of violence is "the intentional use of physical force or power – threatened or actual – against oneself, another person, or a group or community, that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, inhibited development, or deprivation."

(World Health Organization, 2004)

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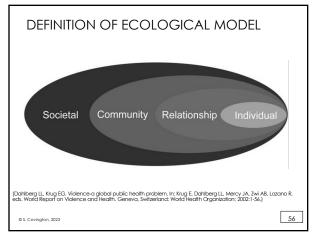
VIOLENCE INFLICTED IN FOUR WAYS

- Physical
- Sexual
- Psychological attack
- Deprivation

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RISK FACTORS Individual: Age, education, income, substance misuse, and history of abuse Relationship: Whoever someone is closest to Community: Where & who we spend our time with Larger Society: Racist, sexist, classist, and homophobic ideas & practices

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Although the world is full of suffering,	
it is also full of the overcoming of it.	
~ Helen Keller	
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Session	2	Feeling Our Feelings
Session	3	Violence and Trauma in Our Lives
Session	4	The Effects of Trauma
Session	5	Women and Anger
Session	6	Tools for Managing Anger
Session	7	Understanding Ourselves
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SESSION ONE

Thinking Our Thoughts

Goals:

- To examine typical habits in thinking
- To understand how our thoughts influence our feelings and behaviors

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EACH SESSIONS OPENS:

- Self-Soothing Activity
- Thinking About the Last Session
- Review of Assignment
- Session Goals

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Session One

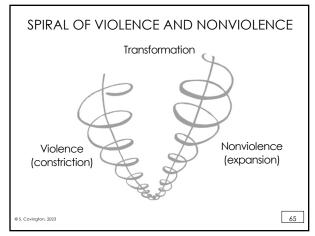
5 ACTIVITIES

- Thinking, Feeling, and Substance Use
- My Typical Distorted Thinking
- Feelings Inside and Outside
- DVD of What I Want My Words To Do To You
- Understanding Keila and Understanding Me

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ACTIVITY:	
My Typical Distorted Thinking	
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AUTOMATIC THOUGHTS COGNITIVE DISTORTIONS

- Over-generalizing
- All-or-Nothing Thinking
- Mental Filtering
- Disqualifying the Positive
- Personalizing
- · Mind Reading

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AUTOMATIC THOUGHTS COGNITIVE DISTORTIONS

- Magnifying or Minimizing
- Jumping to Conclusions
- Fortune Telling
- Emotional Reasoning
- Using "Should" and "Must" Statements
- Labeling and Mislabeling

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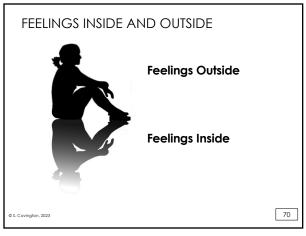
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DISTORTED THINKING (EXAMPLE)

Situation	Thoughts	Feelings	Behavior
What was the event?	What were your thoughts?	How did you feel?	What did you do?
A relationship ended.	No one will ever love me again. (All-or-nothing thinking)	Sad, lonely.	Isolated myself so I didn't meet anyone new.

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DVD:
What I Want My Words To Do To You

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- Events
- Thinking
- Feeling
- Behavior
- Have a "container"?

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Session Two

5 ACTIVITIES

- Identifying Feelings
- Beliefs About Feelings
- Intensity of Feelings
- Feelings and the Body
- Observer Self

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FEELING CHART

	Love
	Fear
	Warmth
	Worry
	Sadness
	Caring

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FEELING CHART (CONT.)

Child	Teenager	Now	Feelings
			Grief
			Confusion
			Anger
			Rage
			Hurt
			Embarrassment

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	FEELING CHART (CONI.)				
	Child	Teenager	Now	Feelings	
				Jealousy	
				Hatred	
				Shame	
				Happiness	
				Shyness	
				Excitement	
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FEELING CHART (CONT.)				
Child	Teenager	Now	Feelings	
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			Sympathy	
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			Distrust	
			Relief	
			Patience	
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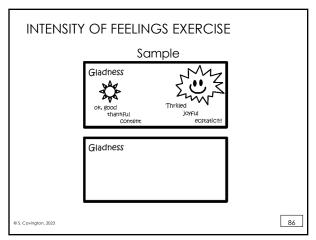
Child Teenager Now Feelings				
			Caution	
			Discouragement	
			Frustration	
			Safety	
			Freeness	
			Courage	
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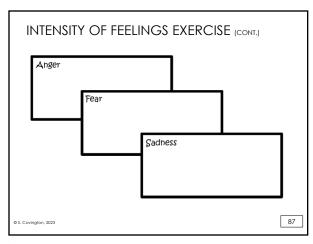
FEELING CHART (CONT.)				
Child	Teenager	Now	Feelings	
			Surprise	
			Disgust	
			Joy	
			Price	
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There is a right way to feel in every situation.	
If I deny or bury this feeling, it will go away.	
Letting others know that I am feeling bad is weakness.	
Negative feelings are bad and destructive.	
Letting others know what I feel is useless.	
If other people know how I feel, they won't like me.	
Being emotional means being out of control.	1
Emotions can just happen for no reason.	
Some emotions are really stupid.	٦

All painful emotions are the results of a bad attitude.	
If others don't approve of my feelings, I obviously shouldn't feel the way I do.	
Other people are the best judges of how I am feeling.	
Painful emotions are not really important and should be ignored.	
Letting others know how I feel is risky.	
If I feel too good, something bad will happen.	

Intensity of Feelings	HIGH	MEDIUM	MILD
ANGRY	Irate	Mad	Uptight
	Furious	Upset	Irritated
	Enraged	Agitated	Annoyed
	Seething	Disgusted	Frustrated
AFRAID	Panicky	Scared	Unsure
	Petrified	Fearful	Uneasy
	Terrified	Frightened	Worried
	Horrified	Threatened	Apprehensive
GUILTY	Mortified	Regretful	Awkward
	Sorrowful	Ashamed	Unworthy
	Worthless	Remorseful	Embarrassed
	Repentant	Apologetic	Sorry





FIVE STEPS TO EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

- Become aware of how you are feeling. Tune in to yourself.
- 2. Try to locate the feeling in your body. Where are you experiencing the sensations?
- 3. Name the feeling, label it.
- 4. Express the feeling (to yourself or to someone else).
- 5. Learn to contain the feeling.

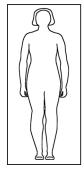
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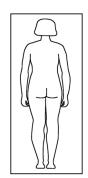
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FEELINGS AND BODY





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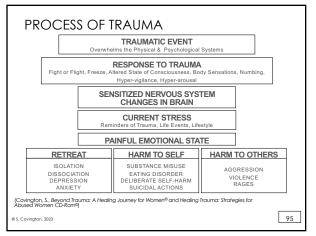
WHEN FEELINGS THREATEN TO OVERWHELM YOU

- 1. Slow down or even stop what you are doing.
- 2. Ask yourself, "What am I feeling?". Try to name the feeling.
- 3. Ask yourself, "Does the strength or intensity of the feeling match the situation?
- 4. Then ask yourself, "How old do I feel I am as I have this feeling? Is my inner child having this feeling?"

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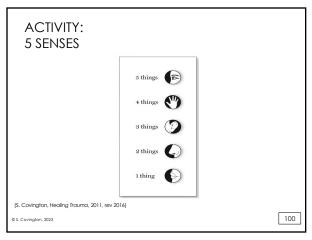
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Violence and Trauma in Our Lives	
Goals:	
To review the definition of violence	
To understand the process of trauma	
To understand the value of self-calming	
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TYPES OF ABUSE • Emotional • Physical • Sexual



DEFINITION OF TRIGGER A "trigger" is something that sets off an action, process, or series of events. "Activator"

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CALMING STRATEGIE	S			
 Reading a book Listening to music Dancing Pacing Hugging a stuffed animal or toy Taking a shower Taking a bubble bath 	 Doing a craft or creative activity Calling friends or relatives Talking to friends Going for a walk in a garden or park Exercising Doing yoga 			
Deep breathingColoring	Watching televisionEating			
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Two Calming Activities				
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ACTIVITY:				
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DISCUSSION:
Keila's Options

SESSION FOUR

The Effects of Trauma

Goals:

- To increase our understanding of the effects of trauma on physical health
- To increase our understanding of the effects of trauma on mental health

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Session Four

2 ACTIVITIES

- Adverse Childhood Experiences Survey
- Triggers and the Body
- Optional: Yoga

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ACE STUDY (ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES)

Before age 18:

- 1. Recurrent and severe emotional abuse
- 2. Recurrent and severe physical abuse
- 3. Contact sexual abuse
- 4. Physical neglect
- 5. Emotional neglect

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ACE STUDY (ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES) Growing up in a household with: 6. Both biological parents not being present 7. The mother being treated violently 8. An alcoholic or drug-user 9. A mentally ill, chronically depressed, or attempted suicide member 10. A member being imprisoned 106 106 **ACE STUDY** (ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES) ACEs still have a profound effect 50 years later, although now transformed from psychosocial experience into organic disease, social malfunction, and mental illness. Smoking Alcoholism • Injection of illegal drugs Obesity (Felitti, V.J.: Origins of Addictive Behavior: Evidence from the ACE Study. 2003, Oct:52(8): 547-59. German. PMID: 14619682 (PubMed-indexed for MEDLINE). 107 107 HIGHER ACE SCORE CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS • Heart disease • Autoimmune diseases • Lung cancer • Pulmonary disease • Liver disease • Skeletal fractures • Sexually transmitted infections • HIV/AIDS

ACE STUDY (CONT.)	
Women 50% more likely than men to have a	
score of 5 or more.	-
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IMPACT OF SUBSTANCE USE	-
Basic functions Reward system	
Thinking	
Feelings	
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RISK FACTORS FOR ADDICTION

- Traumatic or highly stressful childhood experiences
- Experiencing abuse and violence
- Early substance use, meaning that the younger you are when you start using alcohol or drugs, the greater the risk of addiction
- Spending a lot of time around people who use alcohol or other drugs
- Poor coping mechanisms

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RISK FACTORS FOR ADDICTION (CONT.)

- High levels of stress
- Poor nutrition
- Chronic illness (this includes mental illness, such as depression, bipolar disorder, ADD or ADHD, PTSD, and eating disorders)
- Grief and loss
- Inability to deal with difficult or painful feelings

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TRIGGER EXAMPLES

- Not being listened to Being isolated
- · Lack of privacy
- Feeling lonely
- Darkness
- Being teased or picked on
- Feeling pressured
- · People yelling

· Being touched

· Loud noises

Not having control

· Being stared at

Room checks

 Contact with family members

Arguments

WARNING SIGNS OF TRIGGERS

- Restlessness
- Agitation
- Pacing
- Shortness of breath Increase in body temperature
- Hard breathing Tight muscles
- Feeling of being "on edge"
- Sensation of tightness in
- Sensation of "knot" in stomach

- Heart pounding
 - Sweating
- Handwringing
- Shaking
- Crying
- Giggling
- Rocking
- Bouncing legs Swearing
- Singing inappropriately
- Eating more
- Smoking
- Drinking or using drugs

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DAILY ANGER LOG

Day of week	What happened (Add any smoking, overeating, and use of alcohol or other drugs)	Intensity of my anger 1 = Irritated 2 = Mildly angry 3 - Very angry 4 = Furious/enraged	Amount of time I felt angry
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			

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SELF-SOOTHING ACTIVITY: BREATHE OF JOY (YOGA POSE)









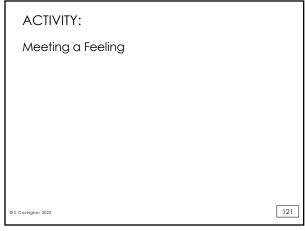
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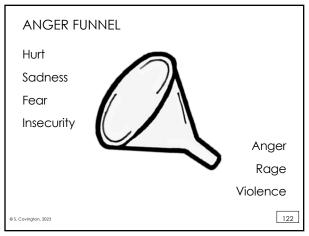
Inhale forward Inhale sideways Inhale overhead Exhale while

swinging arms

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SESSION FIVE			
Women and Anger			
Goals:			
 To better understand the feeling of ang 	ger		
To discuss self-inflicted violence			
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The Anger Funnel			
Anger Osmosis			
Anger Triggers			
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Personal Anger Inventory S. Covington, 2020	119		
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ANGER TRIGGERS		
Interpersonal		
General		
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DISCUSSION:		
Hidden Anger		
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DISCUSSION: **SELF-INFLICTED VIOLENCE** • To distract themselves from emotional pain To mark or scar the body • To let something bad out • To keep from hurting someone else • To relieve anger • To gain or reclaim control of the body • To relieve tension and anxiety • To feel real by feeling pain or seeing the injury • To punish themselves 127 127 SELF-INFLICTED VIOLENCE (CONT.) • To feel calm or numb by giving some release • To experience an increase in endorphins and the euphoria, or high, that goes with it • To express feelings of isolation and alienation • As a response to self-hatred or guilt • To communicate their pain and anger to others • To nurture themselves or seek nurturing for their injuries 128 © S. Covington, 2023 128

PERSONAL ANGER INVENTORY

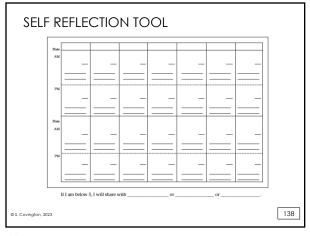
- 1. How often do I feel angry?
- 2. When I am angry, I usually feel...
- 3. When I am angry, I usually do this...
- 4. I often express anger through...
- 5. After I feel angry, then I feel...
- 6. I have used anger to...

PERSONAL ANGER INVENTORY (CONT.) 7. Based on what I now know about my anger, I would describe my anger style as... 8. How is my way of handling anger effective? 9. How is my way of handling anger ineffective? 10. If you are Anger Avoidant: Turning my anger on myself has hurt me by... 130 130 PERSONAL ANGER INVENTORY (CONT.) 11. If you are Anger Reactive: I have directed my anger towards others and hurt them 12. If I use alcohol or other drugs, it affects my anger by... 13. If I were less angry, what would replace my anger? 131 © S. Covington, 2023 131 SESSION SIX Tools for Managing Anger Goals: • To learn tools for anger management To practice self-reflection in order to monitor how we are feeling and functioning

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	NGER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES Accept anger as a normal emotion. Try not	
	to feel guilty for feeling angry.	
	Learn to identify your triggers.	
	Learn to recognize old anger as opposed to current anger.	
4.	Try to identify the feelings underneath the	
	anger. Stop and think before reacting to your	
	anger.	
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	GER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES (CONT.)	
6.	Give yourself a "cool down" period when you are feeling intense anger.	
7.	Use the "Creating a Container" technique or another form of "time out."	
8.	Instead of "stuffing" angry feelings, talk to someone.	
9.	Take responsibility for your actions and choices. Do not blame others.	
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ACTIVITY: ANGER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES (CONT.) 10. Share feelings in a direct, respectful way. 11. Accept that there are things you can't change or control. 12. Make a decision to manage your anger, rather than letting it manage you.

ACTIVITY:
Anger Dos and Don'ts



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ACTIVITY:	
Visualization and Collage	
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Understanding Ourselves	
Goals: • To better understand the behaviors that	
cause violence	
To integrate some of the materials from earlier sessions in order to understand what	
it means to become a whole person	
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Understanding My Anger	
Understanding My Behavior	
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DVD: What I Want My Words To Do To You Keila's Story
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Anger
 Triggers
Substance use
Other Behavioral Options

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DISCUSSION: Understanding Keila Situation or Event Distorted Thinking Feelings Her Thoughts Her Behavior Alternative Behavior Trusting her instincts that he was not safe and trying to find someone safe to talk to Keila's rape Wanting answers It is safe if I have a gun Shooting him Sadness, fear, betrayal, anger, confusion 143 © S. Covington, 2023

DISCUSSION:	
Understanding Me	
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BECOMING WHOLE • Upward Spiral • What do I believe in? • What kind of person do I want to become?

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The psyche has a great desire to become whole, and to collect back its scattered parts.

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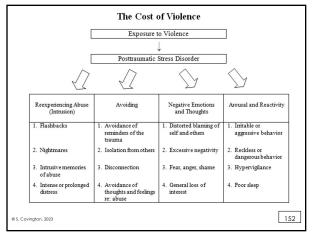
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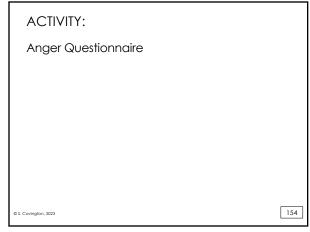
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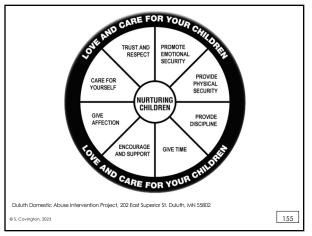
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Our Families	
Goals:	
 To understand various family dynamics 	
To understand the influences of our families	
on our lives, especially when anger, aggression, and violence are present	
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Deep Breathing	-
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ACTIVITY:	
Family Sculpture	
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/	ACTIVITY:			
Unspoken Rules (Feelings and the Family)				
	Describe the feelings that you were free to express and the behaviors and/or experiences that you could share.	Describe the feelings and behaviors that you learned to keep hidden.		
	Example: Happiness	Example: Loneliness		
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SESSION NINE

Communication

Goals:

- To convey the importance of clear communication
- To develop basic communication skills
- To practice communicating emotions

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Communication Styles		
Nonverbal Communication		
Communicating Emotions		
Strategies for Creating Connection		
Responses to Stress		
Optional: Yoga		
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ACTIVITY:		
Communication Styles		
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Aggressive		
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ACTIVITY:

STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATION

- Maintaining eye contact
- Giving the speaker your full attention
- Listening to what the other is saying (instead of focusing on your response)
- Allowing others to complete their statements (not interrupting)
- Staying present
- Using "I" statements
- Being honest

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ACTIVITY:

STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNICATION (CONT.)

- · Not screaming or yelling
- Asking questions for clarification
- Restating to the other person what you have heard, to demonstrate that you understand her
- · Not prejudging
- Being assertive without being aggressive
- Avoiding passive-aggressive communication

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ACTIVITY:

RESPONSES TO STRESS

	Under stress, I usually (rank each 1 – 5):			
Stop thinking Think negative thoughts about myself				
Feel angry at others and express it instart without thinking				
	Shut down and feel nothing			

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When I'm under stress and have difficulty communicating, these are some of my common thoughts: Three of my negative thoughts about myself or others 1. 1. 2. 2. 3. 3.

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SELF-SOOTHING ACTIVITY: SEATED PIGEON (YOGA POSE) Begin while seated in a chair with both feet on the ground. Place the left foot on the right knee, so that the legs resemble a number "4" when looking down at the shape. Then lean forward, as shown.

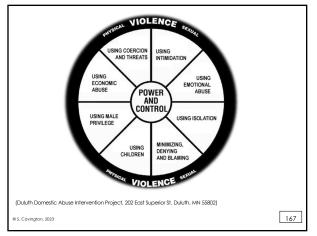
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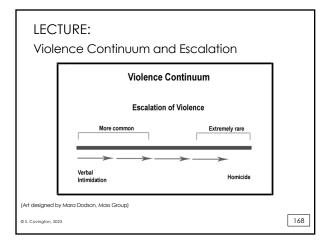
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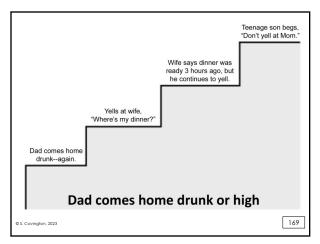
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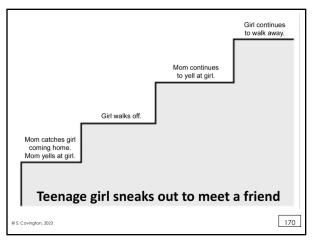
Power and Control Goals: To understand the uses of power and control in relationships To explore what power and control issues we have experienced

Session Ten 2 ACTIVITIES • The Power and Control Wheel • De-escalation









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SELF-CALMING/DE-ESCALATING STATEMENTS

- I don't need to prove myself in this situation. I can stay calm.
- This is no big deal
- I'm going to take time to relax and slow things down.
- As long as I keep cool, I'm in control of myself.
- I don't need to doubt myself, because what other people say doesn't matter. I'm the only person who can make me mad or keep me calm.
- I can take a time out if I get upset or start to notice my feeling clues.

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SELF-CALMING/DE-ESCALATING STATEMENTS (CONT.)

- My anger is a signal. It's time to talk to myself and to relax.
- I feel angry, and that must mean I have been hurt, scared, or have some other primary feeling.
- I can recognize that my anger comes from having my old feelings re-stimulated. It's okay to walk away from this fight.
- When I get into an argument, I can take a time out.
- It's impossible to control other people and situations. The only thing I can control is myself and how I express my feelings

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SELF-CALMING/DE-ESCALATING STATEMENTS (CONT.)

- It's okay to be uncertain or insecure sometimes. I don't need to be in control of everything and everybody.
- Nothing says I have to be competent and in charge all the time. It's okay to feel unsure or confused.
- People put erasers on the ends of pencils for a reason; it's okay to make mistakes.
- I don't need to feel threatened here. I can relax and stay cool.
- If people criticize me, I can survive that. Nothing says that I have to be perfect.

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SELF-CALMING/DE-ESCALATING STATEMENTS (CONT.)

- It's nice to have other people's love and approval, but even without it, I can still accept and like myself.
- People are going to act the way they want to, not the way I want.
- If this person wants to go off the wall, that's her/his thing. I don't need to respond to her/his anger or feel threatened.
- Most things we argue about are stupid and insignificant.
- Is this really important to me or do I just want to be in control or be right?

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SESSION ELEVEN

Conflict Resolution

Goals:

- To describe and practice skills for conflict resolution
- To discuss impulsivity and the need to think before doing
- To examine the qualities of nonviolent relationships

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Session Eleven

3 ACTIVITIES

- Words, Words, Words
- The Equality Wheel
- DVD of What I Want My Words To Do To You

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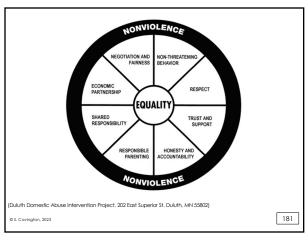
LECTURE:

Fair Fighting

- Fight by mutual consent
- Stick to the present
- Start with "I" statements
- Stick to the subject
- Keep it simple
- Speak in a normal voice
- · Don't hit below the belt

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FAIR FIGHTING (CONT.)		
Don't quit; work it out		
Don't try to win, EVER		
Respect crying		
Don't look away, cross your arms, or clench your fists		
Don't resort to violence		
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Words, Words		
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SESSION TWELVE

Creating Our Relationships

Goals:

- To describe the process of falling in love
- To compare and contrast addictive and intimate relationships
- To reflect on what is desired in relationships

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Session Twelve

3 ACTIVITIES

- Falling in Love
- Contrasting Intimate vs Addictive Relationships
- Relationship Collage

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ACTIVITY Falling in love	
Falling out of love	
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INTIMATE VS. ADDICTIVE RELATIONSHIPS	
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Intimate Relationship	Addictive Relationship
Equality, peers	Power unequal (one person has more)
Mutuality (shared, balanced)	Imbalance
Choice	Loss of choice
Freedom	Compulsion
Desire to share needs and feelings	No-talk rule, especially if things are not working out
Relationship is able to include growth and change	Relationship is always the same
I want to be there	I have to be there
I begin with me (self)	I begin with you
Can say, "I want" and "I feel"	You make me feel
Active, not passive	Reactor/responser

INTIMATE VS. ADDICTIVE RELATIONSHIPS Intimate Relationship Addictive Relationship You will know what's right for me and you will fix it. • I take care of me. I am solely responsible for figuring out what I need and for communicating it to you. Relationship is based on delusion/fantasy • Relationship deals with reality. Relationship deals with things as they are, whatever comes along. Relationship uses denial and avoidance to deal with things. Your spiritual growth doesn't count. • I have a true interest in your personal/spiritual growth, even if it takes you away from me. Love is always an act of self-love. Love is wanting someone with me at all costs. 187

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DISCUSSION:

How to End a Relationship

- Be direct and honest.
- Be kind and sensitive.
- · Avoid comments that stem from anger.
- Speak using "I" statements rather than "you" statements.
- Express feelings that you are experiencing in the present.
- · Assume personal responsibility for the change.

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HOW TO END A RELATIONSHIP (CONT.)

- Decide on the level of physical and emotional intimacy you want with the person, if any.
- Act in a timely fashion; establish and adhere to agreed-on timelines within which changes (end of relationship) should occur.
- Tell the person what you appreciated about the relationship and appreciated about them.

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Our Communities	
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To consider the effects of our communities	
on our lives	
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 To understand the effects of our environment on our behaviors 			

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Safety and the Body
Community Maps – Past, Present, and Future
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ACTIVITY:

FOUR KINDS OF SAFETY Physical To be physically safe from harm Ability to keeps one's self-discipline, self-esteem, self-control, self-awareness, and self-respect Ability to be safe with other people in self-discipline in self-discipline in self-discipline.

Ability to be safe with other people in relationships and in social settings

Ability to maintain a set of standards, beliefs, and operating principles that are consistent, that guide behavior, and that are grounded in a respect for life

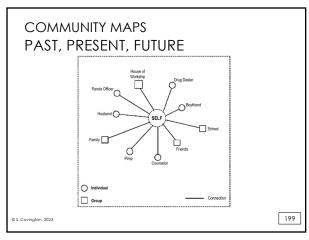
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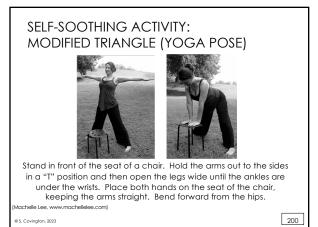
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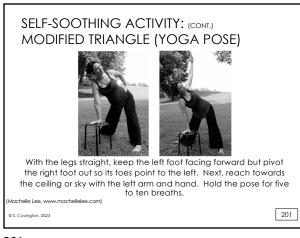
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	Assessing the Community for Safety	
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SESSION FIFTEEN

Creating Community

Goals:

- To view an example of a safe community
- To understand the short- and long-term consequences of decision making

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Session Fifteen

2 ACTIVITIES

- DVD of What I Want My Words To Do To You
- Crossroads

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ACTIVITY: CROSSROADS



How might choosing this path affect you in the short-term?

How might choosing this path affect you in the long-term?

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ACTIVITY: CROSSROADS How might choosing this path affect you in the short-term? How might choosing this path affect you in the long-term? 205 205 MAKING GOOD DECISIONS 1. Plan ahead if you can 2. Explore your options 3. Use common sense, not just emotions 4. Ask for advice from people you trust 5. Consider what they might do in similar situations 6. Evaluate the results 7. Stick by a good decision 206 © S. Covington, 2023 206 SESSION SIXTEEN The Power of Community

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Goals:

• To understand the power of community

• To understand the power of connection within the community

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Session Seventeen

2 ACTIVITIES

- The Culture Wheel
- Supports for Domestic Violence

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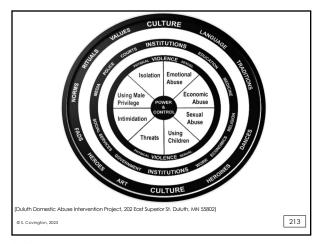
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SELF-SOOTHING ACTIVITY:

Breathing in the Positive

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ACTIVITY: INSTITUTIONAL AND CULTURAL SUPPORTS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE Institutional decisions Cultural values and Tactics of power that support batterer's beliefs that support ability to use abusive and control batterers tactics Physical abuse Sexual abuse Isolation Emotional abuse Economic abuse (Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, 202 East Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802) 214

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INSTITUTIONAL AI	ND CULTURAL SUPPOI	RTS
Tactics of power	Institutional decisions that support batterer's	Cultural values and beliefs that support
and control	ability to use abusive tactics	batterers
Minimizing and denying		"Why didn't she leave?"
Using children	Courts give equal visitation.	"Children need a father"
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What This Me	ans to Me	
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SESSION EIGHTEEN

Creating Change

Goals:

- To envision a changed society
- To introduce the Spirals of Transformation

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Session Eighteen

3 ACTIVITIES

- Health, Harmon, and Wholeness
- Your Spirals
- DVD of What I Want My Words To Do To You
- Optional: Yoga

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ACTIVITY:

SUPPORTS NEEDED FOR HEALTH, HARMONY AND WHOLENESS

Conditions to be Developed	Personal and Professional	Institutional and Community	Cultural Values and Beliefs
Physical health			
Sexual vibrancy			
Community			
Emotional health			
Embracing life			

(Covington & Dosher, 1994)

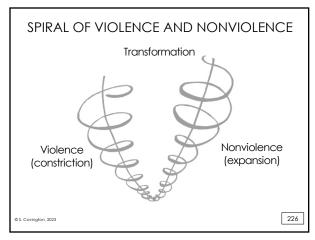
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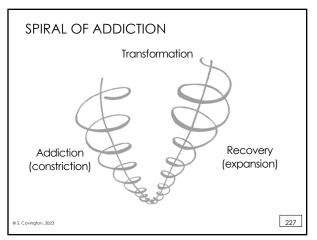
Conditions to be Developed	Personal and Professional	Institutional and Community	Cultural Values and Beliefs
Honoring children			
Feeling supported			
Equality			
Nurturance			

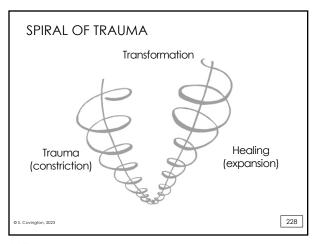
ACTIVITY (CONT.): SUPPORTS NEEDED FOR HEALTH, HARMONY AND WHOLENESS Conditions to Personal and Institutional and **Cultural Values** be Developed Professional Community and Beliefs Exercise regularly Health care for all Physical health Sexual Sex education throughout lifetime Sex is positive vibrancy Connect with leaders in your community; become a leader in Services designed to serve the specific needs of populations Community connection your community Mental health services available Emotional health (Covington & Dosher, 1994) 224 © S. Covington, 2023

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ACTIVITY (CONT.): SUPPORTS NEEDED FOR HEALTH, HARMONY AND WHOLENESS Conditions to Personal and Professional Institutional and Cultural Values be Developed Community and Beliefs Treating children with respect Programs on parenting young children and teens Honoring children Feeling supported Equal pay across race, gender, etc. Equality Using self-soothing techniques regularly You deserve to take care of yourself Nurturance (Covington & Dosher, 1994) 225







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Positive Change	
What I Want My Words To Do To You	
ACTIVITY:	
	What I Want My Words To Do To You

SELF-SOOTHING ACTIVITY: TWISTED BRANCHES (YOGA POSE)





Cross the arms in front of the chest, resting the crossed hands on the shoulders in what looks like a self-hug. Then cross the upper arms by resting the elbow of one arm in a soft elbow crease of the opposite arm.

(Machelle Lee, www.machellelee.com)

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SESSION NINETEEN

Transforming Our Lives

Goals:

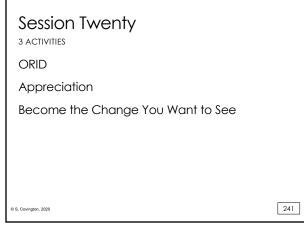
- To visualize personal transformation
- To discuss remorse and making amends

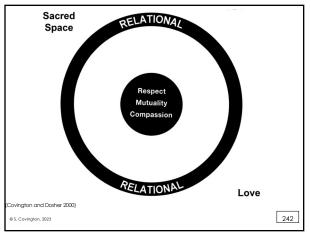
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3 ACTIVITIES				
 Visualization 				
 Making Amends Role Play 				
 Forgiveness 				
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Visualization				
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DISCUSSION:				
Process of Transformation				
Why do I want to stop behavior that harms others?				
 When did I begin to make a genuine commitment to stop harmful behavior? 				
 What have I realized at this time? 				
 What opened my eyes to what I was doing? 				
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PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION (CONT.) What is important to me? What kinds of relationships do I want to have with people? What do I really want to offer or give in these relationships? What kinds of ways do I want to relate to others in these relationships? 235 235 PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION (CONT.) What is important to me (cont.)? Where has my harmful behavior been leading my relationships? · What have I been losing that is important to me? 236 © S. Covington, 2023 236 PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION (CONT.) What does it mean to be here? What did it take to attend these sessions? What was I up against? What was it like to speak out in the group? What was it like listening to others speak onts

PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION (CONT.) What does it mean to be here (cont.)? How was this different from other settings where women are together? What qualities do I need to find in myself? What qualities am I noticing in others? 238 238 **ACTIVITY:** Making Amends Forgiveness 239 © S. Covington, 2023 239 SESSION TWENTY Honoring Ourselves and Our Community Goals: • To reflect on our experiences together To say goodbye





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ARE YOU BECOMING THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BE?

- "How are you becoming the person you want to be?"
- "How are you demonstrating this to yourself?"
- "How are you contributing in your relationships?"
- "What are you offering others?"
- "How are you showing love, respect, and compassion?"
- "Are you also giving these to yourself?"

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