### **OUTLINE**

### ACT Model and Case Conceptualization

Centering Exercise
Why It's Hard Being Human
Pervasiveness of Human Suffering
The Light and Dark Side of Language &
Cognition

ACT Case Conceptualization
ACT Model of Human Suffering
ACT Model of Psychological Health
Self-Assessment Exercise: Eyes On
ACT in a Nutshell Role Play
Demonstration

### Use Creative Hopelessness to Weaken the Control Agenda

Why Creative Hopeless in ACT?
Exploring Workability
Establishing Creative Hopelessness
Exercise and Role Play: Tug of War with
Anxiety Monster
Exercise: Metaphors to Weaken Illusion

Exercise: Metaphors to Weaken Illusion of Control

Exercise and Role Play: Chinese Finger Trap

Exercise: Quick Sand and Swamp Metaphors

Dyad Practice of Creative Hopelessness Exercises

#### **Do Effective Values Work in ACT**

The Nature of Values in ACT
Distinguishing Values From Goals
Connecting with Values
Exercises: Funeral Meditation &
Tombstone Exercise
Values Clarification and Assessment
The Values Directions & Life Compass
Worksheets
Life Compass Cards
Barriers to Valued Action

**Exercise: Barriers Clarification Using** 

**Barriers Worksheet in Dyads** 

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# Cultivate Mindful Acceptance & Defusion

Opening Up: The Nature of Mindful
Acceptance in ACT

Exercise: Getting in Contact with the Present

Exercise: Take Your Mind for a Walk Exercise: Acceptance of Thoughts & Feelings

Self as Context vs. the Conceptualized Self

Defusion: Overview and Purpose Mindful Defusion Exercise: Wise Mind Mindful Defusion Exercise: Chess Board Thoughts on Cards: Demonstration and Role Plays

### Nurture Self-Compassion, Willingness, and Value-Guided action

Self-Compassion and Kindness – Powerful Antidotes to Suffering Exercise: Loving Kindness Walking Meditation Exercise to Nurture Self-Compassion: Tonglen Practice The Nature of Willingness Exercise: Trying vs. Doing

Compassionate Exposure in a Value-Guided Context

Exercise and Demonstration of Exposure in ACT

Building Patterns of Committed ACTion The Role of Behavioral Activation in ACT Distinguishing Good from Poorly Stated Goals

Setting SMART Value Guided Goals What to do When Clients Feel Stuck

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### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. List the three pillars of ACT.
- 2. Define the ACT model of human suffering (six inflexahex processes).
- Define the ACT model of psychologica health (six hexaflex processes).
- 4. Explain a functional contextual approach to ACT case conceptualization.
- 5. Recognize clinical concerns (e.g., anxiety, depression, problem anger) within an ACT framework.
- 6. Identify exemplars of excessive struggle and avoidance and describe mindful and compassionate alternative behaviors.
- 7. Distinguish between "fusion" and "experiential avoidance" and their role in various forms of human suffering.

- 8. Rehearse essential ACT intervention skills to cultivate psychological flexibility.
- 9. Deliver values clarification exercises in dyads and small groups.
- Demonstrate experiential exercises and metaphors in dyads and small groups.
- 11. Discriminate ACT consistent and ACT inconsistent strategies in clinical practice.
- 12. Describe strategies to foster the ongoing development of ACT consistent clinical competencies.
- 13. Apply and integrate mindfulness and acceptance processes with commitment and behavior change processes in dyads.

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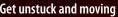
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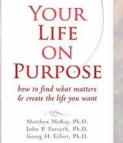


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