EMDR THERAPY BASIC TRAINING SUMMARY SHEET

PHASE	WHAT YOU DO	WHAT IS INVOLVED
PHASE 1: HISTORY TAKING & TREATMENT PLANNING	Develop case conceptualization/treatment plan: → Obtain background information and assess client's clinical picture → Identify suitability for EMDR treatment → Identify targets from clients' positive and negative life events	 → Bio-Psycho-Social/Intake Assessment, AIP History Taking Questions, Assess Informational Plateaus, Dissociative Experiences Scales II (DES-II) or other dissociative assessment (e.g. MID), Case Conceptualization/Treatment Plan, Client Selection Criteria → May also use Timeline, ACE questionnaire, or other assessment tools
PHASE 2: PREPARATION & STABILIZATION	Prepare appropriate clients for EMDR memory processing Stabilize and increase access to positive states	 → Review/Address Client Selection Criteria, Evaluate Readiness for Memory Processing, Education/Informed Consent for EMDR, Introduce EMDR Mechanics, Safe Place → If necessary, use RDI or other Stabilization and Stress Management Techniques: breathing shift, light stream, spiral technique, diaphragmatic breathing, grounding skills, etc.
PHASE 3: ASSESSMENT	"Light up" (assess & stimulate) the components of memory for a target	 → Use script to set up a processing session for each NEW target → May use Cognitions List (if necessary)
PHASE 4: DESENSITIZATION	Process target with BLS to SUD=0	Process Targets in Treatment Plan: Past memory targets (use script for phases 4-7) Present trigger targets (use script for phases 4-7) Future templates (use future template script) If needed, you may use: Recent Events Protocol Troubleshooting Tips to Facilitate Processing
PHASE 5: INSTALLATION	Install positive cognition with BLS to VoC= 7	
PHASE 6: BODY SENSATIONS	Process body sensations with BLS to no disturbance	
PHASE 7: CLOSURE	Close down the processing session	
PHASE 8: REEVALUATION	Check/assess progress on goals, presenting issues, and processed target(s)	→ If target from last session is not fully reprocessed, use instructions for resuming processing of an INCOMPLETE target memory (on past or present prongs)

3-PRONGED APPROACH



Special Populations:

- Complex Presentations
- Somatic Disorders
- Dissociation and Dissociative Disorders
- Phobia Protocol
- Grief and Mourning
- Combat Veterans and First Responders
- Addictions
- EMDR with Children
- Couples
- Self-Use

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