Fostering Well-Being During COVID-19

In recent weeks, people throughout the world have been impacted and shaken by the COVID-19 crisis. Seemingly overnight, our entire world has been turned upside down in both direct and indirect ways. Businesses have closed, mandates to self-quarantine have risen, and social distancing has become a way of life. Above all, the uncertainty, fear, and unknown course and duration of the virus have paralyzed much of society.

For many of our clients, struggles like depression and anxiety have worsened, and have even been exacerbated by some of the very strategies we must now follow to ensure health and safety in our communities. As clinicians, we find ourselves in a unique position to provide assistance during this challenging time. By both understanding the psychological reactions our clients may be experiencing in this crisis, and exploring meaningful approaches to foster peace and well-being, participants in this webinar will be well-equipped to aid their clients in this unique and uncharted moment.

This webinar, led by the author of three books focused on the science of well-being, will provide attendees with practical skills and approaches to help their clients navigate the turbulent waters of COVID-19. With a strengths-based approach aimed towards fostering well-being amidst the current crisis, participants will explore how concepts such as gratitude, self-compassion, acceptance, and resilience can be applied to clients struggling in the wake of COVID-19.

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3. Utilize research-backed approaches to effectively treat anxiety and worry.
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5. Employ research-backed approaches drawing from positive psychology and mindfulness that can be tailored to common reactions during the COVID-19 crisis.

**Outline**

**Happiness 101**
- How healthy habits, behaviors, and skills can change the brain
- How to use the mind to change the brain
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**Positive Neuroplasticity**
- How this survival mechanism becomes hijacked during extended crises
- How our brain is wired to fixate on threat and danger
- This survival mechanism becomes hijacked during extended crises

**The Negativity Bias**
- Why our brain is wired to fixate on threat and danger
- How survival mechanisms become hijacked during extended crises

**BREAK 1:30-1:45 PM ET**

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**Keys to Resilience Amidst COVID-19**
- Cultivating Connection
- Appreciating the Good
- Finding Compassion For Ourselves
- Finding Peace Through Our Breath
- Healthy Boundaries
- Managing Our Thoughts
- Accept and Let Go
- What's in My Control?
- Making Meaning
- Caring For Our Bodies
- Understanding Technology

**End 3:15 PM ET**

**The Presenter**


Dr. Paquette is a psychologist at Kaiser Permanente in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he conducts group and individual psychotherapy, performs crisis evaluations, and serves as the Training Director for an APA-Accredited post doctoral residency program. In addition to his clinical work and writing, Dr. Paquette offers training and consultation to therapists and organizations on the promotion of happiness and conducts professional workshops around the country. He is also a frequent media contributor, having been featured regularly in print, online, and radio outlets. Dr. Paquette’s clinical experiences have spanned a broad range of settings, including Veterans hospitals, community mental health clinics, college counseling centers, and his current work at Kaiser Permanente.

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**Target Audience**

Psychologists  Therapists  Social Workers  Counselors  Psychiatrists  Nurses

**Course level:** Intermediate

**Seminar Schedule**

Start 12 PM ET and end 3:15 PM, with a 15 minute breaks at 1:30.

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