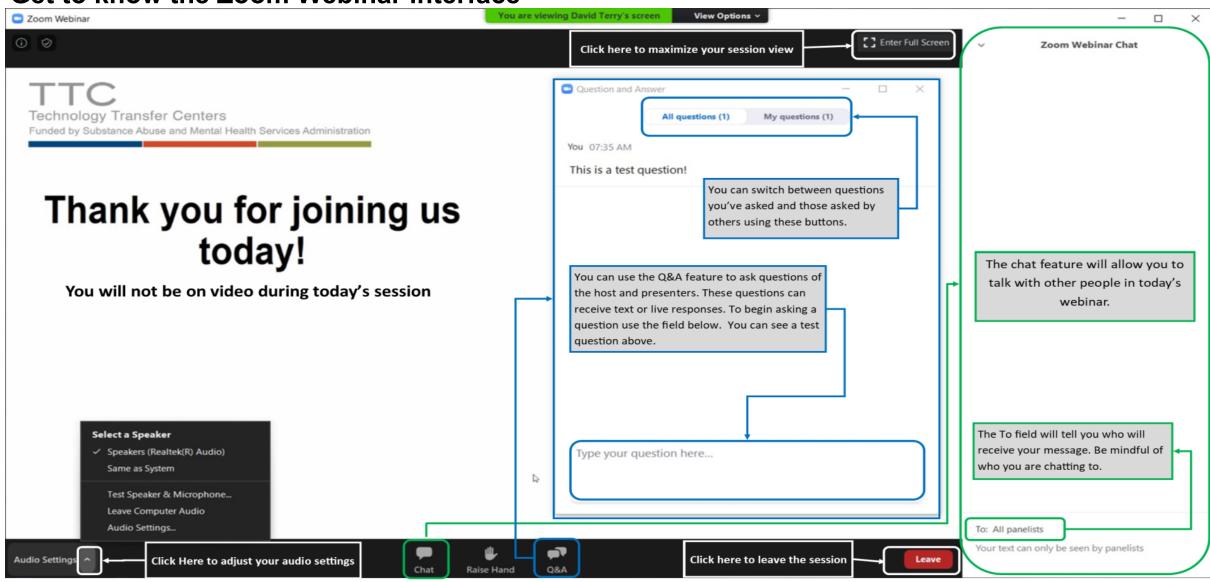


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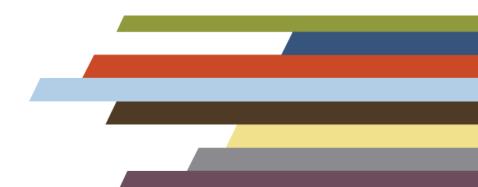
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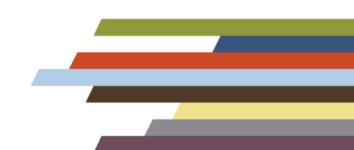
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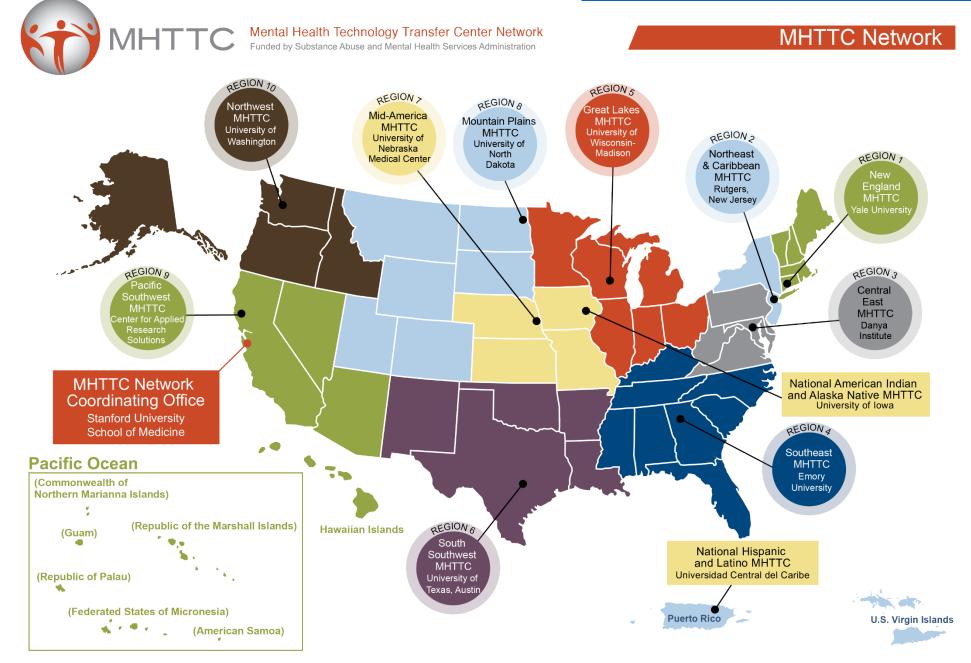


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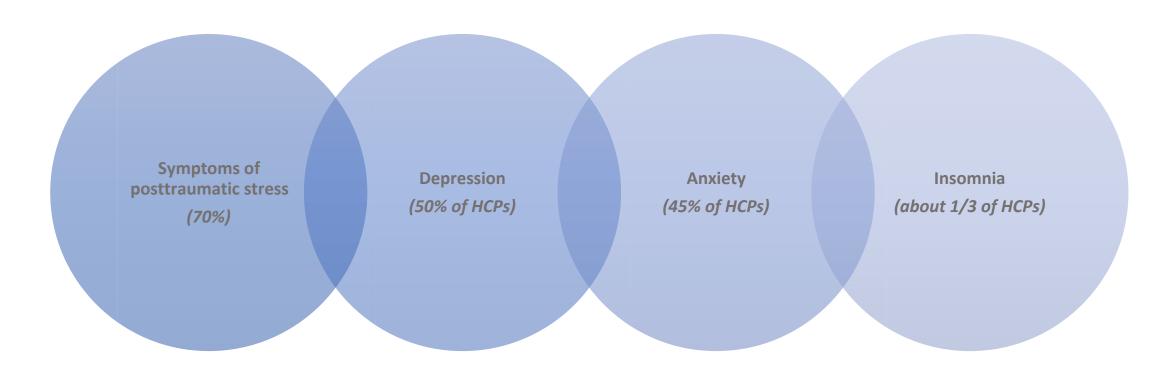


Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity or significant sources of stress

- Resilience is ordinary & common, not extraordinary.
- Being resilient does not mean the absence of difficulty or distress.
- Resilience is not a trait -- it can be learned and acquired.

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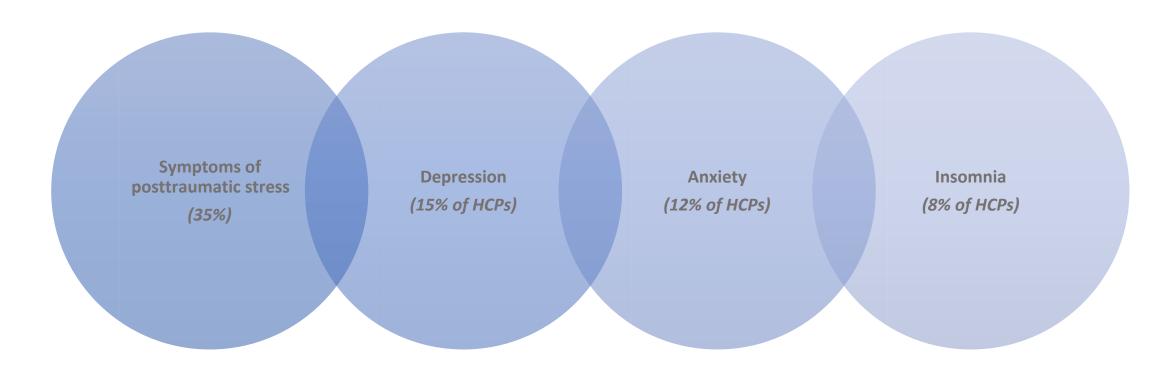
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Treatment approach will vary depending on how soon someone presents following a traumatic stressor.

First 24-72 hours

Safety/stabilization

- Initial crisis
- Safety and stabilization
- Psychological first aid
- Non-mental health intervention
- Typically 1-2 sessions

Post-Trauma

Recovery

- Chronic PTSD
- Trauma focused therapies (exposure or cognitive restructuring – e.g. PE or CPT)
- 5-15 sessions
- Specialty mental health

Days to weeks post-trauma

Building resilience

- Natural recovery phase
- Secondary prevention
- Skills based (social support, coping efficacy, behavioral activation, managing reactions)
- 1-6 sessions

Both specific psychotherapies and specific medications are effective for treating PTSD.

Psychotherapy

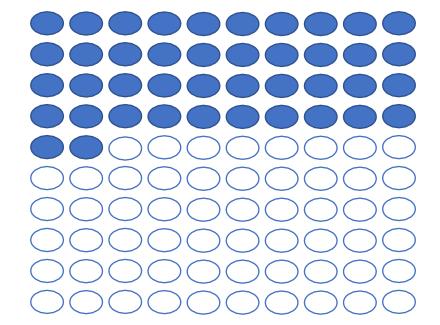
(CPT, PE, EMDR)

53 out of 100 people who receive a trauma-focused therapy will no longer have PTSD when they finish treatment.

Medication

(Zoloft, Paxil, Prozac, Effexor)

42 out of 100 people who receive a specific medication will no longer have PTSD when they finish treatment.



ISTSS Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of PTSD (2018): Psychotherapy

Use individual, manualized trauma-focused psychotherapy, with primary component of exposure and/or cognitive restructuring.

Strong

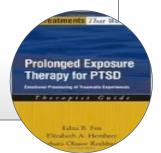
- Cognitive Processing Therapy*
- Cognitive Therapy
- EMDR
- Individual CBT with a Trauma Focus (undifferentiated)
- Prolonged Exposure*

Standard

- CBT without a Trauma Focus
- Group CBT with Trauma Focus
- Guided Internet-based CBT with a Trauma Focus
- Narrative Exposure Therapy
- Present Centered Therapy

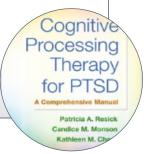
- Active component is exposure
- Exposure to feared stimuli naturally disconfirms negative cognitions
- Includes imaginal and in vivo exposure

Prolonged Exposure (Foa)

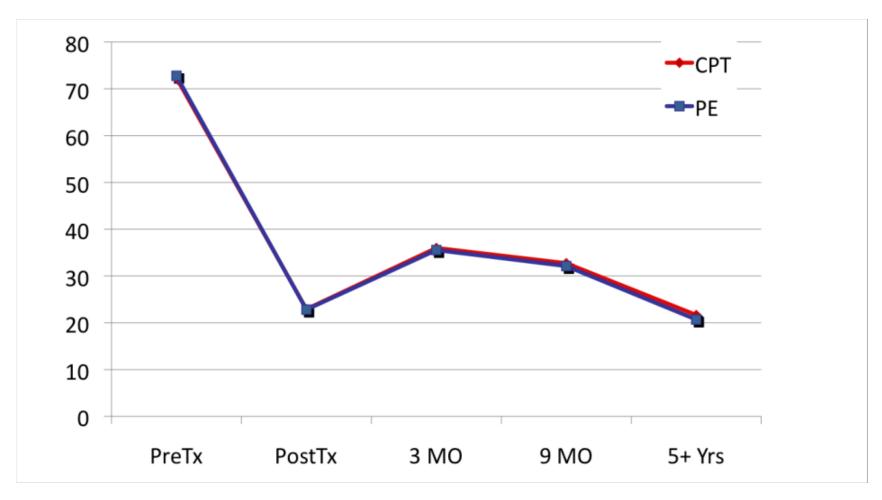


- Active component is cognitive restructuring in context of emotional processing
- CPT effective w/ fewer (or no) exposure sessions
- Changes in beliefs lead to changes in emotions and symptoms

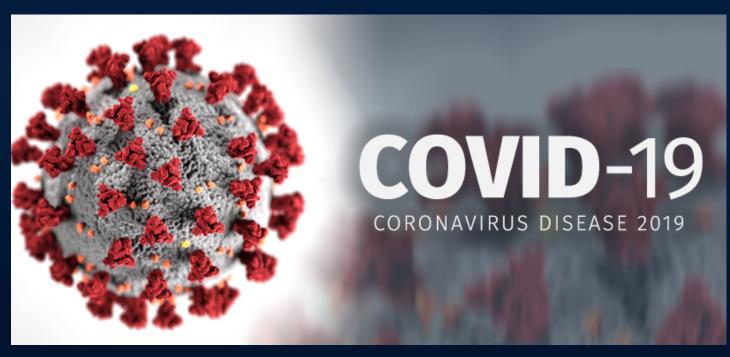
Cognitive Processing Therapy (Resick)



Both PE and CPT have enduring treatment effects, as long as 5 or more years after completing therapy.



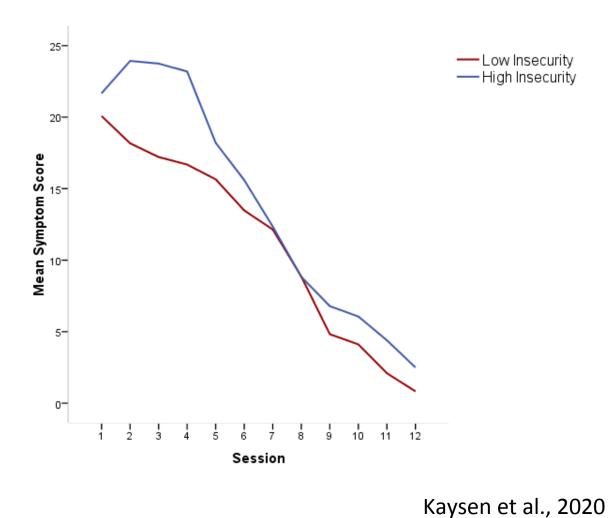
Can you do trauma-focused treatment in a pandemic?





In providing group CPT in the Democratic Republic of Congo women's symptoms improved even in the midst of ongoing conflict and violence.

Incidents	Setting insecurity
Over 40 people kidnapped and taken into the forest. One woman from group murdered.	High
One attack on village. People fled to the forest for safety.	High
Bullets fired in the center of town by military.	High
6 murders by bandits or military over 2 months.	Low
2 outbursts of fighting causing displacement.	Low
Bandits attacked and robbed health center.	Low
Attack and pillage of the parish and clinic.	Low





Semper Gumby-Marine Corps "Always Flexible" Implementation: Adaptation

Core elements vs. Core functions



What do we mean by core elements?



Parts of the intervention that are empirically or theoretically associated with desired outcomes/impact



Parts of the intervention that are effective and necessary



Might mean attending to *function*, rather than *form* in complex settings and interventions (c.f., Mittman, 2018)



These may not be the same in all contexts



Planned

May lead to refinement or confirmation of core elements (with good measurement)

Theoretically Optimal

Fidelity

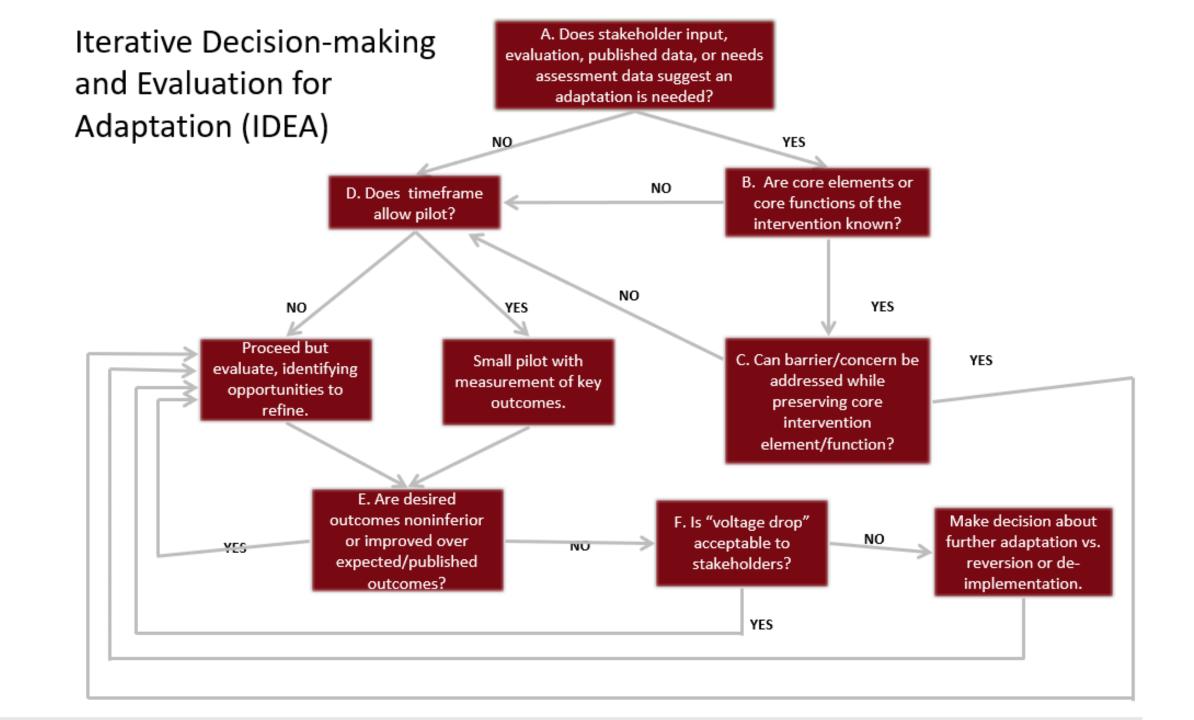
Inconsistent

Fidelity Consistent

Occasionally unavoidable, opportunities for learning

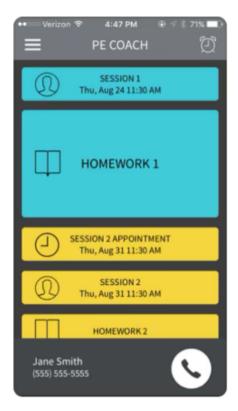
Theoretically ideal in unexpected circumstances

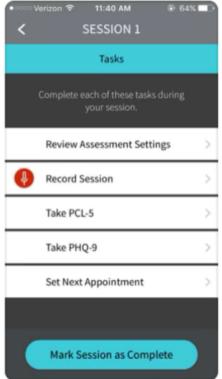
Unplanned (Reactive)

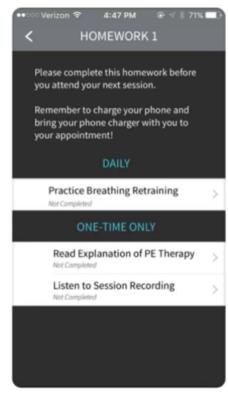


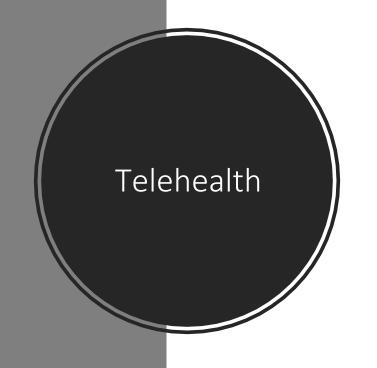
CPT Coach & PE Coach Client Apps



















Exposure during a Pandemic

NOT a Telehealth issue but a Shelter in Place/Social Distancing Issue

Hierarchy Includes:

- Situations, activities, places, objects that are avoided because they are perceived as dangerous
- 2. Situations, etc. that are avoided because they are trauma reminders
- 3. Behaviors or objects that function as safety signals when client cannot avoid
- 4. Activities that can function as behavioral activation

Group and IOP





Managing Disruptions & Staying on Track

- Collaborative Decision Making
- Space to integrate COVID-19 Stressors in EBTs for PTSD
- Problem solving barriers
- Offering additional support when needed
- When there are detours, considering using the model to address detours.
 - CPT→ Worksheets & Cognitive Work
 - PE → Exposure & Emotional Processing



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