# Mindful Monday

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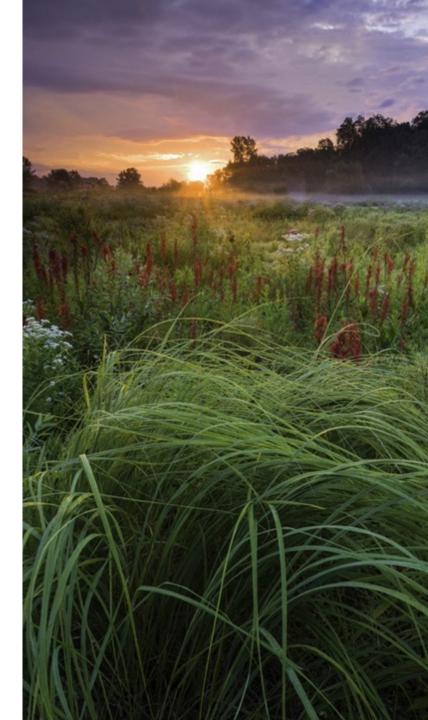
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INCLUSIVE AND
ACCEPTING OF
DIVERSE CULTURES,
GENDERS,
PERSPECTIVES,
AND EXPERIENCES

HEALING-CENTERED AND TRAUMA-RESPONSIVE

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# Mindful Monday

Week 9

Mindfulness from a Somatic Perspective





#### What is Mindfulness?



Why it seems that dogs are always happy?





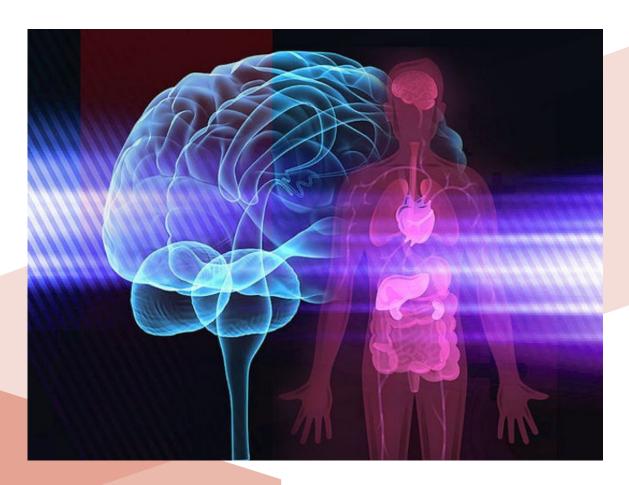
## Why Do We Seek Mindfulness?

"The expectation that we can be immersed in suffering and loss daily and not be touched by it is as unrealistic as expecting to be able to walk through water without getting wet." Dr. Naomi Rachel Remen jessicadolce.com





# Can We Create Mindfulness With Just Our Mind?







#### What is Somatic Mindfulness?

"The ability to step back from what your nervous system is telling you. You step back, observe it, and feel every bit of it. Then you consciously decide what you want to do instead of automatically falling into long-standing patterns and the behavior they dictate."

Goodtherapy.org





# The Body Keeps Score

#### Van der Kolk and Levine's Model



Soul - Spirituality

Mind - Positivity

Body - Safety





# Creating Somatic Mindfulness

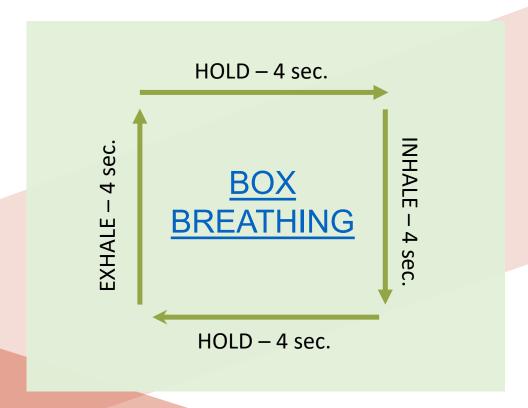
By addressing and releasing the trauma the body holds

- 1. Listen to the Body
- 2. Use gentle movements, breathing exercises, meditation, dance





# Box Breathing 4 Square Breathing







# Discussion





#### Resources

Peter Levine – *Healing Trauma* https://www.somaticexperiencing.com/home

Bessel Van Der Kolk – *The Body Keeps The Score* https://www.besselvanderkolk.com/resources/the-body-keeps-the-score

https://www.mindful.org/

Proper Breathing Brings Better Health https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/proper-breathing-brings-better-health/





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