## **EMDR THERAPY BASIC TRAINING SUMMARY SHEET**

PHASE	WHAT YOU DO	WHAT IS INVOLVED
PHASE 1: HISTORY TAKING	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	<ul> <li>→ 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</li> <li>→ May also use Timeline, ACE questionnaire, or other assessment tools</li> </ul>
PHASE 2: PREPARATION	Prepare appropriate clients for EMDR memory processing Stabilize and increase access to positive states	<ul> <li>→ Review/Address Client Selection Criteria, Evaluate Readiness for Memory Processing, Education/Informed Consent for EMDR, Introduce EMDR Mechanics, Safe Place</li> <li>→ If necessary, use RDI or other Stabilization and Stress Management Techniques: breathing shift, light stream, spiral technique, diaphragmatic breathing, grounding skills, etc.</li> </ul>
PHASE 3: ASSESSMENT	"Light up" (assess & stimulate) the components of memory for a target	<ul> <li>→ Use script to set up a processing session for each NEW target</li> <li>→ May use Cognitions List (if necessary)</li> </ul>
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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