

THE ROLE OF CLINICIAN TRAINING

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#### With Deep Gratitude:

Study colleagues on the research team

MBCT RCT Participants & Clinicians at Toronto Rehab Institute, Ottawa Rehab Center & St Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay

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Rogers (1983) noted that the diffusion literature takes us up to the point of deciding to adopt an innovation and says nothing about what to do next to: implement innovation with fidelity.





### Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy-TBI:



- 10 week psychoeducational group
- intensive training in Mindfulness meditation

to apply to challenges of their daily lives

Based on Segal, Williams, Teasdale, 2002 TBI Adaptation Felteau, 2010



# Participants learn to:

- Reduce reactivity
- Decenter from ruminative thinking
- 'sit with' + +/thoughts, emotions,
  physical sensations



prevent further depressive relapse

Practices include: body scans, sitting meditation, walking meditation, mindful movement, process of inquiry & dialogue



# **MBCT** Results



Data from 6 RCT's + 2

meta-analyses (Hoffman, 2010; Piet & Hoogard 2011) indicate MBCT is associated with a 50% reduction in depression relapse risk



# MBCT – TBI Results



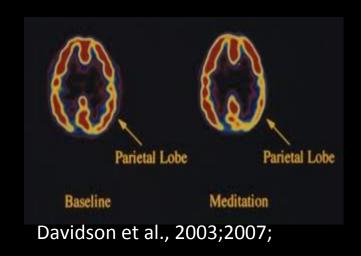
MBCT – TBI consistently shows a 59% reduction in depression symptoms

Bedard, Felteau et al., 2011; 2007; 2005; 2003



### **Brains on Meditation**

Hippocampus learning & memory



2008; 2010

**Cingulate** self-awareness, compassion & introspection

Amygdala anxiety & stress

Hoelzel et al., (2011). *Mindfulness practice leads to increases in regional brain gray matter density.* Psychiatry Research: Neuroimaging. 191;1:36-43. See also Davidson et al., 2003-2012

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In theory there is no difference between theory and practice; in practice, there is."

Yogi Berra



# Don't Get Trapped

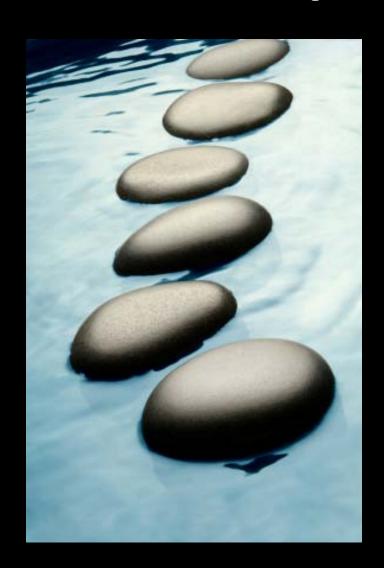


The delivery of successful outcomes is associated with a longitudinal training program

Crane et al., 2010



# **Developmental Process**



"The teacher/clinician's
embodiment of the key
therapeutic ingredients of
MBCT & their personal
mindfulness
practice are essential"

Crane, Kuyken, Hastings, Rothwell & Williams, 2010



# **Embodiment, not Methodology**

- The teacher embodies the heart of inquiry; the possibility of encountering, being with and befriending experiences with
- Loving kindness
- Compassion
- Sympathetic joy
- Equanimity







# **MBCT-TBI Learning Conditions**



Trust
Non-judgment
Compassion

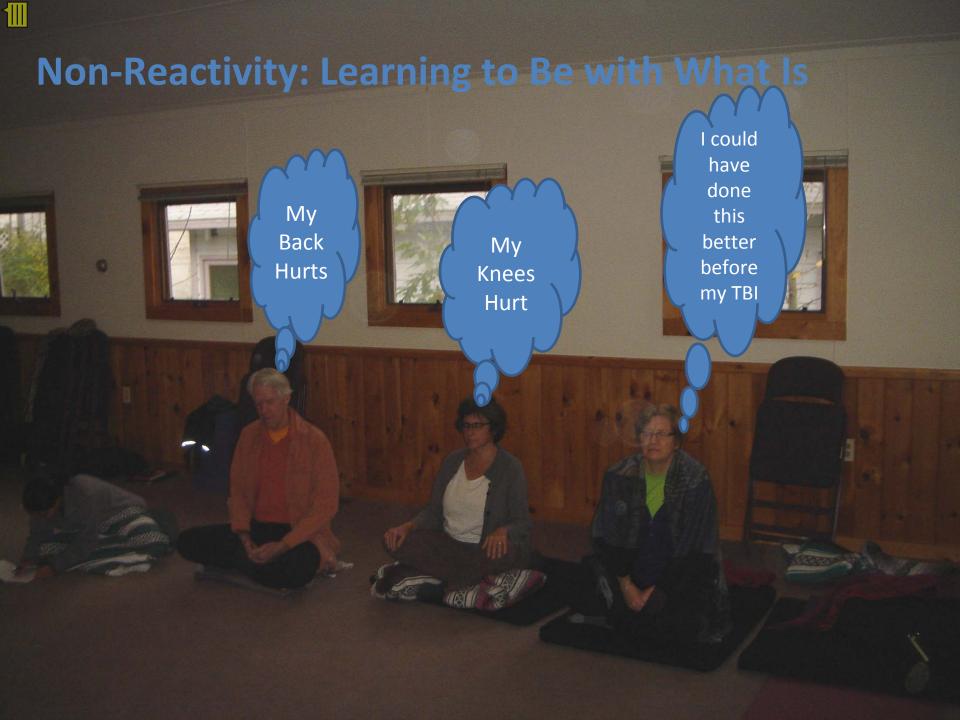


Safety Confidentiality



Authenticity Acceptance Support

Felteau, 2010. *Understanding the Transformative Dimensions of Mindfulness Therapy*. Unpublished





# Multi-site RCT of MBCT-TBI

3 centers: Toronto, Ottawa, Thunder Bay Canada

Blind block randomization of 120 participants Cross-over wait list control design

5 treatment waves Sept 2010 – June 2012





# **RCT of MBCT-TBI**

Inclusions: 18+, 1>5 yrs post TBI, any severity level with insight

**Exclusions:** concurrent interventions, anti-depressants allowed, unusual psychological processes, suicidal ideation, substance abuse, lack of insight

(BDI-II, SCL-90-R, Alcohol, Substance & Drug Abuse Scales)

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# RCT Measurements for Depression, Memory, Health Status Mindfulness & Satisfaction

#### **Instrument**

- Demographics (S)
- BDI-II (S) & PHQ-9
- CVLT (S)
- COWAT
- WAIS: Digit Span (S)
- WAIS: Similarities (S)

#### **Outcome Measured**

& medication use/pain VAS

**Depression symptoms** 

Auditory attention/ST memory/ learning strategies

Speeded verbal fluency/ exec functioning

Auditory att./working mem

Verbal abstract reasoning



### RCT Measures Con't

#### **Instrument**

- Trail Marking Test
- RAND-36
- SCL-90-R (S)
- PHLMS & TMS
- SWLS

#### **Outcome Measured**

**Executive functioning** 

Health status

Psychological symptom pattern

Mindfulness

Satisfaction with life

# MBCT-TBI Curriculum





# MBCT –TBI has been modified by:

- Time
- ProgramPlanning/LearningConditions
- Learning Accommodations
- Use of Critical Reflection





# Transfer of Learning is Key

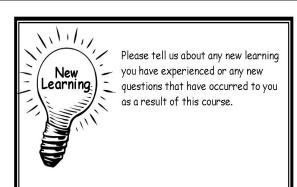


 Fostering critical reflection is key

Use of New Learning
 Forms every session



# Fostering Reflection & Insight



 Self-reflective questions asked at end of each session

 Answers recorded to make learning explicit

Please consider sharing this information with your MBCT facilitators to let them know what you're thinking and feeling by handing in the top copy and keeping the bottom for your records.

"Training alone, no matter
how well done does not
lead to successful implementation."

Fixsen & Blase, 2008



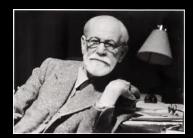
# Longitudinal Multidimensional MBCT Clinician Training Plan





# Differences Between

**CBT** 



**MBCT** 



Focus on changing thoughts & behaviour

Diary of events, feelings, thoughts, behaviours

Testing cognitions, assumptions evaluations, exposure

Focus on relating differently to thoughts, feelings, sensations

**Daily meditation practice** 

Focus on compassion towards self and others

**Ongoing relapse prevention** 



# Fidelity & Standardization By:

Standardized Training

Standardized MBCT -TBI Manual

Practice Teaching Healthy Group

MBCT Adherence Scale

**Ongoing Consultation & Supervision** 



# The Road Forward



- Completion of multi-site Randomized Control Trial June 2012
- Diffusion & Dissemination
- Publication of manual
- Global Implementation
- Online training program
- Interested?
- Contact us

