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Welcome

Central East PTTC Webinar

“Stigma the Gift that Keeps on Giving”
Residual Effects of Stress During the Recovery Process from Active Substance Use Part 2

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The use of affirming language inspires hope. **LANGUAGE MATTERS.**

Words have power. **PEOPLE FIRST.**

The PTTC Network uses affirming language to promote the application of evidence-based and culturally informed practices.
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PTTC Mission

1. To Strengthen the Capacity of the Workforce

2. To Deliver Evidence-Based Prevention Strategies

3. Facilitate Opportunities for Preventionists to Pursue New Collaboration Opportunities, which include Developing Prevention Partnerships and Alliances
Services Available

- Online Courses
- Technical Assistance
- Skill Based Training
- Webinar
- Toolkits
- Facilitate Prevention Partnership & Alliances
- Research Learning Collaborative
- Newsletter
- Technology Driven Models
- Literature Searches
- Virtual Meeting
- Research Publication

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Other Resources in SAMHSA Region 3
“Stigma the Gift that Keeps on Giving”

Residual Effects of Stress During the Recovery Process from Active Substance Use Part 2

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Identifying triggers is essential at the beginning of the recovery process, but more is to be revealed. Comprehensive support systems, including counseling, employment assistance, and accessible housing, can alleviate some of the stress and contribute to a successful recovery. Sustainable support is a counterbalance to stress and the stigmatization of being in recovery. As we unpack the benefits of support systems, we will also discuss the tools for prevention and how to move forward in recovery.
Learning Objectives

• 1. Recognize the role of comprehensive support systems in alleviating stress during recovery
• 2. Investigate various support systems and how they can act as preventive measures in dealing with stress and the association of stigma.
• 3. Examine tools and techniques and address stress and triggers in a recovery context.
• 4. Develop strategies to build and maintain long-term recovery and apply the knowledge gained to support others.
Mentimeter Activity

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

All responses to your question will be shown here

Each response can be up to 200 characters long

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Recap of Part 1

- Stigma is a set of negative attitudes and stereotypes that can create barriers to treatment and make these conditions worse
- Public Stigma, Self-Induced Stigma, Institutional Stigma
- Emotional and Psychological Effects
- Dismantling Stigma

- Triggers and how to manage the impact
- Impact of Triggers on Recovery
- Education and recovery
Recognize the Role of Comprehensive Support Systems

Comprehensive Support System- Can assume a multi-tiered system that integrates evidence-based programs and practices that promote the development of social, emotional, and physical competencies that support mental health outcomes.

• Counseling (Mental Health, Substance Use)
• Employment Assistance
• Accessible Housing
• Long-term Recovery Community
• Professional Development
• Child Support Advocacy
• Trauma- Informed Healing
• Sex trafficking Therapy
• Annual Physical
• STI Education

Investigate Various Support Systems

• Types of Support Systems

Formal Systems
  • Government Programs
  • Non-profits
  • Healthcare Systems and services

Informal Systems
  • Family
  • Friends
  • Peer Support Groups
Support Systems Preventing Relapse and Managing Stress

• Environmental Triggers
• Emotional Triggers
• Physical Triggers
• Cognitive Triggers

• Personal trigger Identification
• Coping Strategies
• Emergency Plan
Role of Community

Emotional Support
• Reducing Isolation
• Building Confidence and Self-Esteem:

Challenges and Solutions
• Overcoming stigma by Educating the Community
• Share Success Stories to Build Buy-In
Role of Comprehensive Support Systems in Reducing Stigma

- Holistic Approach to Recovery
  - Integrated Services
  - Personalized Care Plans:
- Access to Quality Treatment
  - Evidence-Based Treatments
  - Accessible Services
Role of Comprehensive Support System: Have Healthy Community Environments

- Peer Support Groups
  - Emotional Support
  - Shared Understanding
  - Reduced Isolation
  - Accountability and Motivation

- Community Education
  - Raising Awareness
  - Dispelling Myths
  - Tailoring Messages for specific Populations
  - Partnerships with other Local Groups
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### Which tools for identifying triggers have you found to be the most insightful or helpful?

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Examine Tools and Techniques to Address Stress and Triggers

• Techniques for Identifying Personal Triggers
  • Types of Triggers
  • Keep a Trigger Journal
  • Analyze Patterns

Do you know your Stress Triggers? This Simple Tool will help (Case Study)
Self-Reflection: The Role of Self-Reflection in Recovery

• Importance of Self-Reflection
  • Self-Awareness
  • Growth and Improvement

• Techniques for Effective Self-Reflection
  • Mindfulness and Meditation
  • Regular Reflection Sessions
Feedback from Peers, Family, and Counselors: Importance of External Feedback

Role of Feedback in Recovery
- Different Perspectives
- Support and Encouragement
- Peer Support Groups
- Accountability Partners

Involving Family and Friends
- Open Communication
- Family Therapy

Working with Counselors and Therapists
- Professional Guidance
- Feedback Mechanisms
Stress Management Techniques and Coping Strategies

Healthy Coping Strategies
• Physical Activity
• Relaxation Techniques
• Hobbies and Interests

Structured Daily Routines
• Creating a Schedule
• Setting Realistic Goals
Building Resilience

Developing Coping Skills
- Positive Thinking

Leveraging Support Networks
- Utilizing Support Systems
- Community Resources
Coping Strategies

Understanding Cognitive Distortions

• All-or-nothing thinking
• Overgeneralization
• Catastrophizing
• Personalization

Challenging Negative Thoughts

• Reality Testing: Questioning Negative Thoughts
• Seeking Alternative Explanations
Develop Strategies to Build and Maintain Long-Term Recovery

How to create and maintain a strong support system.

• Stay engaged with the basics
• Healthy Relationship Dynamics
• Medical Support
• Professional Support
• Find the Right Groups
• Active Listening
• Effective Communication
• Build Trust
Small Group Discussion
Instructions

- Turn on your camera if you are willing and able
- Designate a notetaker
- Read through the case study
- Discuss the case study questions
- The notetaker should type up a short summary of the discussion/group answers to the questions
- The notetaker pastes their summary in the zoom chat after the breakout session ends
Case Study

Sarah, a 32-year-old Latina female, endured neglect and abuse as a child and grew up in various foster care homes. These traumatic experiences led her to start using drugs and alcohol at a young age as a coping mechanism. Despite numerous attempts at rehabilitation, Sarah struggled to maintain sobriety in the past but has recently managed a year clean and sober. Memories of childhood neglect and abuse and even the smells of certain foods trigger an overwhelming anxiety. Her friends suggest therapy but her belief system tells her to just pray. She is now more confused than ever, and her anxiety causes her to become more isolated. What are some beginning steps that Sarah can start to counter her anxiety? How can Sarah’s support system offer a holistic approach to her recovery that incorporates both her spiritual practices and modern therapeutic techniques? What role can peer support groups play in helping Sarah find a balance between prayer and therapy?
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Discussion:
• What are some effective ways to educate oneself about the nature of triggers and their impact on mental health?
• What strategies do you use to manage sensory and emotional triggers that arise from past trauma?
• Has anyone found a way to integrate their spiritual beliefs with therapeutic practices? How has that worked for you?
• How do you balance advice from different sources while staying true to your own beliefs and needs?
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