Mental Health During COVID-19: Understanding Traumatic Stress During a Pandemic

This workshop is designed to provide an overview of the latest information about how COVID-19 has impacted mental health and how mental health providers can support those who need help. A focus on COVID-19 as an ongoing stressor and how symptoms that develop during the pandemic may parallel symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) will be discussed. Additionally, this workshop will include example of clinical skills and techniques that individuals can incorporate into practice to reduce the burden of mental health symptoms. This training will also provide an overview of compassion fatigue and prevention tools for clinicians to manage the additional stress and feelings related to burnout.

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Dr. Rozek’s research examines cognitive and behavioral interventions for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), suicidal thoughts and behaviors, and depression. He works primarily with military members and first responders. Dr. Rozek uses a multimethod approach, including randomized controlled trials, laboratory experiments, and observational studies. This work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, Boeing Corporation, and the Bob Woodruff Foundation.

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