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**AUGUST 5-9, 2024**

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**Maria Sirois, PsyD*****Paradoxes in Resilience: Leveraging Moments of Grief, Illness, Hardship and Sudden Change to Accelerate Growth***

*Monday - Friday: 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. EDT | 30-Minute Break Daily | 15-Hour Course Delivery Format: In-Person or Live-Online*

**“The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth.”**

-Neils Bohr, Nobel Prize Winner, Physics

As clinicians, supervisors, and managers we are frequently trained to navigate territories of wellness and illness, of capacity and incapacity as if they exist on a spectrum. On one end we are well, at the other end we are ill. Yet, recent research in the fields of positive psychology and resilience enable us to understand that foundational change often occurs at the point of paradox: when we can enable our clients, supervisees and teams to hold happiness and grief, anxiety and hope, imperfection and magnificence with equal appreciation, wisdom and care. Integrating research that considers the best of humanity, the best of systems and of organizations, we will examine the role of positivity, appreciative inquiry, and emerging models of authenticity and meaning to consider how to elevate positive deviancy when clients/supervisees are struggling deeply. Core characteristics of resilience will be addressed, and then considered from the perspective of paradox: how might we (for example) increase grit even when symptoms have increased? How might we accelerate optimism, even as anxiety becomes rampant? What does a helpful hope look like when our world has been shattered?

This approach enables us to complement our current models of treatment with supportive tools and strategies, while providing a meta-framework that potentiates health in the presence of great difficulty. Accentuating positive resources, especially in challenging moments, enables us to provide a greater emotional, cognitive and neurochemical balance to our system of being. While a singular focus on symptom reduction and psychopathology may provide relief, it may do little to construct an internal scaffolding of capacity that reminds clients of the fullness of their resources, strengths, wisdom and adaptability.

Participants will be invited to consider how to best influence positive change in their current practice or management role through examination of clinical vignettes, small group discussion, and in vivo practice of tools/perspectives. Further, this work has an additional benefit of reducing the anxiety, strain and/or fatigue we experience as providers when the stress of our work escalates, either through the distress of our particular patients, or through the growth of systemic disruption.

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## Course Agenda

### Monday:

#### Our Framework: The Meta-Perspective of Paradox

- Review of Current Models of Resilience
- Core Characteristics of Resilient Adults
- Paradox: Why Positivity Matters in the Worst Moments

### Tuesday:

#### Integrating the Positive

- The Appreciative Inquiry Approach
- The Genius of the And
- Transforming Moments of Anxiety, Negative Thought Habits, Grief, Depression into Capacity

### Wednesday:

#### The Paradox of Living as Broken/Whole

- What is True Hope?
- Emerging Models of Authenticity
- Seeding the Future: The Ideal Self In Action
- Integrating the Ideal Self and Character Strengths

### Thursday:

#### The Bigger Pictures

- Why Meaning Matters
- A Granular Look at Meaning
- Narrative and The Vision for Our Resilient Life

### Friday:

#### How Change Happens

- A Brief Journey into Neuroplasticity
- Change at the Level of the System
- Change at the Level of the Person
- Integration of Learning

## Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

1. Summarize benefits of a Positive Psychology approach to treatment
2. Define current Resilience models
3. Describe core characteristics of resilience
4. Examine the role of hope in treatment
5. Explain why meaning matters to growth
6. Apply ideal self constructs
7. Describe the role of generosity in elevating endurance and optimism
8. Explore paradox in critical moments as transformative
9. Discuss the integration of positive psychology approaches with site specific treatment models
10. Summarize how positive transformation happens in individuals and systems

## Continuing Education

*Course Content Level: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. This course is open, and content is, suitable for all clinicians and learning levels, beginning, intermediate and advanced. Courses must be completed in one delivery format.*

**Paradoxes in Resilience: Leveraging Moments of Grief, Illness, Hardship and Sudden**, Course #5632, is approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program to be offered by MAK Continuing Education, LLC, Cape Cod Institute as an individual course. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE course approval period: 5/1/2024-5/1/2026. Social workers completing this course receive 15 general continuing education credits.

Please see the CE section on the [individual course page](#) for a full listing of CE course approvals.

**For a full list of continuing education approval statements please visit <https://www.cape.org/ce-credit>**

## Tuition, Registration & Course Formats

### Registration:

Visit [www.cape.org](http://www.cape.org) to register for our In-Person & Live-Online course offerings. All major credit cards are accepted. No cash or check payments will be accepted.

### Course Formats:

**In-Person Course Format:** Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. EDT with a 30-minute break.

**In-Person Location:**

**Nauset Regional Middle School**, 70 MA-28, Orleans, MA 02653

### Live-Online Course Format:

Interactive synchronous online: Live-Online sessions are held via Zoom Meetings Monday-Friday mornings from 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. EDT, with a 30-minute break. Live-Online courses will include opportunities for interaction with colleagues and faculty members via group discussions, break-out groups, and Q&As.

System requirements: • Operating Systems: Windows XP or higher, MacOS 9 or higher, Android 4.0 or higher • Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher, Google Chrome, Firefox 10.0 or higher • Broadband Internet connection: Cable, High-speed DSL & any other medium that is internet accessible

### Tuition:

**In-Person Course:**

**Early Tuition Rate: \$700 (through 04/01/2024)**

**Full Tuition: \$750**

Full-time graduate students, doctoral students, and resident physicians must upload documentation at the time of registration to qualify for a reduced tuition of \$575 for in-person courses.

**Live-Online Course:**

**Early Tuition Rate: \$575 (through 04/01/2024)**

**Full Tuition: \$625**

Full-time graduate students, doctoral students, and resident physicians must upload documentation at the time of registration to qualify for a reduced tuition of \$450 live-online courses.

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## Cancellation & Refund Policy

**Up until two weeks (14 days) prior to your course start date:** For cancellations (in person & online), you will receive a full refund less \$50 cancellation fee.

**Within two weeks:** If you give notice between fourteen and one day(s) before your course start date a credit for a 2024 Cape Cod Institute program is available. Credit may be applied to any 2024 or 2025 Cape Cod Institute course. There will be no price reduction for switching to a live-online course within two weeks of the course start date.

**Once your course begins:** No credit or refund is available if you cancel on the arrival day, if you do not show up, or if you leave an event early for any reason. No refund will be available if you attend a program and are dissatisfied with its presentation or content. If you need to leave for any reason, no partial credit can be given.

You can notify our staff of your cancellation at [info@cape.org](mailto:info@cape.org) or by calling + 1 (203) 781-6492.

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Full attendance of in-person and live-online courses is required to meet the standards of accrediting organizations. No partial credits will be provided. CE certificates are distributed by email for both in-person and live-online courses following the conclusion of your 15-hour course, confirmation of full attendance, and completion of an online evaluation form.

You will receive additional details regarding the online evaluation process at the end of your assigned course. Evaluations must be submitted within three weeks of the end date of your course. You will receive a copy of your certificate of attendance with detailed CE approval statements, once you submit your evaluation. Please check with your regulating body/organization that this certificate is sufficient proof for you to claim continuing education credits/credit hours/clock hours/contact hours.

Most courses are eligible for 15 credits/credit hours/clock hours/contact hours. Exclusions will be listed on individual course pages as well as below. Please check individual course pages for course learning objectives.

All courses are open and suitable for all clinicians and learning levels, beginning, intermediate and advanced unless otherwise noted on the course page.

**Please contact your licensing board to determine your continuing education requirements and check for reciprocal approvals.**

### Continuing Education Approvals:

Current continuing education approvals for MAK Continuing Education, LLC, Cape Cod Institute are listed on our website: <https://www.cape.org/ce-credit>

You can also contact our staff with any CE-specific questions at + 1(203) 781- 6492 or [info@cape.org](mailto:info@cape.org).

## Travel Information

All in-person sessions are held at the Nauset Regional Middle School at 70 MA-28, Orleans, Massachusetts. Orleans is a 2-hour drive from Boston or Providence (expect traffic delays on Saturdays). There are scheduled flights from Boston and Providence to Hyannis, a 40-minute drive to Orleans. A car is needed for full access to lower Cape Cod. Biking around Orleans is easily done via the rail trail, and local buses between towns are available.

Cape Cod is about 70 miles long, and 75 miles from Logan Airport in Boston and Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island. Driving distances to the Lower and Outer Cape are:

Boston 77 miles; Providence 77 miles; New York City 245 miles; Montreal 355 miles.

Please visit our travel page for specific directions, lodging and travel information: <https://www.cape.org/travel>

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## JULY 1-AUGUST 23, 2024

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**Janina Fisher, PhD**

*Transforming Trauma-Related Resistance and Stuckness*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Rubin Naiman, PhD, FAASM**

*Healing Our Sleep, Dreams, and Consciousness: An Integrative Approach*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**LaTonya Wilkins, PCC, MBA**

*Belonging: Fostering Psychological Safety and Below the Surface Leadership in Organizations, Clients, and Yourself*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 8-12, 2024

**Lana Epstein, MA, LICSW**

*Putting It All Together: Combining Somatic and Ego-State Therapies with EMDR to Change the Valence of Emotional Memories*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Barry Prizant, PhD, CCC-SLP**

*Understanding and Supporting Autistic and Neurodivergent Individuals through the Uniquely Human Lens*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Licia Sky, BFA**

*Embodied Awareness: The Art of Presence and Attunement*

*In-Person Only*

**Bessel van der Kolk, MD**

*Frontiers of Trauma Treatment*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 15-19, 2024

**Sebastian Barr, PhD**

*Affirming and Effective Work with Trans and Nonbinary Adolescents and Young Adults*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**James Hawkins, PhD, LPC**

*Facilitating the Function of Attachment in Distressed Adult Romantic Relationships: An Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) Framework*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Stewart Levine, JD**

*Building a Culture of High Performance Sustainable Collaboration: Mindset and Tools*

*In-Person Only*

**Richard Schwartz, PhD & Jeanne Catanzaro, PhD**

*Internal Family Systems Workshop*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 22-26, 2024

**Deb Dana, LCSW**

*Polyvagal Theory in Therapy: Practical Applications for Treating Trauma*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**John Forsyth, PhD & Jamie Forsyth, PhD**

*Harnessing the Transformative Power of Mindful ACT Therapy: How to Live Well When Life is Hard*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Flint Sparks, PhD**

*Growing Up and Waking Up: Applied Mindfulness in Psychotherapy and Buddhist Practice*

*In-Person Only*

**Cece Sykes, LCSW, ACSW**

*Internal Family Systems and Compassion for Addictive Processes*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2024

**Margaret Blaustein, PsyD**

*Fostering Resilience in Trauma Impacted Youth through Attachment, Regulation, and Competency*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Diana Fosha, PhD, Kari Gleiser, PhD, & Ben Medley, LCSW, with Molly Eldridge, LICSW**

*"HOT" Topics in AEDP™*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Franklin King, MD**

*The Promise of Psychedelics: A Critical Look at the Therapeutic Potential of Psychedelic-Assisted Treatments*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Juliet King, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMHC**

*Arts & the Brain: Evidence-Based Therapeutic Arts Interventions for Optimal Health & Well-Being*

*In-Person Only*

### AUGUST 5-9, 2024

**Harville Hendrix, PhD, Helen LaKelly Hunt, PhD, Carol Kramer, LICSW, & Joanne Audyatis, LMHC**

*IMAGO: Proven Strategies for Helping Couples Move from Conflict to Connecting*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Deborah Korn, PsyD**

*EMDR Therapy and the Treatment of Complex PTSD in Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse and Neglect*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### AUGUST 5-9, 2024

**George McCloskey, PhD**

*Intervention for Child and Adolescent Executive Function Difficulties*

*In-Person Only*

**Maria Sirois, PsyD**

*Paradoxes in Resilience: Leveraging Moments of Grief, Illness, Hardship and Sudden Change to Accelerate Growth*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### AUGUST 12-16, 2024

**Bob Anderson**

*The Journey of Conscious Leadership*

*In-Person Only*

**Edward Hallowell, MD**

*Unwrapping the Gifts: A Strength-Based Approach to ADHD Across the Life Span*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Donald Meichenbaum, PhD**

*Addressing Issues of Violence and Aggression in Individuals and Communities: Development, Prediction, and Intervention*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Ronald D. Siegel, PsyD**

*What Clinicians Need to Know about Non-Ordinary States: Mindfulness, Compassion, & Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### AUGUST 19-23, 2024

**Amanda Blake, PhD**

*Embodied Intelligence at Work: Leveraging Mind-Body Science to Enhance Professional Performance*

*In-Person Only*

**Mary-Frances O'Connor, PhD**

*The Grieving Brain: The Surprising Science of How We Learn from Love and Loss*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Jonah Paquette, PsyD**

*Positive Psychology 2.0: Creating a Life of Meaning, Purpose, and Connection*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Eboni Webb, PsyD, HSP**

*Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT): Effective Tools for Navigating Trauma and Attachment in Complex Clients Across the Lifespan*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

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