Neural Desensitization and Integration Training Outline

Module 1: Building the Alliance

- 1. The Neuroscience of Connection
 - a. Increased mirror neuron activation
 - b. Decreased amygdala activation
 - c. Increased right hemisphere activation
 - d. Increased prefrontal cortex activation
 - e. Decreased cortisol/increased oxytocin
- 2. Techniques for Alliance Building
 - a. Witnessing techniques
 - b. Mirroring techniques
 - c. Co-regulation techniques
 - d. Coordinated movement techniques
 - e. Rupture repair techniques
 - f. Self-disclosure techniques
- 3. Homework Assignments
 - a. Worksheets
 - b. Logs
- 4. Therapeutic Approaches to Integrate

Module 2: Reconnecting with the Body

- 5. The Neuroscience of Body Connection
 - a. Increased insula activation
 - b. Increased hippocampal activation and volume
- 6. Techniques for Reconnecting with the Body:
 - a. Sensory awareness and utilization techniques
 - b. Inside vs. outside grounding techniques
 - c. Interoceptive awareness techniques
 - d. Proprioceptive awareness techniques
 - e. Movement-based techniques, Part I
- 7. Homework Assignments
 - a. Worksheets
 - b. Logs

Module 3: Regulating the Stress Response

- 8. The Neuroscience of Regulating Stress
 - a. Decreased amygdala activation
 - b. Increased hippocampal activation and volume
 - c. Increased cingulate activation
 - d. Decreased cortisol
- 9. Techniques for Regulating the Stress Response
 - a. Body-based techniques

- b. Body positioning techniques
- c. Breathing techniques
- d. Vagus nerve techniques
- e. Movement-based techniques, Part II
- f. Fast and simple regulation techniques for acute stress situations
- 10. Homework Assignments
 - a. Worksheets
 - b. Logs
- 11. Therapeutic Approaches to Integrate

Module 4: Strengthening the Mind

- 1. The Neuroscience of Strengthening the Mind
 - a. Increased prefrontal cortex activation
 - b. Increased cingulate cortex activation
 - c. Increased hippocampal activation
- 2. Techniques for Strengthening the Mind
 - a. Cognitive restructuring techniques
 - b. Decentering and cognitive defusion techniques
 - c. Narrative techniques
 - d. Meditations
- 3. Homework Assignments
 - a. Worksheets
 - b. Logs
- 4. Therapeutic Approaches to Integrate

Module 5: Processing Trauma

- 1. The Neuroscience of Processing Trauma
 - a. Decreased amygdala activation
 - b. Regulated insula
 - c. Increased hippocampal activation
 - d. Increased prefrontal cortex activation
 - e. Increased cingulate cortex activation
 - f. Integration of left and right hemispheres
- 2. Techniques for Processing Trauma
 - a. Creating a trauma profile
 - b. Target selection
 - c. Memory-based trauma targets
 - d. Somatic trauma targets
 - e. Thought-based trauma targets
 - f. Emotion-based trauma targets
 - g. Belief-based trauma targets
 - h. Environmental-based trauma targets
 - i. Neural desensitization techniques
 - j. Neural integration techniques

- 3. Homework Assignments
 - a. Worksheets
 - b. Logs
- 4. Therapeutic Approaches to Integrate