# MIX and MATCH DIALECTICAL BEHAVIORAL and COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY

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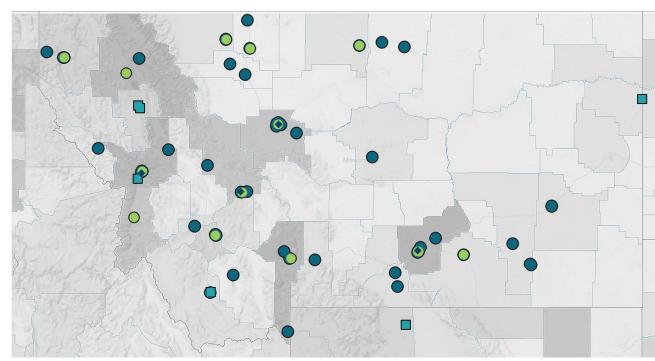
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## DBT VS. CBT



#### **The Difference & Benefits**

□both evidence-based therapies that have been shown to be effective in treating a range of mental health conditions,

depression, anxiety, and personality disorders.

□key differences between the two that are important to understand when considering which therapy may be the best fit for a path to recovery.



#### **Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT)**

- talk therapy
- identifies and changes negative thought patterns and behaviors.
- aims to help individuals understand how their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are interconnected and how changing one aspect of this equation can lead to changes in others.
- working with a therapist to identify negative thoughts and beliefs and then working on challenging and replacing them with more positive and realistic ones.

#### **Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)**

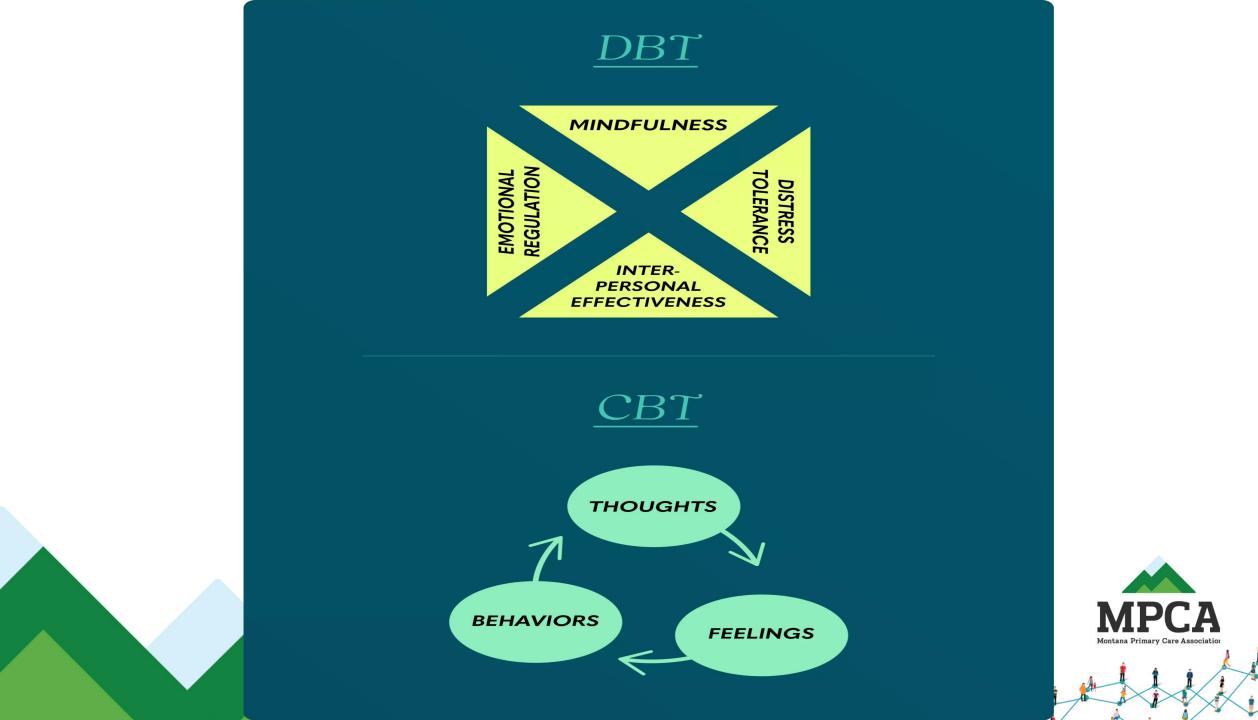
- therapy that combines CBT with mindfulness and acceptance-based techniques.
- originally developed to treat individuals with borderline personality disorder (BPD).
- depression, anxiety, and substance abuse.
- focuses on helping individuals learn to accept and cope with difficult emotions and situations rather than trying to avoid or change them.
- DBT emphasizes the importance of balancing change and acceptance in therapy.

#### How CBT & DBT Together Can Be Conducive To Recovery

**CBT** is often recommended for individuals looking to make specific changes in their **thoughts and behaviors** 

**DBT** may be a better fit for those struggling with **overwhelming emotions and difficulty regulating them.** 





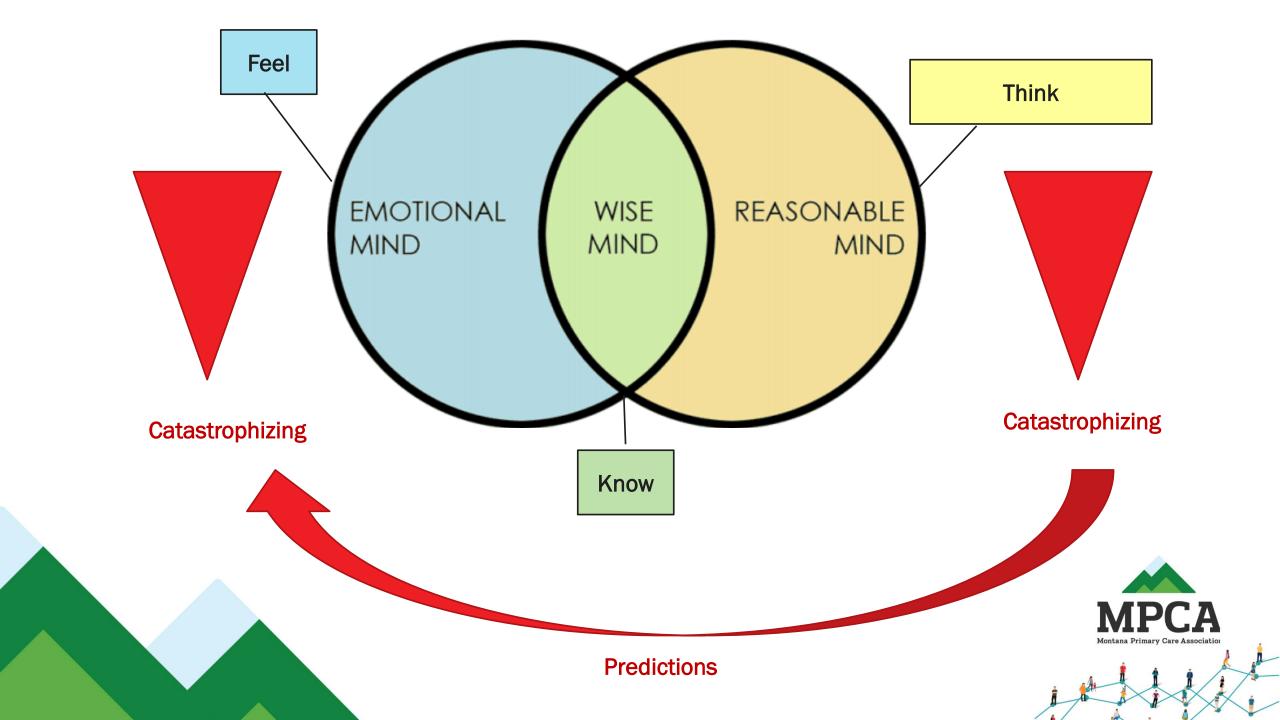
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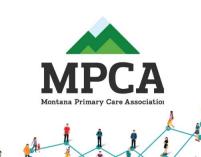
Getting through painful situations without making them worse



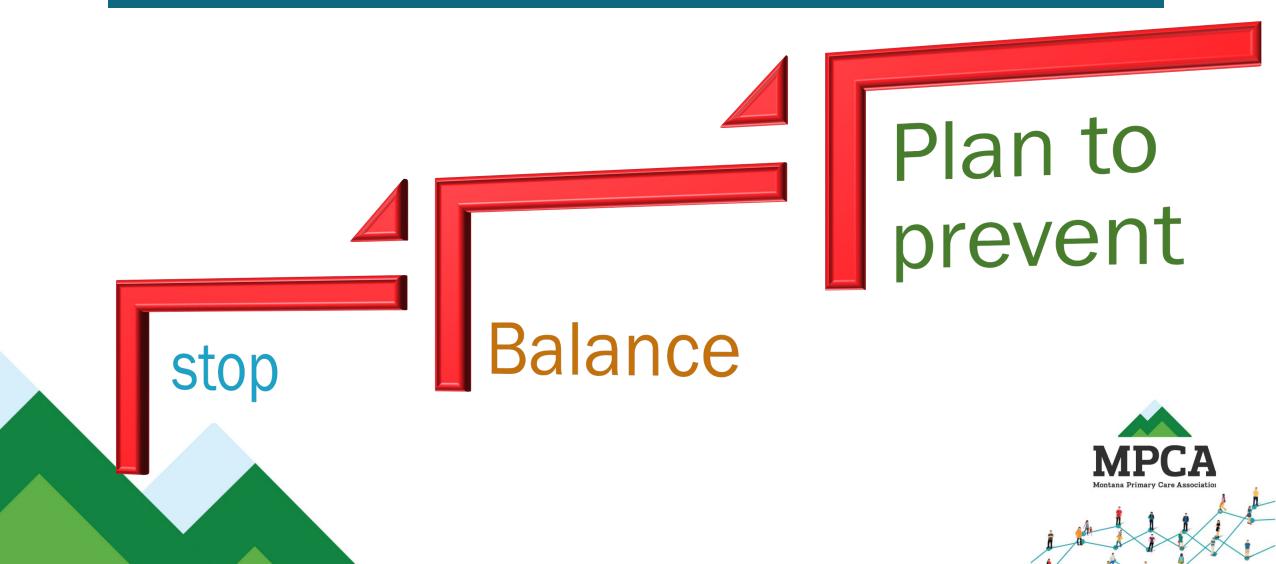


# What is Distress Tolerance?

# How to integrated it into practice.

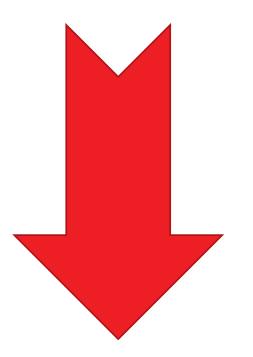


### 3 levels of Brief Intervention



### Distress Tolerance GOAL:

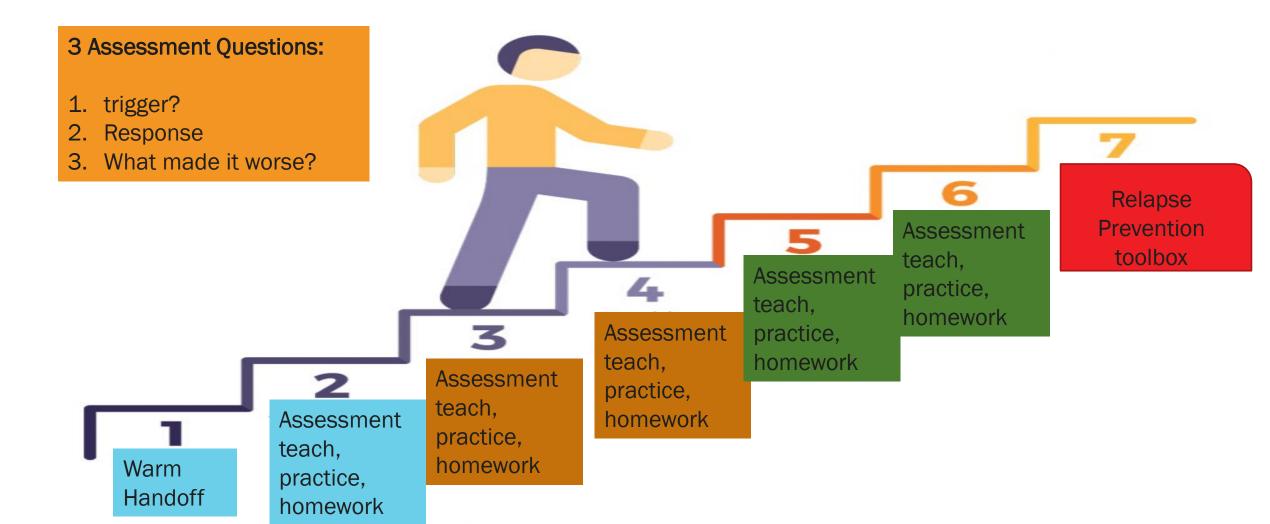
#### Not to solve his problems



Stop the acceleration of catastrophizing and create building blocks to a new prediction



## Integrating Distress Tolerance into Practice



### Distress Tolerance Skills



## DISTRACTING



A: Activities **<u>C:</u>**Contributing <u>*C*:</u>Comparisons **E:** opposite **Emotions P:** Pushing away (leave it for a while) **<u>T</u>:** other Thoughts **S:** intense other **Sensations** 



#### 5 senses

Hopefully, we were taught self-soothing as a child and forgot as an adult:

- 1. When you were a child do you remember using to sooth you?
- 2. Is there any smells or things you like the feeling of
  - 1. Favorite soft blanket, petting your dog, homemade apple pie
- Do you do anything now that is soothing? Look at your information you already have and connect that to a skill...
  - Observe you patient: are they wringing their hands, or twirling their hair, maybe its smoking?



### **IMPROVE THE MOMENT**

#### **IMPROVE:**

I: Imagery

Meaning

**<u>P</u>:**Prayer

**<u>R</u>:**Relaxation

**<u>O:</u>** One thing in the moment (mindfulness)

<u>V:</u>Vacation

E: Encouragement



## Rule of 3

#### Ask them to do 3 competing things and stack them up at one at a time

Example:

- 1. Tap big toe on their left foot in a rhythm
- 2. Add in singing marry had a little lamb
- 3. Pat head and rub stomach

Ask them what happened to the pain/worry/anxiety?



## OTHERS

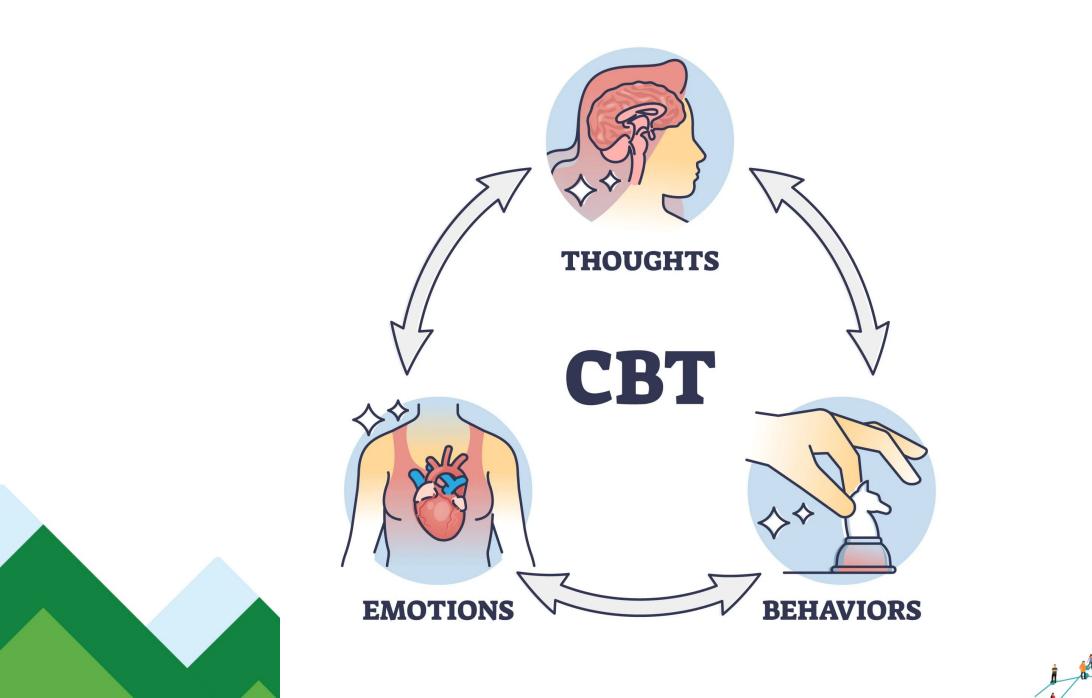
#### Pros & Cons

T emperature I ntense physical exertion P aced breathing

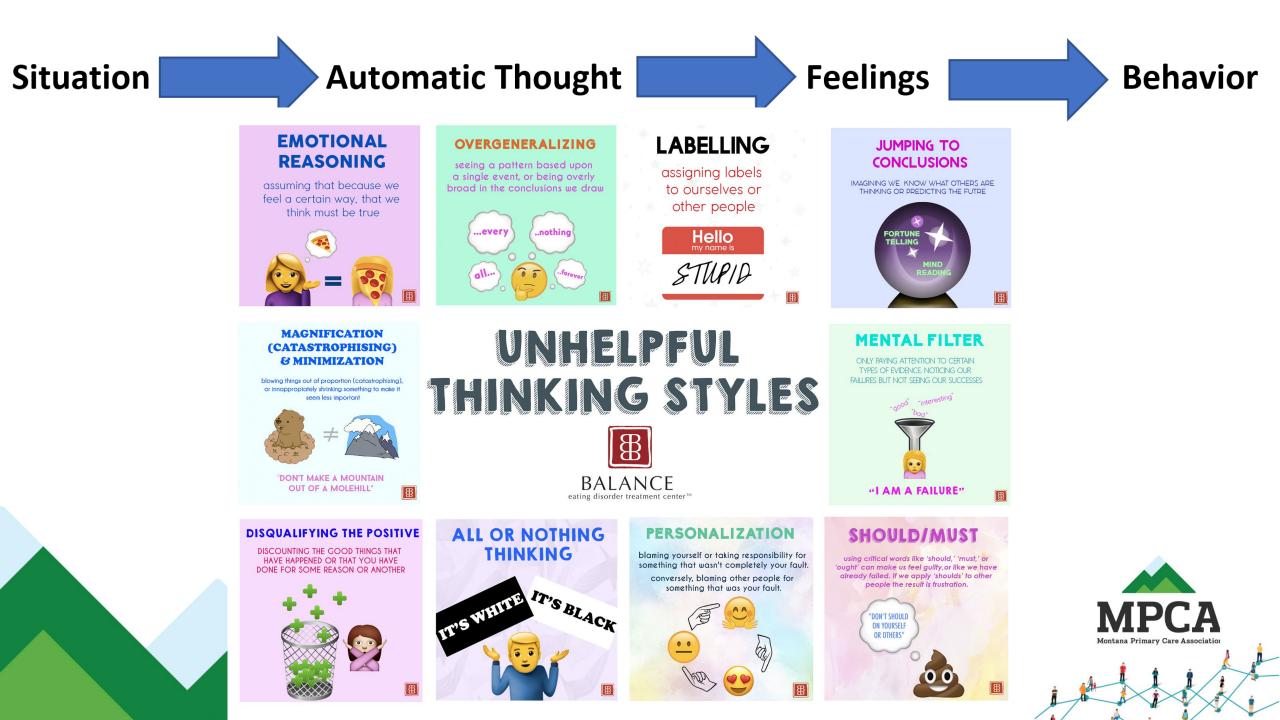
P aired muscle relation

S top what you're doingT ake a breath/pauseO bserve the situationP roceed mindfully/effectively



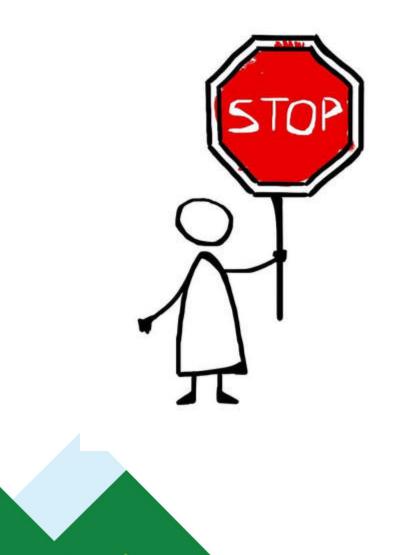






Thought stopping is a strategy that involves blocking and replacing unwanted, distressing thoughts. The technique is sometimes used in cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) as a way to halt or disrupt negative thoughts. Then, add an adaptive or helpful thought can then be replace for the unhelpful one





#### STOPP

Stop and step back

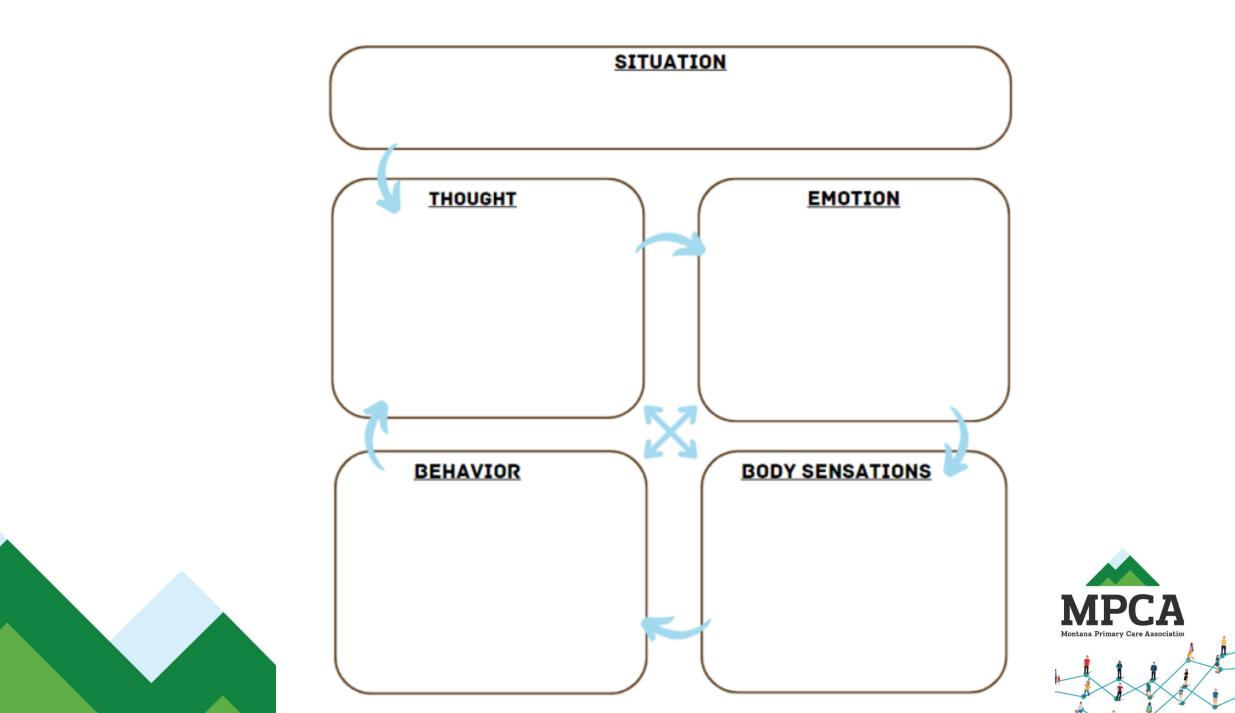
Take a breath

**O**bserve: What am I feeling? Is this fact or opinion?

Pull back: put in perspective

Practise what works





#### Thought Stopping Techniques Worksheet (PDF)

Note down when and which thought-stopping techniques you have used throughout the day. Comment on and rate their effectiveness.

Situation that triggered the negative thoughts	The immediate negative thoughts that came to my mind	Thought stopping technique used	How effective was the technique? Rate its effectiveness on a scale of 1 - 10





# Testing Ambivalence of Returning Homework in an Integrated Setting

#### **Questions:**

1. Do they have the buy-in into the treatment?

2. Did they simply forget?

3. Did they do the plan, but it didn't meet their goal?

Remember building that RLP Toolbox!





