

# Motivational Interviewing: A 2-day Intensive



## Training Description

Motivational Interviewing (MI) offers a practical, evidence-based approach for supporting clients in making and sustaining positive behavior changes. Originally developed in the drug and alcohol field, over 300 clinical trials demonstrate the efficacy of MI across a range of populations and target behaviors. In particular, MI has been shown to be especially effective in brief clinical encounters and for individuals not ready or unsure about change. This intensive 2-day MI introductory/intermediate workshop will provide participants an overview of the theory, principles, skills, and current advances of MI. Participants will be guided through a sequence of learning activities to explore and shape MI practice behavior, and to support the on-going process for developing proficiency in MI. Learning activities will include demonstrations, videotape examples, “real-plays,” case studies, small group exercises, and significant participant practice with feedback.

## Learning Objectives

*Participants will be able to:*

- Participants will be able to identify four key principles of Motivational Interviewing (MI);
- Participants will be able to describe four behavioral concepts demonstrated through video tape examples of MI;
- Participants will be able to demonstrate three primary skills to evoke motivation for positive behavior change in brief clinical encounters;
- Participants will be able to determine three practical MI approaches and strategies applicable to their clinical practice behavior; and
- Participants will be able to develop a personal plan for incorporating the primary skills and strategies of MI into clinical practice behavior.

## Continuing Education

This course meets the qualifications for thirteen (13) hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (CAMFT). Placer County Systems of Care is approved by CAMFT to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs. Placer SOC maintains responsibility for this course and its content.



## About the Instructor

For over 28 years, Steven Malcolm Berg-Smith has worked as a health educator, behavior change counselor, drug & alcohol prevention specialist, and researcher. He currently has a private practice in San Francisco as a trainer, consultant, mentor, and health counselor. A member of the International Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers since 1994, Steven has conducted over 700 workshops throughout the US and internationally on strategies for motivating behavior change in brief clinical encounters, designed behavior change intervention protocols for several national clinical research trials, and in 2006 was selected to co-facilitate the Motivational Interviewing ‘Training for Trainers’ program in Miami, FL. He has authored several frequently cited articles on how to use motivation-enhancing tools and strategies to support adolescents and adults in making positive lifestyle changes. Steven holds a MS in Community Health Education from the University of Oregon, and a BA in psychology from the University of Redlands.

## Training Dates and Time

**December 6-7, 2023**

**8:30am-4:30pm both days**

**Location:** *Holiday Inn—Sierra Ballroom  
110 Grass Valley Hwy. Auburn 95603*

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