Meeting our Mental Health Emergency: Who Can Provide Care?

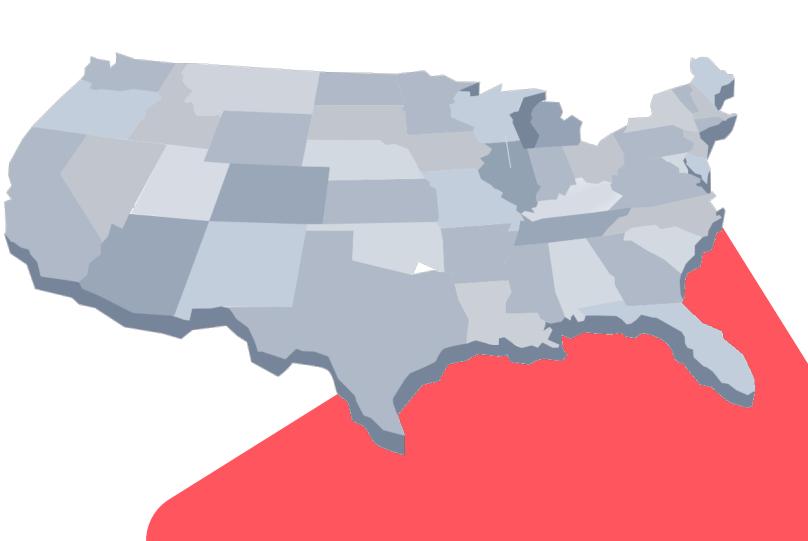
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Mental Health Need

Mental health Clinician Shortage



Therapy Works

Why does it work?

- Empathic Connection
- Nonjudgment
- Unconditional Positive Regard
- Skillful Deep Listening
- Anti-racist practices
- Strength-based
- Empathic Reflection

What are EBPs?

- Trauma Informed Care Practices
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
- Motivational Interviewing
- Supportive Counseling

No License Needed

What is a Lay Counselor?

A mental health counselor who entered the field through direct learning & training.

Lay Counselors work under the supervision of licensed therapists.



Peer Support





Educator

Mental Health





Lay Counselors engage in Mental Health COUNSELING





How would you rate quality of counseling services you received?



How much has counseling helped you?





Experience, training, learning & practice



School, school, more school & a license PhD, LCSW, MAC

What do we know?

Does it work? Yes!

Research from India and South Africa and the US has shown effectiveness for decades. Our research says the same!

Is it Safe? Yes!

Humility and curiosity, and a growth mindset mean Counselors are always learning and growing.

Counselors work under the supervision of a licensed therapist and have weekly supervision.

Is it Ethical? Yes!

We are in a mental health emergency, and many, many people are suffering.

There are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands of people who could provide care.

Is it Legal? Yes!

Counseling is a broad term that many in the helping field use. There is no legal prohibition on mental health counseling by those without licenses.

Can anyone do it?

NO





Also....our field needs disruption...

Opportunity Hoarding

Payer-driven practices

Erosion of relational healing practices



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