The Rhythm of Regulation  
Building a Polyvagal Foundation for Your Clinical Practice  
Intensive Training Program  

Southtown Office Park  
8120 Penn Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55431  

August 2019 - March 2020  
9:00 - 4:30 daily  

This program is offered in cooperation with  
HaraCenter, LLC (http://www.haracenter.com)  
whose generous support in organizing the training is greatly appreciated…  

"The greatest thing then...is to make our nervous system our ally as opposed to our enemy." William James  

The autonomic nervous system is the foundation for our lived experience. Polyvagal Theory defines the role of the autonomic nervous system in regulating experiences of risk and protection, safety and connection. Looking through this lens we see the impact of trauma and understand our clients' post-traumatic patterns of activation, hypervigilance, collapse, and numbing.  

The Rhythm of Regulation training series brings Polyvagal Theory into practical application offering a roadmap to help our clients reshape their nervous systems and rewrite the trauma stories that are carried in their autonomic pathways.  

If you are interested in adding a Polyvagal Theory foundation to your therapy practice, please consider joining this training series.  

Come explore the science of connection!
The Rhythm of Regulation is based on the work of renowned neuroscience researcher Stephen Porges. Through his development of Polyvagal Theory we now have a deeper understanding of the role of the autonomic nervous system as it influences our experiences of safety and our ability for connection. Dr. Porges’ work is especially relevant to understanding the effects of trauma and offers clinicians an updated guide to working with the embodied patterns of response that are woven into our clients’ personal narratives.

In this intensive training, Deb Dana translates Polyvagal Theory into clinical application teaching the science of connection and a comprehensive approach to Polyvagal Theory guided practice. This program is designed to create fluency in the language of Polyvagal Theory and expertise in using a polyvagal framework in clinical interventions. Each training module combines didactic presentations, experiential exercises, and opportunities for practice.

*With seamless fluidity Deb Dana bridges the intuitions of a master clinician with the insights of the Polyvagal Theory to formulate a powerful treatment model to guide the client on a journey from the abyss of helplessness to the empowerment of connectedness.*

*Stephen W. Porges: Originator of the Polyvagal Theory*

August 23-24, 2019

**Understanding the Science of Connection**

- Discuss the science behind polyvagal theory as we explore the neurobiology of our clients’ autonomic responses and study the impact of two way communication pathways between the body and the brain
- Describe the hierarchy of autonomic response, assess client autonomic profiles, and track client patterns of response.
- Create confidence in your ability to teach Polyvagal Theory to clients using science and metaphor
- Explain the ways compassion is moderated by the autonomic nervous system and the influence of the vagus nerve on our clients’ ability to feel safe in relationships.
- Apply the initial “befriending” phase of the polyvagal intervention sequence

November 8-9, 2019

**Navigating Autonomic Regulation**

- Describe “neuroception” and what happens in clinical work when we bring perception to this non-conscious response and discuss the ways neuroception activates a client’s autonomic state shifts and creates their embodied story
- Assess a variety of “attending” practices as we experiment with ways to help clients move out of “automatic autonomic” patterns and intentionally engage the regulating capacities of the vagal system.
- Describe methods to map autonomic client response patterns and systems to track and respond to autonomic state shifts in clinical sessions.
- Utilize these skills in your work with clients and return for Module 3 with data about your increasing expertise and growing edges
January 10-11, 2020
Exploring the Art of Resetting the Nervous System
• Assess the multiple ways a client’s autonomic nervous system responds to the
environment and experience
• Describe how to interrupt habitual response patterns and bring flexibility back to a
client’s nervous system when it has become rigid as an adaptive survival response
• Apply specific skills and exercises to reset a client’s nervous system
• Discuss ways to help clients tone the vagus and engage the individual elements of
the ventral vagal complex that comprise the social engagement system
• Apply re-patterning practices in your work with clients and track your progress to
share in the final module

March 6-7, 2020
Designing a Clinical System
• Discuss the ways working from a polyvagal foundation increases the effectiveness
of clinical work
• Analyze the ways Polyvagal Theory informs other treatment modalities.
• Utilize active engagement with the ventral vagal energy of “benevolence” to promote
healing in clinical work
• Apply a polyvagal framework to the “nuts and bolts” of polyvagal-informed therapy:
assessment, case formulation, treatment planning
• Design a personalized “clinical launch plan” using the science of intention, imagery,
writing, and reciprocity
• Create a polyvagal peer group

Training Series Learning Objectives:

Describe the principles of Polyvagal Theory in client friendly language
Assess client experiences of mobilization, disconnection, and engagement through a Polyvagal
lens
Identify the impact of autonomic state on a client’s behavior, beliefs, and experience of bonding
Apply skills to recognize and regulate patterns of autonomic response in clinical sessions
Explain practices that can be used in clinical work to tone the Social Engagement system
Discuss ethical considerations of Polyvagal informed clinical work
Plan how to incorporate a Polyvagal approach into your current clinical practice

In order to support the experiential nature of this training and depth of learning, this
training is limited to 20 participants.

The Rhythm of Regulation has changed not only how I practice, but also how I live my
life. Deb knows this theory and does a great job of conveying it in an understandable
way. I walked away ready to introduce this work to my clients from the get go. (CD,
training participant)
I am learning so much about my own autonomic rhythm as well as having the ability to apply Polyvagal Theory on both a micro and macro level. Deb’s training style is relaxed and comfortable. This is a fabulous clinical journey for you and for your clients. (NNK, training participant)

The Rhythm of Regulation training program will touch you on a personal level as well as a professional level. Through this experiential training, Polyvagal Theory is translated into immediately applicable clinical skills. Now that I am a proud member of Deb’s Polyvagal community, it is hard to imagine being a clinician without this fundamental understanding of how and why we react. (AZ, training participant)

The Rhythm of Regulation training has transformed my psychotherapy practice. Deb’s teaching is clear, informative and inspiring. The workshop incorporates the vision and the practical applications of Polyvagal Theory into a user-friendly model that is relevant to any clinical setting. (GW, training participant)

Deb Dana, LCSW is a clinician and consultant specializing in working with complex trauma and is the Coordinator of the Traumatic Stress Research Consortium in the Kinsey Institute. She is a certified IFS therapist, a certified TAT trainer, trained in Sensorimotor Psychotherapy and completed the Certificate Program in Traumatic Stress Studies at the Trauma Center. Deb is the author of The Polyvagal Theory in Therapy: Engaging the Rhythm of Regulation and co-edited, with Stephen Porges, Clinical Applications of the Polyvagal Theory: The Emergence of Polyvagal-Informed Therapies. She is part of the growing global community of polyvagal inspired clinicians and lectures internationally on ways in which Polyvagal Theory informs work with trauma survivors.

As a beginning level training, no prior experience with Polyvagal Theory is necessary.

48 CEs are offered for completion of this intensive training program. It is the participant's responsibility to check with their individual state boards to verify CE requirements for their state.

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Location: Hara Center  8120 Penn Avenue South, Bloomington, MN
The training facility is handicapped accessible. If you need special accommodations, please contact me. (Deb Dana 207-831-9777)

Cost: Early Registration $1600 (paid by June 15, 2019)
Regular Registration $1950 (after June 15, 2019)

The $500 deposit will hold your space and guarantee the early registration fee if the deposit is made by June 15, 2019. Flexible payment plans available.

Cancellation Policy:
Refund minus $500 deposit offered prior to July 15, 2019.
After July 15, 2019 if your space can be filled from the waiting list, your fee minus deposit will be refunded.

Send deposit and registration form to:
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(The remainder of the early registration fee is due by July 15, 2019. Payment plans are possible. Please ask for more information.)