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# Breaking Intergenerational Patterns of Addictions, Trauma and Dark Secrets

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## **Every Few Years the U.S.**

experiences traumatic catastrophes which can impact the entire country and the world of work. Traumatic catastrophes also impact recovery rates making it necessary for every addictions professional to become trauma specialists. We cannot break intergenerational patterns of addiction without trauma specialists.





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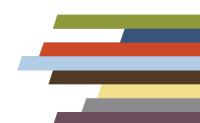




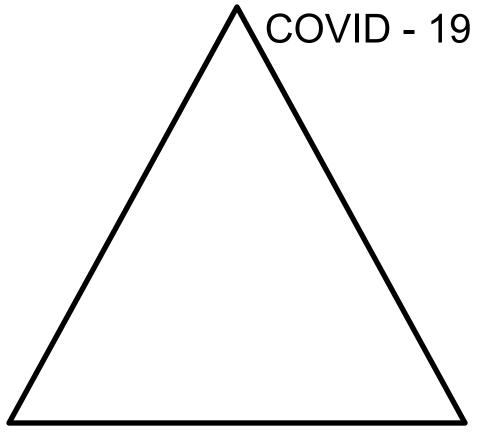
Katrina



**Gulf of Mexico** 



#### **Trifecta**



Economic hardship, Economic uncertainty Racial conflict, protests, riots

### Impact of COVID - 19

- Loneliness
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Traumatic Stress Disorders
- Relapse and drug overdose deaths
- Spousal/partner/child abuse
- Economic Recession
- Anger



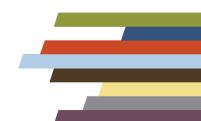
## Impact of the Economic Recession

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Relapse and drug overdose deaths
- Child abuse, neglect, spouse partner abuse
- Feeling overwhelmed
- Suicide
- Anger

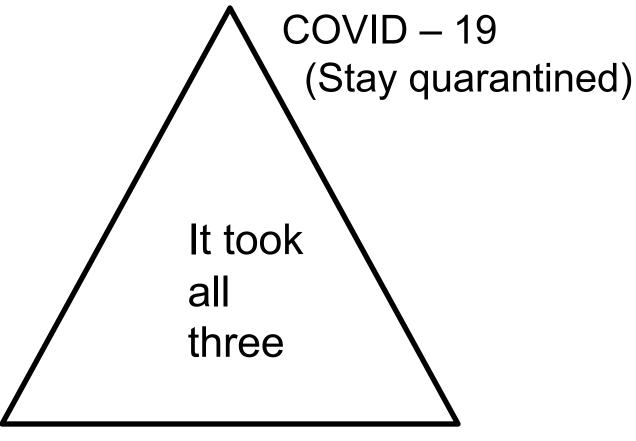


### Impact of Recent Police Killing of Unarmed African Americans

- Traumatic stress symptoms
- Historical trauma ignited
- Feeling unsafe
- Anger
- Rage
- Emotional dysregulation
- Desire for justice
- Protests



### **Trifecta**



Economic Recession (Part-time job)

Police killings, Protests, riots (3 day protests)

### **Mathematical Formula**

COVID – 19

Recession

Racial Conflict

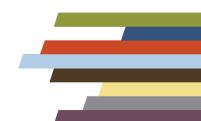
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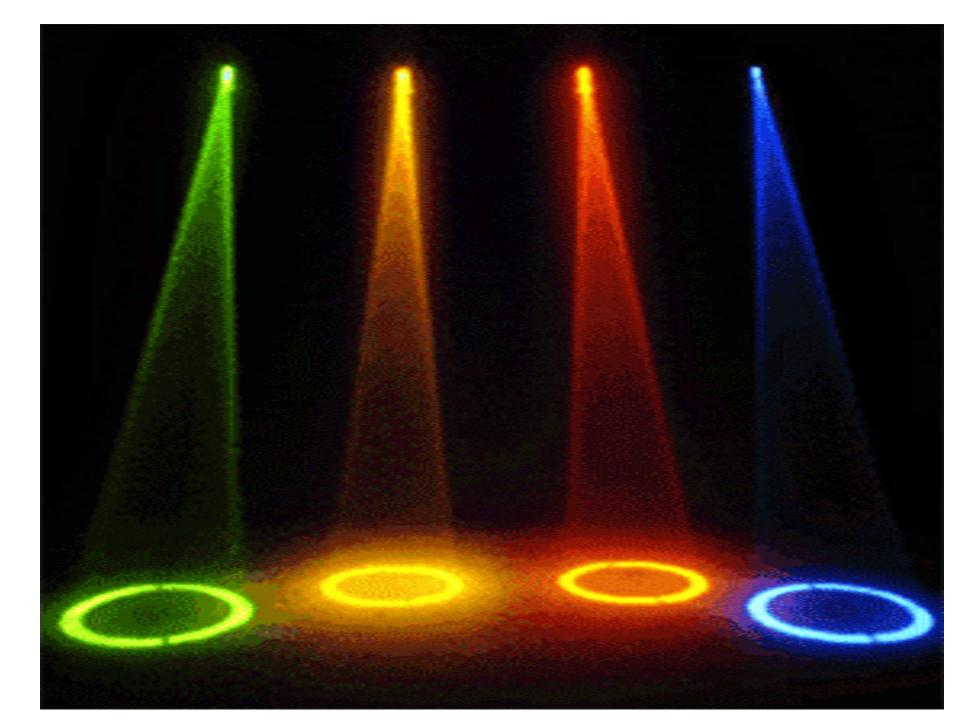


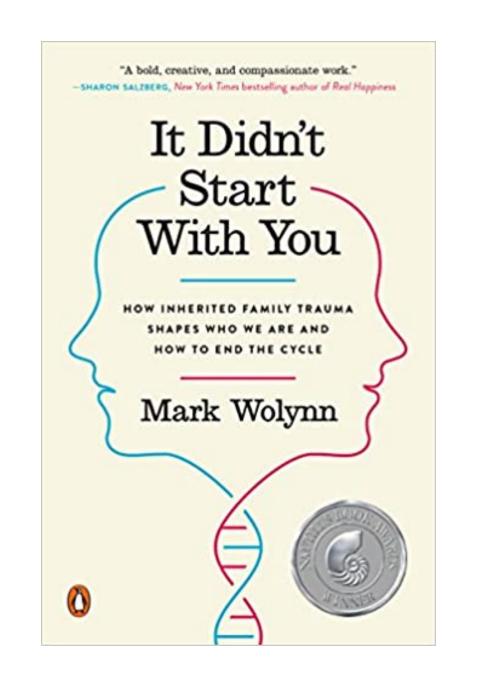


In the past did crisis occur as quickly as they do today back to back? What happened after the turbulent 1960's?

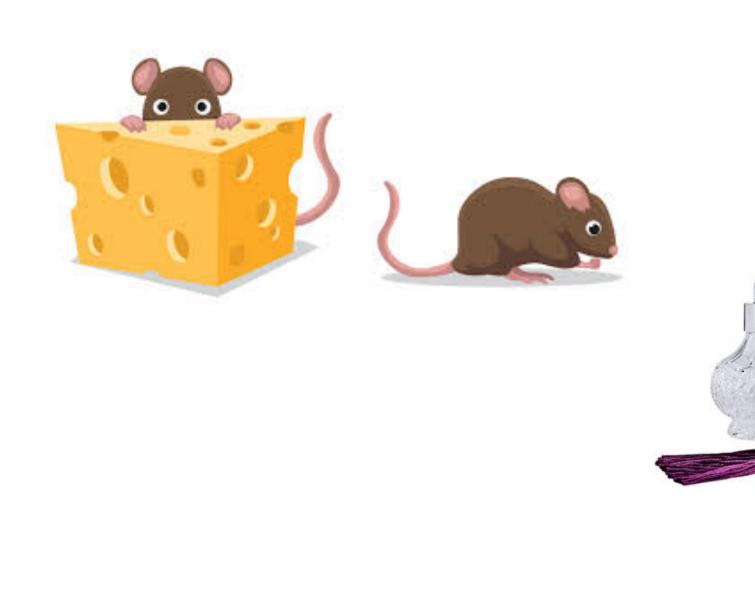




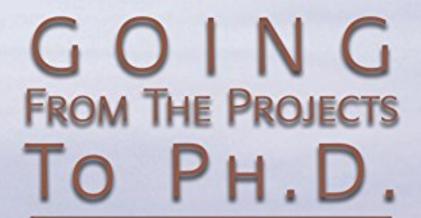




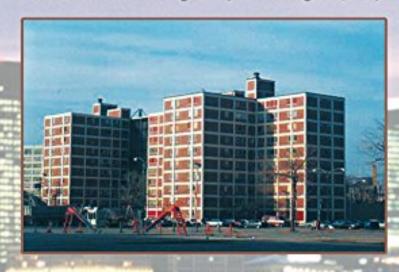
# Tuskegee Experiment







Transcending My Geography



DR. YVETTE L. PYE



### Clinical Strategies to Break Intergenerational Transmission of Addiction

- 1. Shift the unit of service from the individual to the family and extended family.
  - Counselors are more effective recruiters than clients
    - Thomas Todd "Family Therapy With Drug Abusers"
  - Treatment and prevention simultaneous
  - Reduce shame and self-blame as early as possible

My parent has a disease that is characterized by emotional unavailability, broken promises, and inconsistency. I did not cause this problem. I am not the problem or the solution.

Claudia Black, PH.D.



# Iceberg Model

Addiction



Co-dependence



**Toxic Shame** 



Abandonment/Trauma

John Freil



### Guilt vs. Shame

### <u>Guilt</u>

- Behavior
- "I've done wrong"

- "I've done bad"
- "I made a mistake"

#### **Shame**

- Your being
- "There is something wrong with me"
- "I am bad"

"I am a mistake"

#### Shame

The belief that I am unlovable and unworthly of belonging.

Brene Brown, Ph. D.



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### Co-dependence

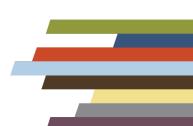
An over involvement with things outside of us and an underinvolvement with things inside of us. Left untreated codependence can lead to addiction.

John Friel





Marilyn Monroe



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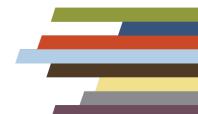
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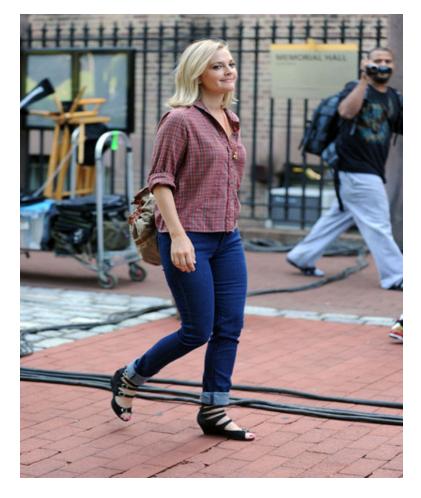
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### Shift the Unit of Service Continued

 Children of parents with Substance Use Disorders need to know that they're not alone. Many go on to achieve a great deal of success.





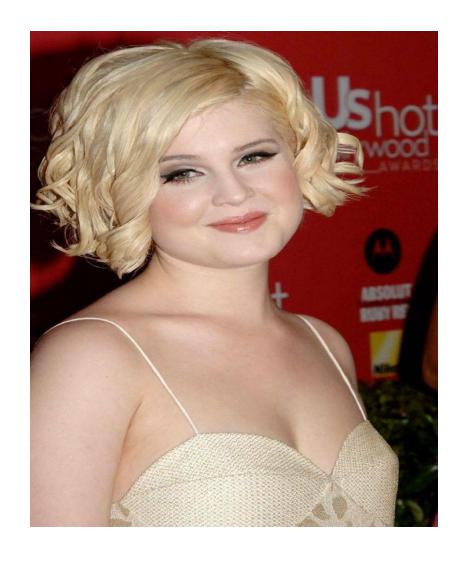
**Drew Barrymore** 

Her father was an alcoholic who threw her against the wall at age 3 and left the family when she went to the alcohol rehab at age 13.

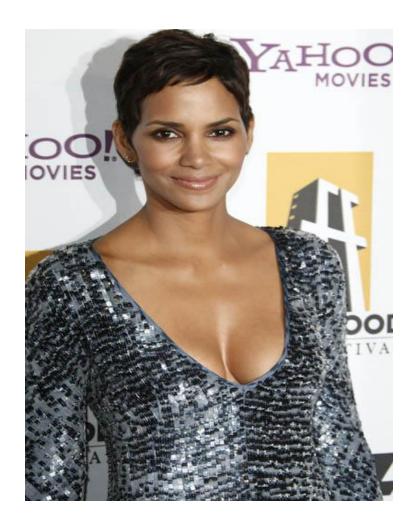


**Charlize Theron** 

When Charlize was 15, her mother went to prison for killing her dad who often physically abused her mom when he was under the influence.



Kelly Osbourne



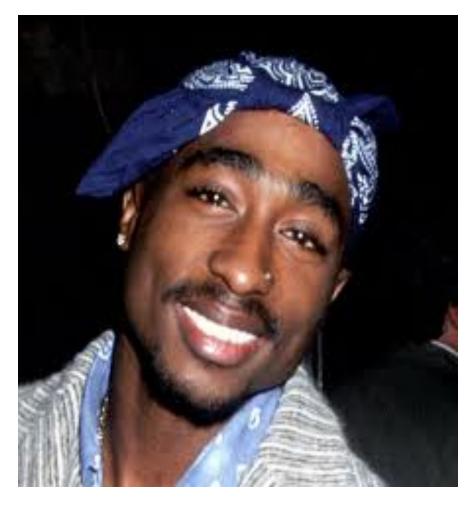
Halle Berry
Her father was an alcoholic who physically abused her mother and sister.



Adele Her father was an alcoholic. He left the family when Adele was 3.



Demi Moore
Her mother and step father were both alcoholic. Demi grew up with domestic violence.



Tupac Shakur Tupac Shakur's mother was addicted to crack cocaine.



Eminem



Jay Z



Nicki Minaj Her father was addicted to alcohol and other drugs.



Rihanna's father is addicted to crack cocaine and alcohol.



**President Barack Obama** 



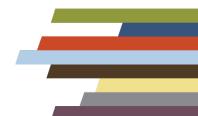
**President Bill Clinton** 



President Ronald Reagan



2. Let parents seeking recovery know that their children are at increased risks for developing a Substance Use Disorder and provide education on how parenting styles can impact child and adolescent substance use.



## 3 Parenting Styles

- Autocratic children have no voice
- Democratic children have a voice
- Laissez faire anything goes



## 3 Important Questions for Clients

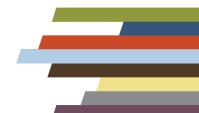
- How can we help you maintain your recovery?
- What will your spouse/partner do to take care of self?
- What do your children most need to enhance their present and future wellbeing?



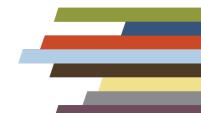
3. Integrate services for couples, children and families within all addiction treatment programs.



4. When working with adolescents in addictions treatment provide services for their younger siblings.



- 5. Encourage clients in treatment to think about New family memories.
  - Drug free celebrations
  - Cultural celebrations
  - Recovery celebrations
  - Family dinners



## Mother Nurture: Life Lessons from America's Best and Brightest

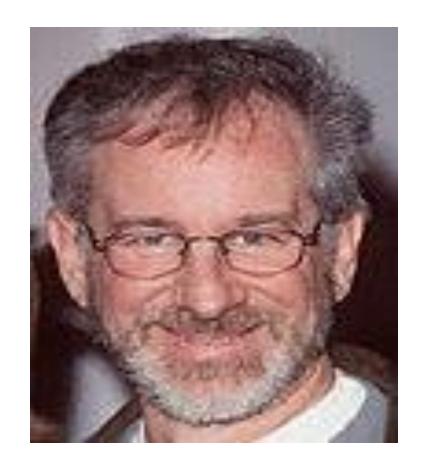
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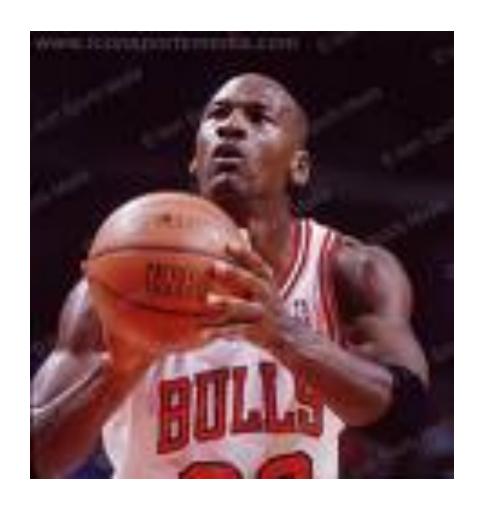




Steven Spielberg



Beyonce



Michael Jordan



Danica Patrick



Cindy Crawford



**Uma Thurman** 

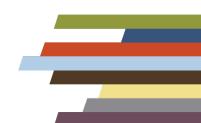


J-Lo



Eva Longoria

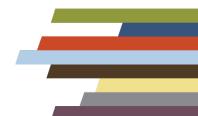
Children and adolescents who eat dinner with their parents 5 times per week use 3 times fewer drugs than those who eat dinner with their parents twice a week.



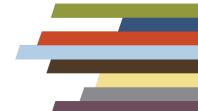
## "Let's play AA."



- Establish child focused goals for clients in treatment
  - Parenting time with each child
  - Positive relationship with an aunt or uncle
  - Communicate high expectation and support their dreams
  - Mentorship and membership for each child



7. Address family secrets



## **Good Family Secrets**

Santa Claus

The tooth fairy

Surprise birthday party

How you feel about people as people

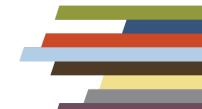
### **Dark Secrets**



### Level I Dark Secrets

Phobias

The intimate details of an affair

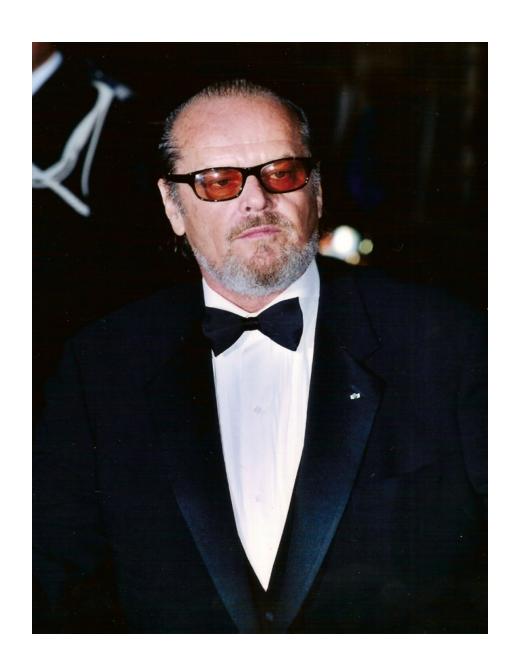


#### Level II Dark Secrets

Your real ethnicity

Adoption status

Who your parents really are



## Secrets Theory

Everyone in the family knows the secret.

They will repeat the secret across generations until the secret is openly dealt with.

Source: Family Secrets



#### Level III Dark Secrets

Addictions

Living with addictions



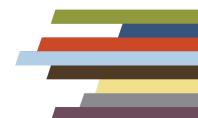
#### Level IV Dark Secrets

These secrets cause the most damage if not discussed

- Incest
- Childhood sexual abuse
- Sexual assault
- Torture
- Witnessing extreme violence
- "The secret that you only tell once"

#### 7. Teach healthy boundaries

- Loose- everyone is doing their own thing, no one is aware of what's going on with other family members
- Enmeshed- family members are too close
- Healthy- everyone is allowed the 5 freedoms

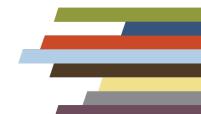


#### The Five Freedoms

- To think what you think rather than what you should think
- To feel what you feel rather than what you should feel
- To want what you want rather than what you should want
- To see what you see rather than what you should see
- To imagine your own self actualization

## **Healing Trauma**

Native Americans have been able to break intergenerational patterns of addiction by focusing on the healing of current and historical trauma.



## The Healing of Historical Trauma

- Collective mobilization, openly discussing what happened to us and grieving together
- Forgiving the Unforgivable
- Return to culture
- Redefining addiction and inter-group trauma as a pathological response to our oppression and is not a part of our culture

White and Coyhis



## The Healing Forest



Don Coyhis



"Suppose you have 100 acres full of sick trees who want to get well. If each sick tree leaves the forest to find wellness and then returns to the forest, they get sick again from the infection of the rest of the trees. The Elders taught us that to treat the sick trees, you must treat the whole forest. You must create a healing forest. If not, the trees will just keep getting sick again. The community forest is now filled with alcoholic trees, drug-addicted trees, co-dependency trees, domestic violence trees, and trees with mental illness. The soil in which those trees are growing is missing the ceremonies, the songs, the stories, the language and the wisdom of our Elders."



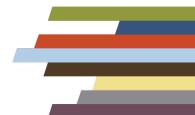
Don Coyhis White Bison What hidden resources exist within the community that can be a part of a healing forest to support recovery and help break intergenerational patterns?



## The Healing Forest The Community as the Treatment Center

- Families
- Treatment centers
- Faith based organizations
- Other social service organizations
- Persons in long term recovery
- The formerly incarcerated
- Employers-we can learn a lot from Portugal
- Concerned citizens
- Trauma specialist (current and historical)

## Examples of Healing Forest



# Scott County Indiana: Where it's Cool to be in Recovery!

#### In 2015

- Jobs went away
- There were 200 reported cases of HIV diagnosis in a country of 4000 people connected to an increase in injection drug use in the county
- This made headlines worldwide
- Multiple challenges in the rural county: poverty, high unemployment, limited access to medical care, a shortage of addiction treatment

facilities

# Creation of a Healing Forest in Scott County Indiana

- Tom Cox a lifelong Indiana resident formed a Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC). He mobilized the entire community
- The goal of the Scott County ROSC is to see that all of Scott County embraces a culture of recovery through a coordinated network of community based services and supports

### Results in Scott County

- Recovery support groups in the county increased from 30 people attending 1 recovery support group per week to 330 people attending 18 weekly meetings at 9 locations. An increase in 1000% of individuals making long term recovery efforts
- 37 Recovery Coaches trained and hired to help support recovery throughout the county including hospital emergency rooms
- The syringe service program referred 75% of the participants to drug treatment
- New cases of HIV reduced from 154 in 2015 to 8 in 2017