

The Faith & Spirituality Integrated SBIRT Network

# SBIRT Learning Community: Brief Interventions

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## **Learning Community Objectives**

Focus on the **BI** component of SBIRT and specifically understand the:

Goals, Framework, and Practice of the Brief Intervention within the context of SBIRT



# What is a Brief Intervention?

A Brief Intervention is the 2<sup>nd</sup> step in SBIRT that comes after screening. It has been also called:

Early Intervention

A **conversation** between a practitioner and individual (client/patient) about their SUD risk screening results. The conversation should follow 4 basic steps

Behavioral Intervention

Motivational Intervention

Structured steps to guide the BI conversation:

- 1. Raise Awareness
- 2. Provide Feedback
- 3. Enhance Motivation
- 4. Negotiate a Plan

Key Principles underlying BI practice that mediate behavior change:

- Stages of Change Model
- 2. Communication style
- 3. Motivational Enhancement Principles

Risk Reduction Intervention

The BI is used to help the individual engage in behavior change to address (reduce) their risk.

**BI Practice** 

**BI Framework** 

**BI Goal** 

## **BI Practice**, Framework, & Goals

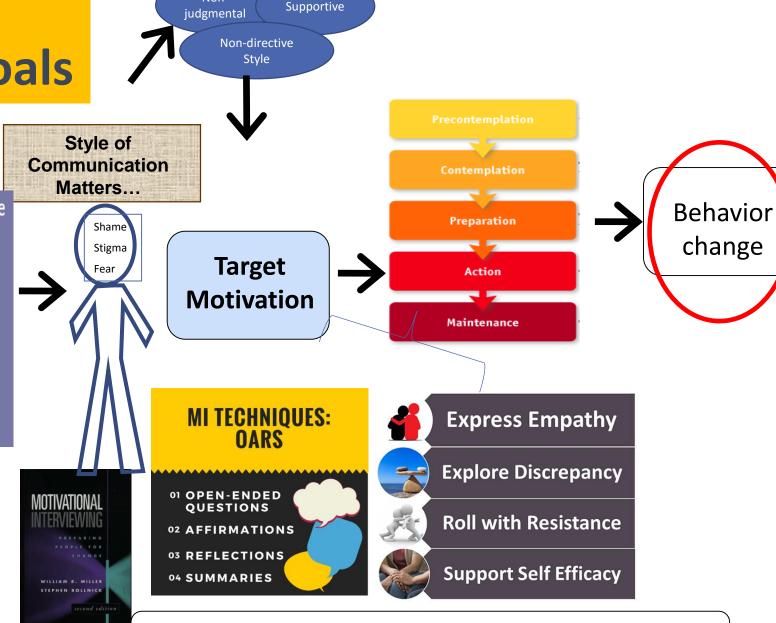
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**BI Practice Steps** used to discuss SUD risk **Screening Results** 

Awareness

of problem



Non-

Motivational Strategies used during **BI steps** shown to enhance positive behavior change.

change

#### Important Processes During Steps 3 & 4 of the BI

#### Planting the seed to stimulate change

## **During Step 3: Engaging them in interactive exercises...**

- A Decisional Balance, with Personalized Reflection Exercise
- A Readiness Ruler Exercise

# During Step 4: Using results from readiness ruler and asking them...

To describe what change looks like for them

Target: elicit **change talk** specific to changing behavior (to reduce risk)

1. Raise the Subject

2. <u>Provide Feedback</u>

**Enhance Motivation** 

Negotiate Plan

#### Focus is to Elicit Change Talk

- Decisional Balance
  - Why use positives and negatives
  - Why change barriers and important



- Readiness Ruler
  - How ready are they to change?
  - Why not a lower number?

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

#### Readiness to Change will Vary



#### If the patient/client is <u>not ready</u> to change:

- Acknowledge where they are and express support.
- Provide a general recommendation to think about cutting back by referencing health/family concerns.



#### If the patient/client is ready to change:

- Encourage change by getting them to make a plan for next steps.
- Ask them, "what does change look like for you over the next week?"



## Step 4: Negotiate a Plan

Use results from
Step 3 in terms of
readiness to
change and reasons
to inform the plan
of action

You indicated you are somewhat ready to change because...What does change look like for you?

- Ask about what steps they can make to start the change (past successes).
- Ask about the extent to which they can use or need support
- Offer resources
- Schedule a follow-up to discuss change (and potential need to revisit plan)

MI Principles: Support Self-Efficacy to change, Roll with Resistance to change, and highlight discrepancies from Step 3, empathy

# Review: How BI Practice aligns with Stages of Change Framework



Does not yet recognize the problem.

BI Step 1: Raise the Subject

Considers personal risks and problems.

BI Step 2: Personalized Feedback

Explore ambivalence (pros/cons), enhance readiness to change, and identify meaning.

BI Step 3: Build Motivation

Educates and gives advice to change

BI Step 4: Negotiate a plan to change

Goal of BI: sustained behavior change

# **Group Discussion**

