



### STS Signs and Symptoms Avoidance (including of certain clients)

- Preoccupation with clients/client stories
- Intrusive thoughts/nightmares/flashbacks
- Arousal symptoms
- ▶ Thoughts of violence/revenge
- Feeling estranged/isolated/having no one to talk to
- Feeling trapped, "infected" by trauma, hopeless, inadequate, depressed
- Having difficulty separating work from personal life





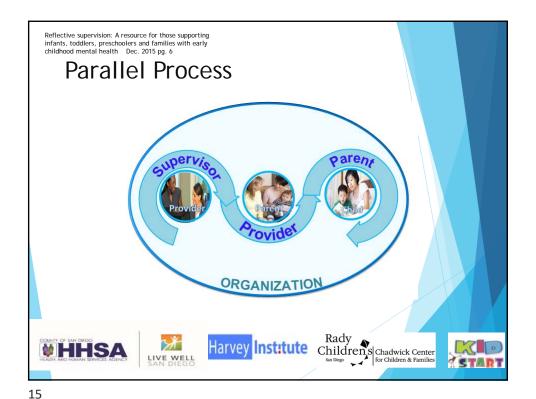












Reflective Supervision

Focused on experiences, thoughts, and feelings directly connected with the work.

Characterized by active listening and thoughtful questioning by both parties.











#### Reflective Supervision

The supervisor provides an empathetic nonjudgmental ear to the supervisee. Working through complex emotions in a "safe place" allows the supervisee to manage the stress they experience on the job.











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### Reflective Supervision

Reflection in a supervisory relationship requires a foundation of honesty and trust. The goal is to create an environment in which people do their best thinking—one characterized by safety, calmness, and support.











### Reflective Supervision

Reflective supervision is not therapy.
Reflective supervision is not problem solving.











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## You really want to know how feel?????????



# The Reflective Process for the Supervisee

- Intentionality of Awareness What am I feeling?
- Attend & Allow Pay attention to the feeling as it arises, intensifies & fades.
- Non-Reactivity Allow the natural course of an emotion to take place without fighting it.











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### The Reflective Process for the Supervisor

Offer consistent supervision that includes discussion of the effect of the work on the worker

Offer additional supervision during times of high risk for STS

Refer to trained mental health professionals when needed

Respond to STS as an occupational hazard not a weakness













#### Compassion Satisfaction Prompts

- Tell me about your successes this month?
- In which ways can you give yourself credit for the successes?
- What did you do or say that helped lead to changes?
- What makes you feel proud or successful in your role?
- Even in a challenging case what is one thing you felt good about?













