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Resiliency Court Training - Sessions 5 - 8

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- MI is based in clinical practice and is a model that requires considerable training
  - · People do degrees in MI!
- Goal today is NOT to be an expert in MI
- Goals Today:
  - Overview of specific ways MI can help you move the change process a little bit in each client engagement
  - Gain information most efficiently and effectively
  - · Get active practice in MI tools.
- Work towards small steps in improving engagement, collaboration, and understanding of change process.

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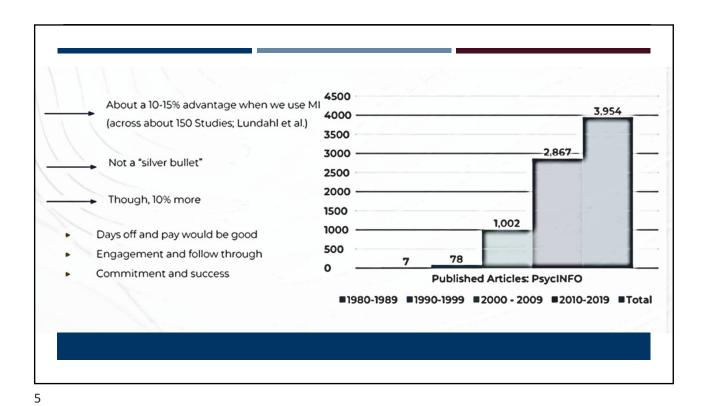
# MI: An In-Depth Practice

"MI is a collaborative, goal-oriented style of communication with particular attention to the language of change.

It is designed to strengthen personal motivation for and commitment to a specific goal by eliciting and exploring the person's own reasons for change within an atmosphere of acceptance and compassion."

- (Miller & Rollnick, 2013, p. 29)
- Best evidence is that effectiveness of MI is primarily is technique based as opposed to relationship based!
- Studied in multiple languages for 40+ years

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LIFT AND DRAG **DRAG** LIFT Low Confidence Commitment Vision Different Values Plan Knowledge • Distrust of You / System Skill Resources: Resource Poverty Motivation Access Discrimination Confidence Time Abuse

#### **Content Overview:**

- Video with Dr. Lundthal describing Lift/Drag factors including systemic oppression, systemic advantages, and poverty/trauma
  - Added the MI context and joining the journey
  - Includes a discussion of how this framework applies to courts.
- Gives three places where attorneys and judges can think about the Lift/Drag framework to increase engagement:
  - Already hitting the high importance benchmark families generally perceive dependency court as being very important to them
  - Power dynamic do you have the power to influence the outcome?
  - What side is the team on unpacking not being perceived as against a parent and that the initial plan is reunification.

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## Hallmark of MI: Rolling with Resistance



- How to tell someone 'you have your facts wrong'?
- Control/change your own intuitive conversational patterns
- · Avoid and reduce drag
- Emphasize and promote lift

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## **Activity Overview:**

- Watch video describing Red Talk Green Talk an MI technique of identifying talk that aligns with the desired change and responding to that and not to statements against the desired change.
- Video goes over the technique application process and provides an example of we bombs. Facilitator has audience provide a statement and responds using the technique.
- · Practice scenario on following two slides.
- Audience groups into 3 people one person reading a scenario from page 1, one person responding using the technique, and one person providing feedback.
- At close of activity provide feedback together on successes/areas to work on regarding the technique.

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### **Content Overview:**

- Video describing We Bombs an MI technique of reframing language to avoid 'you' statements and increase 'we' or partnering statements
- Video goes over the thought process and provides an example of we bombs. Facilitator has audience provide a statement and responds using the technique.
- Audience groups back up into 3s and uses the Page 1 Scenarios to respond to with We Bombs and if they wish Red Talk/Green Talk as well.
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## **Content and Activity Overview:**

- After practicing We Bombs, facilitator hands out Page 2 scenarios.
- Activity one member of the group of three pics a scenario and acts as the person described. They have a conversation about an upcoming jurisdictional hearing. 2<sup>nd</sup> member acts as their role in that discussion. 3<sup>rd</sup> member takes notes and provides feedback.
- All rotate so do each role at least once, time permitting.
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# FOUR TAKEAWAYS

| Talk     | Talk less than your client does – and when you can't communicate why!               |
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| Respond  | Respond to green talk, ignore red talk  |
| Utilize  | Utilize as many We Bombs / collaborative phrases as appropriately possible          |
| Practice | Where are a few places where these techniques could fit into your current practice? |

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