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Abstract:
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The specific aim of this randomized controlled trial was to determine if a structured intervention, involving regular problem-solving sessions with a trained therapist, would result in increased problem-solving skills in clients with a history of chronic PTSD symptoms compared to a control group receiving usual care.

Methods

Participants

The study enrolled 100 participants with PTSD, aged 18-65 years, who met the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (4th ed., Text Revision; DSM-IV-TR) criteria for PTSD. The participants were randomized into two groups: the intervention group received 12 weekly sessions of problem-solving therapy, while the control group received usual care. All participants were assessed at baseline and 12 weeks post-intervention for PTSD symptoms using the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS). The primary outcome measure was the change in PTSD symptom severity as assessed by the CAPS.

Results

The results indicated a significant reduction in PTSD symptoms in the intervention group compared to the control group (p < 0.05). The intervention group showed a 40% reduction in PTSD symptoms, whereas the control group showed a 10% reduction. The effect size was large (Cohen's d = 0.8).

Discussion

The findings suggest that problem-solving therapy is an effective intervention for reducing PTSD symptoms in adults with a history of PTSD. Further research is needed to explore the long-term effects of this intervention and to determine the optimal number of sessions required for maximum benefit.

Conclusion

The results of this study provide preliminary evidence for the effectiveness of problem-solving therapy in reducing PTSD symptoms. Future research should focus on developing and testing additional therapeutic approaches for PTSD.
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Results: Wilderness Process Related to Outcomes

Response by Study Participants

In the study, more accurately reflect the meaning embedded in the response by study participants. The participants were asked to provide a word that best describes the meaning of a particular response. The results suggested that the experience of wilderness therapy is highly meaningful to participants, with many reporting significant personal growth and transformation. The process of wilderness therapy is seen as a way to reconnect with nature and oneself. Moreover, participants reported a sense of freedom and independence, which contributed to their growth and development.

The wilderness therapy experience was also characterized by a sense of community and belonging. Participants described feeling supported and empowered by the group dynamics and the natural environment. The process of wilderness therapy was seen as a powerful tool for personal and emotional growth, with many reporting significant improvements in mental and emotional well-being.
A theme emerges reflecting strong relationships that were established between counselors and leaders. 

ChiefsPerspective.

How the Wilderness Therapy Process Helped Effect Change.

Chiefs' case studies were more detailed with their thoughts of wilderness therapy.

Why Chiefs Engaged in Wilderness Therapy.
### Table 1

**Common Responses and Associated Descriptive Codes Across Twelve Client Case Studies to Interview Questions Asking Clients to Explore How They Believed the Wilderness Therapy Process Helped Address Their Problem Behaviors**

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| Relationship Established with Wilderness Counselor or Leader (12/12) | Clients state that an important aspect of the wilderness therapy process was the relationship established with the wilderness counselor or staff | • Sit and Talk  
• Work on Substance Abuse  
• Use Metaphors | She could just sit there and talk with me and relate to a lot of them. It was just like, I felt close to [wilderness counselor]. |
| Peer Dynamic (12/12) | Clients state that an important aspect of the wilderness therapy process was the peer dynamic and relationships with other clients in the program | • Peer Feedback  
• Group Process  
• Willing to Share Feelings  
• No War Stories | They told me, there were a lot of issues with my dad and they told me, They told me to talk to him about it. Just get it out into the open and it would be better for me, and that helped solve a lot of my problems. |
| Facilitated Reflection on Life Through Use of Solo (12/12) | Clients state that an important aspect of the wilderness therapy process was that it facilitated reflection on their lives. | • Solo Time  
• Different Perspective Problems  
• Sitting Reflecting  
• Appreciate Things Have  
• Needed Be Uncomfortable  
• Adverse Conditions  
• Physical Hiking  
• Self Confidence  
• Shocked Me | And I just had so much time to think on the solo I had, you know, me and 20 square feet or whatever and that was all I had was my problems, so I faced them, dealt with them. |
| Challenge and Structure of the Process (11/12) | Clients state that an important aspect of the wilderness therapy process was that the process was difficult and challenging. | | I think a person really does need to be uncomfortable to change. I was at this place called [residential treatment center] and it was like such a resort. I mean you’re just so free to do what you want there and you know everybody is goofing around, you know, it’s a bunch of teenagers together. I like all of the structure and everything this place had. |
Another theme that emerged across all client responses was "Wellness, Life, and Group Counselling sessions and about the role of
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...throughout the day, helping to manage a daily and guide them to their respective sessions.

Practical Reflection on the Thematic Use of Solo

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Perspectives on the Benefits of Treatment

The benefits of treatment were mentioned by clients, including changes in behavior, in the post-treatment interview. Clients spoke of changes in their lives, such as (a) a desire for "change behavior," (b) a desire to "abstain from drugs and alcohol," and (c) a desire to be a "better person." Client responses and associated themes are summarized in Table 2, which includes common responses and descriptive codes across twelve client case studies.

### Table 2

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| **Change Behavior (12/12)**            | Clients state they want to change behavior as a result of the wilderness therapy process | • Have Goals  
• Have Direction  
• Finish School  
• Think College | I want to change lying. I don't, maybe I'll lie once and a while just because I'm stupid, like total dumb, but lying and stealing, I don't steal no more. Doing drugs or smoking or any of that. |
| **No Drugs Alcohol (10/12 or all clients who were diagnosed as having a substance abuse problem 10/10)** | Clients state they want to abstain from drugs and alcohol as a result of the wilderness therapy process | • No Friends Who Use  
• Quit Old Friends | I've made a promise to myself, which was to pretty much stay straight-edge, no drugs, I mean I don't, it's weird because I was totally atheistic before I came here. |
| **Better Person (12/12)**              | Clients state they want to be a better person as a result of the wilderness therapy process | • Respect Others  
• Open Minded  
• Positive Role Model  
• Listen to Others  
• Talk About Feelings | I want to be a better person. I care about myself more and I want to look at people and respect them for who they are no matter what. I want to look at life more importantly, go to school. |

Finally, clients referenced the physical challenge of the wilderness therapy, in particular the physical challenge of hiking and the physical exercise. This theme is reflected in this comment made by a client relating this experience to past experiences in other treatment programs.
The wilderness therapy process may be effective for helping children make changes in behavior, improve self-esteem, and develop new skills. However, it is important to address the underlying issues and provide support for long-term success.

Wilderness therapy may not be suitable for every child, and parents should carefully weigh the benefits and risks before making a decision. It is important to communicate with the wilderness therapy program and work together to establish a treatment plan that meets the needs of the child.

Parents of children participating in wilderness therapy should be prepared to support their child both during and after the program. It is important to stay informed about the child's progress and be available to provide guidance and support.
Summary and Discussion

The impacts of mindfulness practices on mental health and well-being have been widely studied. Mindfulness practices, such as meditation and mindfulness-based stress reduction, have shown promise in reducing symptoms of various mental health disorders. However, the evidence for the effectiveness of these practices is mixed, and more research is needed to understand the mechanisms underlying their effects.

The implications of this study need to be considered within the broader context of mental health care. Mindfulness practices can be an effective tool for managing stress and improving well-being, but they should be integrated into a comprehensive treatment plan that addresses the underlying causes of mental health disorders. Further research is needed to identify the most effective strategies for promoting mindfulness and to develop evidence-based interventions that can be implemented in a variety of settings.

Be a Better Person

Can and should be a focus of continued research.

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