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## Supervision Models Developmental Models Process Models Models Grounded in Psychotherapy Theory Eclectic or Integrationist Models Clinical Supervision in the Helping Professions - Chapter 5 (1)

### **Developmental Models**

- Two Basic Assumptions:
- In the process of moving toward competence supervisees move through a series of stages that are qualitatively different from one another
- Each supervisee stage requires a qualitatively different supervision environment if optimal supervisee satisfaction and growth are to occur

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### **Developmental Models**

- Developmental models view supervision as an evolutionary process
- Stages of development in this process have defined characteristics and skills
- Supervision methods adjusted to fit the skill level of supervisees as they grow professionally

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## Integrated Developmental Model (IDM)

Three levels of developmental stages:

- Level 1- Supervisees are entry-level and generally lack confidence and skill
- Level 2- Supervisees increase confidence and begin to rely on their own abilities
- Level 3- Supervisees provide most of the structure

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### Beginning Stage of Developmental Model Operationalized

### The supervisor:

- Assumes primary responsibility
- Encourages supervisee
- Assesses supervisee's strengths and weaknesses
- Discusses assessment with supervisee

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### **Process Models**

- The Discrimination Model (Bernard, 1979) attends to four separate foci for supervision:
- 1. Intervention Skills: What the trainee is doing in the session that is observable by the supervisor (interventions, skills, techniques, etc.)
- 2. Conceptualization Skills: How the trainee understands what is occurring in the session, identifies patterns, or chooses interventions—all covert processes
- 3. Personalization Skills: How the trainee interfaces with a personal style with therapy at the same time he or she attempts to keep therapy uncontaminated by personal issues and countertransference responses
- 4. Professional Behaviors: How the trainee "acts" and attends to professional issues such as ethics, dress, paperwork, etc.

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### **Process Model**

The supervisor makes a judgment about the trainee's abilities within each focus area, a role is chosen to accomplish the supervision goals. Within the supervision process (or session), three roles may be assumed by the supervisor:

- 1. Teacher
- Supervisor takes responsibility for determining what is necessary for the supervisee to learn. Evaluative comments are also part of this role.
- 2. Counselor
- Supervisor addresses the interpersonal or intrapersonal reality of the supervisee.
   In this way, the supervisee reflects on the meaning of an event for him- or herself.
- 3. Consultant
- Supervisor allows the supervisee to share the responsibility for learning. Supervisor becomes a resource for the supervisee but encourages the supervisee to trust his or her won thoughts, insights, and feelings about the work with the client.

### **Psychodynamic Models**

 The following are examples of the types of questions and statements that may be made by a supervisor with a psychodynamic orientation:

"What similarities do you see between our supervisory work and the relationship you share with your client?"

"Think out loud for a bit about what purpose your client's resistance might be serving."

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### **Person-Centered Models**

- Assumption is that the supervisee has immense resources for both personal and professional development
- Learning that occurs grows out of a collaborative effort with the supervisee assuming an active role

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### **Person-Centered Models**

- Supervision outcomes hinge upon the quality of the relationship between the supervisor and supervisee
- Supervision downplays the evaluative role of the supervisor and questions the role of the supervisor as gatekeeper for the profession

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### **Person-Centered Models**

- \* Supervisor provides an atmosphere where the supervisee's growth can flourish
- Supervisor values supervisee's potential for growth and accepts the supervisee as a person "in process"

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### **Person-Centered Models**

- Below are examples of the kinds of statements or questions used by the person-centered supervisor:
- "I'd like to hear you talk more about how it was for you to be with the client for that session."

"To what degree do you feel you understand the world of your client?"  $\!\!\!\!$ 

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### **Cognitive-Behavioral Model**

- Assumption is that the manner in which individuals process information influences their behavior, emotions, and physiology
- A key task is teaching these techniques and correcting misconceptions

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### **Cognitive-Behavioral Model**

- Nine steps in cognitive-behavioral supervision:
- 1. Check-in
- 2. Agenda setting
- 3. Bridge from previous supervision session
- 4. Inquiry about previously supervised therapy cases

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### Cognitive-Behavioral Model

- 5. Review of homework since previous supervision session
- 6. Prioritization and discussion of agenda items
- 7. Assignment of new homework

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### **Cognitive-Behavioral Model**

- 8. Supervisor's capsule summaries
- 9. Elicit feedback from therapist

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### **Family Therapy Model**

- Encourages supervisees to examine their own intergenerational dynamics and to learn about becoming a family therapist
- \*The assumption is that a trainee's mental health, is defined by relationships with his or her family of origin, and has implications for professional training and supervision

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### **Family Therapy Model**

- Lack of awareness of a supervisee's family origin can interfere with his/her ability to work with a family
- Supervisor assists the supervisee in exploring his or her own family dynamics

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### **Integrative Models of Supervision**

- These models rely on more than one technique or theory
- Based on the assumption that trainees function from the perspective of integrative models of counseling
- Approaches based on a combination of techniques, common principles, and concepts

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### **Integrative Models of Supervision**

Two of the most common pathways in the integrative model approach are:

- 1. Technical eclecticism-borrowing of techniques from various theories
- 2. Theoretical integration- refers to a conceptual or theoretical creation beyond a mere blending of techniques

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### **Integrative Models of Supervision**

- Attempts to look beyond and across the confines of single-school approaches to see what can be learned from other perspectives
- When blending different theoretical frameworks together, look for a fruitful merger

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