

RELIEVE DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY with Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy

An 8-week course designed to help prevent
recurring depression, anxiety, worry and unhappiness

Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT) is a fairly new approach, combining cognitive therapy principles with meditative practices and attitudes that facilitate the cultivation of mindfulness.

MBCT developed in response to the discovery that even when people recover from depression, the link between negative moods and negative thoughts remains ready to be re-activated, making them vulnerable to downward mood spirals and recurrence of depression. By incorporating practices from the very effective Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) program developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn over 30 years ago, as well as the latest in brain science, MBCT teaches people how to prevent mild states of depression and anxiety from spiraling out of control.

MBCT has been clinically proven to be as effective as medication in preventing relapses of depression, as well as relieving the severity of symptoms in anxiety disorders or bipolar disorder. And I have used it with good results for clients in recovery from addiction. After just 8 weeks of MBCT, participants' brain function and mood regulation improve in ways which allow them to respond more effectively to distressing situations, emotions and thoughts.

TWO GROUPS STARTING - January 2015:

Wednesdays 10:15 to 11:45 am in Castro Valley

Free orientation 1/28; group meets 2/4 - 3/25

Thursdays 6:15 to 7:45 pm in Pleasanton

Free orientation 1/29; group meets 2/5 - 3/26

Each group is limited to 5 - 7 participants, who will be expected to do approx. 1 hr/day of home practice. Course fee is \$320, plus \$20 for *The Mindful Way* workbook and CD with guided meditations.



Course Facilitator: Rebecca A. Stanwyck, LCSW, is a licensed psychotherapist with over 25 years' experience using cognitive behavioral therapies to treat depression, anxiety, and related issues. She has taught classes on parenting, stress management and treating substance abuse; and has practiced yoga and meditation for many years. She has received specialized training from the psychologists who developed MBCT, and has been teaching it since 2011. She has a private practice with offices in Castro Valley and Pleasanton. For more info, see her website: www.rebeccastanwyck.com.

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