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Helping Survivors of Multiple Victimizations

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What is polyvictimization?

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What caused polyvictimization to be brought to the forefront?

Are there overwhelming numbers of survivors experiencing multiple crimes?

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What happens when children are exposed to multiple types of victimization?

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What are the long-term effects of polyvictimization?

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What is the effect on children of parents who have experienced polyvictimization?

How can one combat those effects?

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What leads to polyvictimization?

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Are there certain factors that can predict polyvictimization?

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Is there a victimization that is present more than others when there are multiples, such as childhood sexual abuse?

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Polyvictimization Assessment

Principal Components of Analysis in the Last Year: Item Grouping by Component

I K ₁ = 4.69	II K ₁ = 2.29	III K ₁ = 2.02	IV K ₁ = 1.62	V K ₁ = 1.49	VI K ₁ = 1.36	VII K ₁ = 1.21	VIII K ₁ = 1.13	IX K ₁ = 1.04	X K ₁ = 1.01
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strangulation 2. Assault/battery 3. Stalking 4. Held against will 5. Emotional/Verbal abuse 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trafficking 2. Other forced 3. Sexual abuse 4. Bullying 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chronic discrimination 2. Other 3. Separation for child 4. Community violence 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homeless 2. Poverty 3. Severe physical injury 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immigration 2. System induced trauma 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neglect 2. Financial abuse 3. Poverty 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Severe physical abuse 2. Natural disaster 3. Permanent loss 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Animal cruelty 2. Community violence 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seen someone dead 2. Permanent loss 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Substance use 2. Jail/Prison

KMO = .65

Bartlett's Test of Sphericity [$\chi^2 = 789.57$ (325); $p < .001$]

Extracted Factors: $K_1 \geq 1.0$ account for 68.68% of variance.

Varimax Rotation with structure coefficients $\geq .40$:

Internal Consistency Reliability for 26 items = .79

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How does polyvictimization affect the entire family?

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Does an initial victimization automatically put one at greater risk of multiple or polyvictimization?

How does polyvictimization affect an individual's response to re-victimization?

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How do you approach someone when you suspect they may be a victim of multiple traumas?

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What are some of the best strategies for acknowledging the intersections and impacts of polyvictimization?

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How can you identify polyvictimization in clients who seek services because of the most recent or extreme victimization, but have multiple past victimizations?

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Can you discuss how polyvictimization is related to historical trauma?

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What are some prevention strategies that might help put an end to polyvictimization before it starts?

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What makes a program truly "trauma-informed?"

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How does treatment for polyvictimization differ from single trauma treatments?

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Where do you start when working with survivors with multiple victimizations?

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How do we prioritize competing needs arising from multiple traumas?

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What are the ways we can hold space for survivors and tackle what may seem insurmountable?

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What are some best practices to keep victims engaged?

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Ideally, at what stage of the stabilization/healing process should counseling take place?

What is realistic or emotionally safe in complex situations?

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Are there specific tools for providers to address polyvictimization successfully?

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How can we fight the effects of/take into account polyvictimization when people come in for crisis services?

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How can we educate other professionals, such as system-based actors (e.g., judges, attorneys, law enforcement) and mental health providers, about polyvictimization most effectively ?

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