

**Definition/Role:** While navigating an extended public health crisis and with a continuous equity and inclusion lens, the Science of Learning Project Team examined the hallmarks of professional development practices as virtual engagement is likely a permanent fixture.

### FINDINGS AND BEST PRACTICES

#### Self-care in a virtual environment

- Tips, balance and the importance of self-compassion

#### E-Learning challenges

- Clear expectations and mutual respect
- Engagement strategies (PREP)
- Equitable access and support (TA)

#### Engagement during trainings

- Adult Learning Principles as applied to virtual learning
- Consideration of trauma and need for safety
- Usage of SAMSHA's safety principles

#### Post-training

- Post-training reinforcement
- Action plan
- Supervisor and peer support
- Assessment

### DAILY CHECK-IN

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stay virtually connected | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respect your space | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep your mind active | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in with your mental health   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Find time to de-stress   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Get moving         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Give back             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in with your physical health |

[Self-care Toolkit for Coping with Social Distancing](#)



Adopting a trauma-informed approach is not accomplished through any single particular technique or checklist. It requires constant attention, caring awareness, sensitivity and possibly a cultural change at an organization level. On-going internal organizational assessment and quality improvement, as well as engagement with community stakeholders, will help to imbed this approach which can be augmented with organizational development and practice improvement.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Improve Quality and Impact

- Virtual competency building between supervisor and supervisee
- Moving from virtual or hybrid learning to practice application
  - Tools for supervisors
- Core Competencies: What is missing from virtual environment?
- Supervision and virtual observations
- Sharing and integrating learning opportunities with other comparable professional groups