



Palm Beach County  
Youth Services Department  
Residential Treatment and Family Counseling Division  
Education and Training Center



# Coping with Adversity Using Self-Compassion

**Presented by:**  
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**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**  
**9:30 am - 11:30 am**

**\*Location: Zoom Remote Video Conference\***

Once registration is confirmed, link to access the training will be provided

**Registration Fee:**

There is no cost associated with this presentation

**Continuing Education:**

2 CE credits will be offered

**Registration Link:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9DCTBJ>

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Registration closes at 3:00 pm on February 2, 2021

## Description:

This presentation will provide a rationale for the use of self-compassion to cope with adversity, providing examples of current events as well as reviewing constructs such as compassion fatigue and burnout that can benefit from the use of self-compassion. The presenter will compare and contrast the concept of self-compassion from other “self” related concepts, and differentiate self-compassion, self-care and empathy. The presentation will include detailed explanations of the components of self-compassion and how it can be utilized. Relevant psychological assessment tools and interventions will be reviewed. A review of both the benefits and limitations of self-compassion will be offered. The presenter will offer explanations of how self-compassion can be applied across various roles, and provide research to support the efficacy of self-compassion for clinical and non-clinical concerns. Additionally, the presentation will utilize experiential activities and practice exercises to provide in-vivo practice of self-compassion. Finally, the presentation will provide additional resources and guidance to individuals wishing to implement self-compassion practices in their daily lives.

## Learning Objectives:

1. Define self-compassion
2. Describe the impact of stress on helping professionals and the people they serve
3. Select appropriate and effective resources and practices to increase self-compassion

## Presenter:



**Essence O. Rivers, M.A.** earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology at Ohio University. She earned her Master's degree in Clinical Psychology through her current doctoral program at Xavier University, where she is expected to earn her Psy.D. in June of 2021. Ms. Rivers is currently completing her doctoral internship with The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department as a therapist at the Education and Training Center. Ms. Rivers has provided psychological assessment, community outreach, consultation, and individual, family and group therapy in a range of settings. Ms. Rivers is passionate about promoting the mental health and wellbeing of children and the stakeholders in their lives. Ms. Rivers strives to facilitate healing and resilience by sharing knowledge, encouraging connection, aiding in self-reflection and providing new skills. Her long term goal is to be a clinical psychologist who works to strengthen families and communities in order to overcome adversity.

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**What to Bring:** A pen and paper for taking notes. You may wish to use your personal headsets/earbuds for enhanced audio quality.

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  - **Individual attendee** – Only the selected organizer or attendee will receive the private message.
3. Type your message in the text field, then click **Send**.

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