

Promoting Self-Regulation in Youth

Integrating Polyvagal Theory, Mindfulness, and Somatic Techniques

2 Part Series

Presenters Drs. Gayle Cicero & Jennifer Scaturro Watkinson

Part 1. November 13, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Online, Zoom

When dysregulation disrupts the learning environment, understanding why it happens is only half the battle. This two-part, evidence-informed series bridges the preparation-practice gap by translating nervous system science into immediate, grounded intervention. Move past abstract theory and build fluency in supporting physiological and emotional regulation.

- Part 1: Science & Structure — Unpack the neurobiology of stress responses and acquire a practical framework to map student dysregulation patterns.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- **Explain** the neurobiological mechanisms driving acute and chronic stress responses in youth.
- **Differentiate** between top-down from bottom-up strategies.
- **Explore** your interoception through the application of somatic approaches.

Presenters' Bios:

Dr. Gayle Cicero is a full-time clinical faculty member at Loyola Maryland. She is a licensed school counselor and a LCPC in the state of MD and often supervises those with a LGPC seeking an LCPC. She specializes in mindfulness practices and trauma and enjoys teaching students' practical ways to incorporate creative techniques to help clients experience deep presence in the counseling process.

Dr. Jennifer Scaturro Watkinson is a professor at Loyola Maryland and a licensed school counselor, licensed professional counselor and Board Certified Coach. Dr. Watkinson presents nationally and locally on topics associated with supervision, transformative practices, and expressive arts.

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