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## Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for Children, Teens, and Adults

South Shore Mental Health's Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) programs are designed for children (ages 9-12), teens (ages 13-18), and adults (age 18+) displaying symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and/or major personality disorders. Originally developed by Dr. Marsha Linehan for the treatment of suicidal behaviors, DBT is an innovative, compassionate, and evidence-based treatment also proven effective for individuals struggling with emotional dysregulation, impulsivity, and interpersonal communication problems.

The goal of South Shore Mental Health's DBT programs is to provide clients with the skills to overcome the impulse to self-harm and interact more positively with family, friends, and the community. With a focus on developing mindfulness, interpersonal effectiveness, emotional regulation, and distress tolerance, Dialectical Behavior Therapy's skill-building modules are aimed at preventing hospitalization and the frequent use of emergency psychiatric services.

### Six-Month Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program for Children (ages 9-12) - Marshfield

Structured Individual Therapy – 1 hour per week with a DBT therapist

Skills Group – 1 ½ hours per week with a family member or guardian

Coaching Calls – 24-hour-a-day phone support for clients in crisis or wishing to talk with a DBT therapist

Initial diagnostic, medication evaluation, and medication management services if necessary

### Six-Month Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program for Adolescents (ages 13-18) - Marshfield and Quincy

Structured Individual Therapy – 1 hour per week with a DBT therapist

Skills Group – 1 ½ hours per week with a family member or guardian

Coaching Calls – 24-hour-a-day phone support for clients in crisis or wishing to talk with a DBT therapist

Initial diagnostic, medication evaluation, and medication management services if necessary

### One-Year Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program for Adults (18+) - Marshfield and Quincy

Structured Individual Therapy – 1 hour per week with a DBT therapist

Skills Group – 1 ½ hours per week

Coaching Calls – 24-hour-a-day phone support for clients in crisis or wishing to talk with a DBT therapist

Initial diagnostic, medication evaluation, and medication management services if necessary

South Shore Mental Health's DBT team is extensively trained and credentialed in the methodology and practice of Dialectical Behavior Therapy. They are closely supervised, and in keeping with the true DBT model, all therapists participate weekly in consultation groups that offer peer support.

For more information about Dialectical Behavior Therapy, insurance accepted, and locations where the program is offered—including those above—please call 617-847-1914.

***Since 1926, South Shore Mental Health has been building hope and changing lives for children born with developmental disabilities, and children, teens, and adults living with mental illness. Today, we have more than 700 employees based in Quincy, Marshfield, Plymouth, and Wareham, and our non-profit early intervention and mental health treatment and recovery programs reach more than 16,000 people from Boston to Cape Cod annually.***



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