

# Explorations of Polyvagal Theory: All About Blended States Recap

You've learned Polyvagal basics, the states of protection, the state of connection but did you realize there are blended states? In today's final recap Maegan, Cameron and Lauren discuss the nuances of blended states which are more common than you might realize. And then just to take it up a notch we play a bit with the idea of the Vagal Brake. This biological function is exactly what permits mobilization without fight or flight.

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# Explorations of Polyvagal Theory: Reviewing the State of Connection

In addition to your two states of survival, your nervous autonomic nervous system has one state for connection. That state is the ventral vagal state. It is where you not only feel a connection with yourself but also desire connection with others. In today's third recap session you will hear more about this state and how Cameron, Maegan, and I use

people, places, and activities to anchor ourselves in ventral vagal.

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## **Explorations of Polyvagal Theory: Reviewing the States of Survival**

Your nervous system comes well equipped with two states of survival. One of those is the sympathetic state that provides you with the energy to fight or flee and the other state allows you to disconnect and is called the dorsal vagal state.

Knowing the terms is one thing but learning what they feel like is another. Step into our second recap session and learn how Cameron, Maegan, and I experience each of these states.

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# **Polyvagal Explorations: Reviewing the Fundamentals**

Catch this first of four review episodes in our months of polyvagal explorations. Today we go back to basics and look at the terms hierarchy, neuroception, and co-regulation and what they have come to mean for us.

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## **Polyvagal Explorations: What will it take to feel safe enough to connect?**

When your autonomic nervous system sends you into a place of a shutdown and disconnect what do you crave? I believe you need reminders that you exist. What those look like for you might be different for me because of our different trauma histories.

That is exactly why an individualized approach to trauma is critical. In this episode, we explore this idea and more

diving deeper into discovering pathways to heal complex trauma.

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## **Explorations of Polyvagal Theory: What are cues of safety for a dorsal vagal state?**

Deb Dana shares with us that the dorsal vagal pathway responds to cues of a life-threat, causing us to shut down, become numb, and disconnect from others. But what are the different flavors of dorsal vagal and what does that state ask from us?

Those are the questions I can not stop asking myself and others who share my interest in Polyvagal Theory. Step into the room with Cameron and I as we explore these themes together.

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# Explorations of Polyvagal Theory: Addressing trauma, can we do better?

Do you or someone you love suffer from the effects of developmental or complex trauma? If so you won't want to miss a minute of this conversation.

Listen in as we make serious inroads into understanding the subtle but significant challenges that disrupt the process of healing trauma. Six months ago we set out to explore what Polyvagal Theory could add to what we already knew about Asian Medicine and Gemmotherapy. We knew for certain that our current tools weren't reaching all the nooks and crannies where trauma likes to hide. But what could we discover by blending all three together? Might we be able to better meet individuals where they are with exactly the energy that would provide the necessary cues of safety? While we don't claim to have all of the answers we are closer than ever before.

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# **Explorations of Polyvagal Theory: New Meanings for Old Words**

This new year deserves our pausing to consider what in our day to day interactions could benefit from some updating. In today's episode, we consider updates for a few everyday words. Listen in to our conversation as we explore words like vision, invite, and allow and revision them together.

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## **Exploration of Polyvagal Theory: Offering Live Client Support for Dorsal Vagal States**

You won't want to miss this pilot episode offering live support to Art teacher and mom Ashley Dalme, who is finding the continued challenges of the pandemic weigh her down. You'll hear our suggestions from the Polyvagal, Asian

Medicine and Gemmotherapy lens.

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## **Polyvagal Explorations: True Life Holiday Survival Tales**

We're back and so excited to share our holiday tales and lessons learned. Pour a cup a tea and come along on our Polyvagal adventure as we out brief together what worked and what didn't this holiday season.

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