During this intense period of the COVID-19 Pandemic, many people have experienced increased levels of fight or flight/sympathetic dominance. We all need strategies to address our fear, anger, overwhelm and stress. In this course participants will have a chance to talk about their experiences over the last few weeks, explore how they can better help themselves and their clients manage stress now and when things return to the “new” normal. They will learn simple exercises from the field of energy medicine and energy psychology which they can use to regulate their own nervous systems and teach clients. Material will be taught through lecture, small group discussion, large group and dyadic practice.

**Course Objectives**

1. Articulate a plan for self-regulation when in a crisis that can also be applied to the client you serve.
2. Explain how stress negatively impacts the nervous system over a period of time.
3. Teach at least four energy and Energy Psychology techniques to their clients.
4. Understand how to implement at least four energy medicine techniques on yourself to manage stress.
6. Teach EM or EP techniques to clients.

**Audience:** Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) clinical staff and contracted CBO providers are welcome. Capacity is limited. Open until filled.

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**Thursday, May 21st, 2020**
9:30am-2:00pm | Online Course, zoom link shared after registration

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