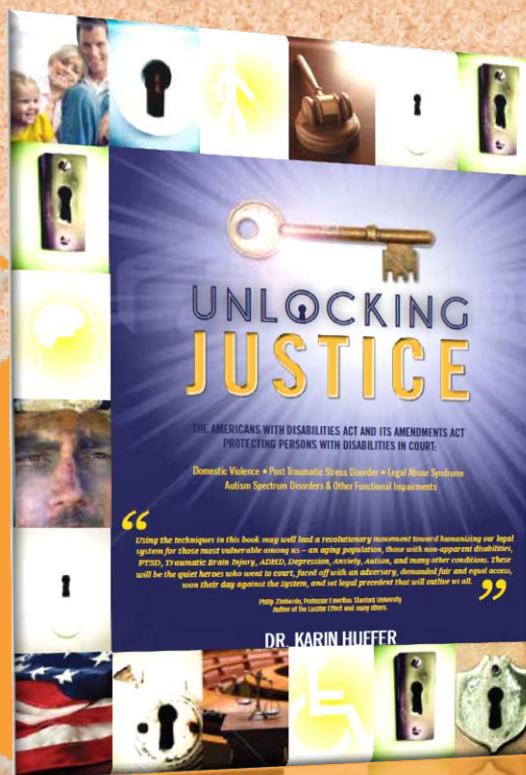


Addressing Preventable Public Health Consequences of Re-traumatization in Abuse Cases Using the ADAAA of 2009

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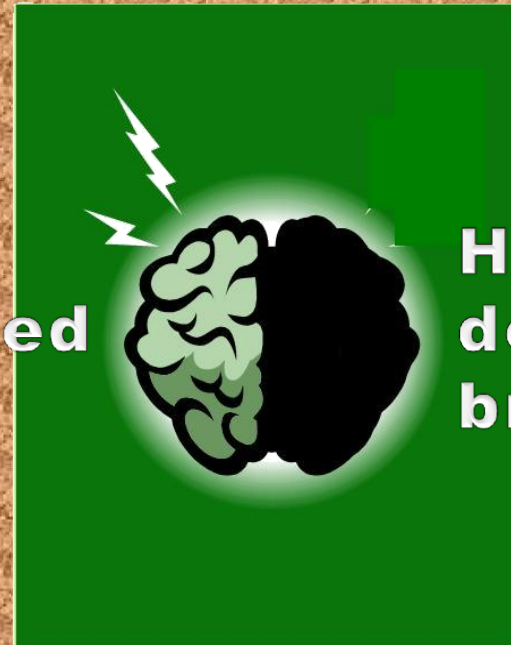
Need DV/ADAAA

Advocate and Interpreter

Traumatization is a physiological and neurological event: attacks the neurological pathway for communication and speech.



**Over
stimulated
brain**



**Half
dormant
brain**

Advocates need an expanded role in the litigation process-- the ability to speak for the client as an interpreter.

Frontal –subcortical circuitry and corticothalamic integration are the processes necessary to execute personality, prevent apathy , and neuropsychiatric disorders including depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder to name a few.

Is this high conflict or coercive control?
Does it matter?



Legal Abuse Syndrome

When Does Litigation Trigger LAS?

When *a disability* goes *unrecognized* and *un-accommodated* and *due process* is *denied*, a person is in a position of extreme jeopardy.



Helplessness
+ **Jeopardy**
—————
PTSD

Psychological Evaluation

- Types fit disability
- Information sought
- Cost
- Evaluator accom.
- Contract

Sharing of Results

- ADA Administration
- Jury – USUALLY NOT
- Adversary-NEVER
- New Ethics/etiquette
- Equal Access

Who?

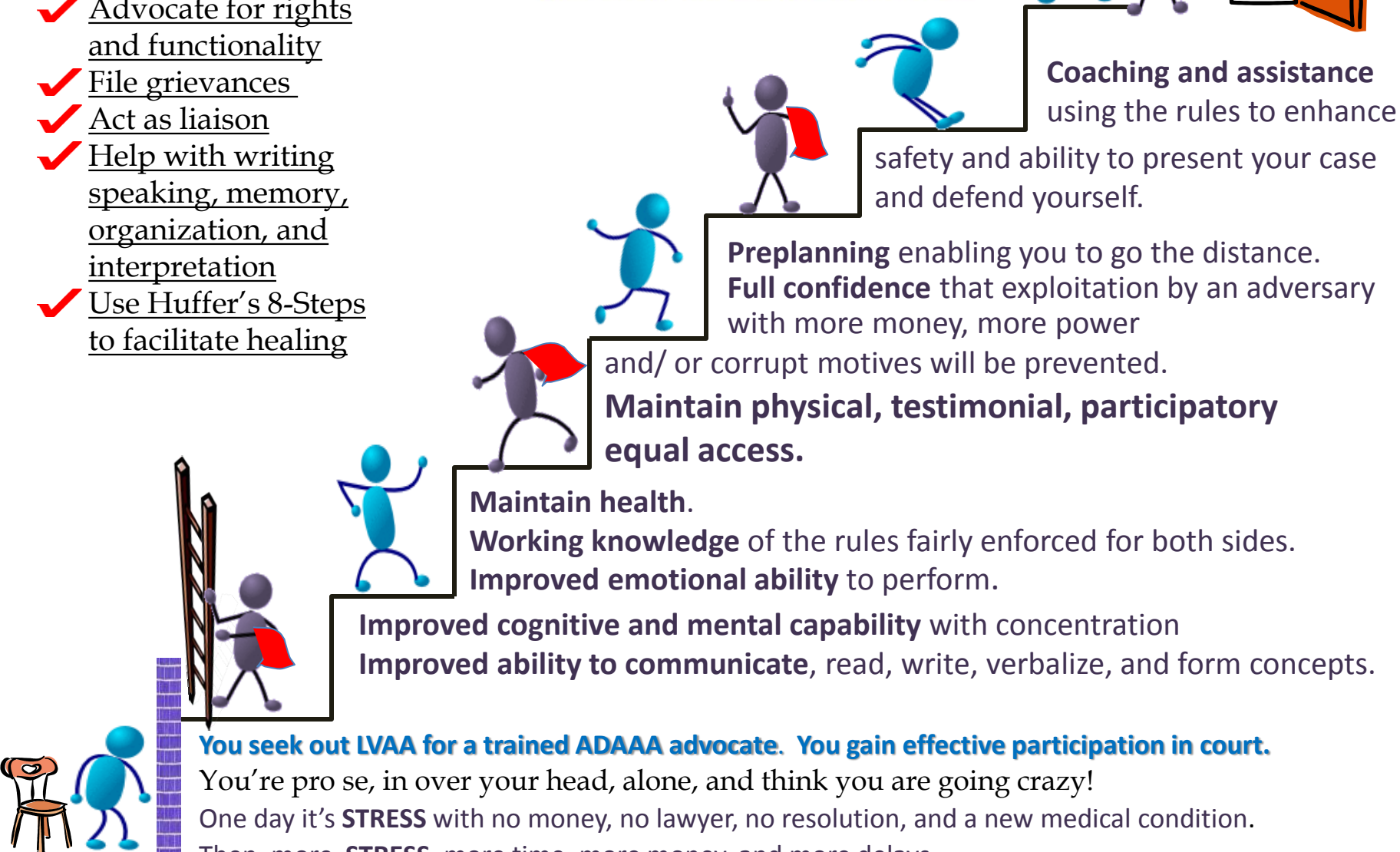
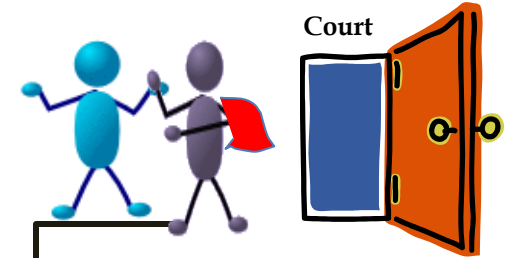
- ADA Assessment
- Must I comply
- Impact on case/self



As a Strategy

- Coercive control
- Crazy or crazy making
- Guardianship/ Olmstead
- Parent/custody/disability

- ✓ Validate, confirm diagnosis
- ✓ Plan accommodations
- ✓ Prepare, file paperwork
- ✓ Advocate for rights and functionality
- ✓ File grievances
- ✓ Act as liaison
- ✓ Help with writing speaking, memory, organization, and interpretation
- ✓ Use Huffer's 8-Steps to facilitate healing



With *the event* comes **STRESS**, lawyers, and court.

How the Advocate Becomes a Legal Game Changer

- **Saves \$**
- **Damage Control**
- **Smooths and expedites**
- **Protection**
- **Debriefing**

**Pre-legal
Preparation
before
lawyer**

- **Ethics element of the rubric**
- **Client's Bill of Rights**

**Enforce
Standard of
Care to
avoid LAS**

- **Communication Standards**
- **Liaison**
- **Ensure Equal voice for the traumatized person**

**Maintain a
conductive
level of
communication**

**Supportive
Counseling**

- **Apply elements of the rubric**
- **Apply Huffer's 8-Steps**

Rubric for Advocacy under the ADA

Ethical compliance under the Americans with Disabilities Act related to invisible disabilities

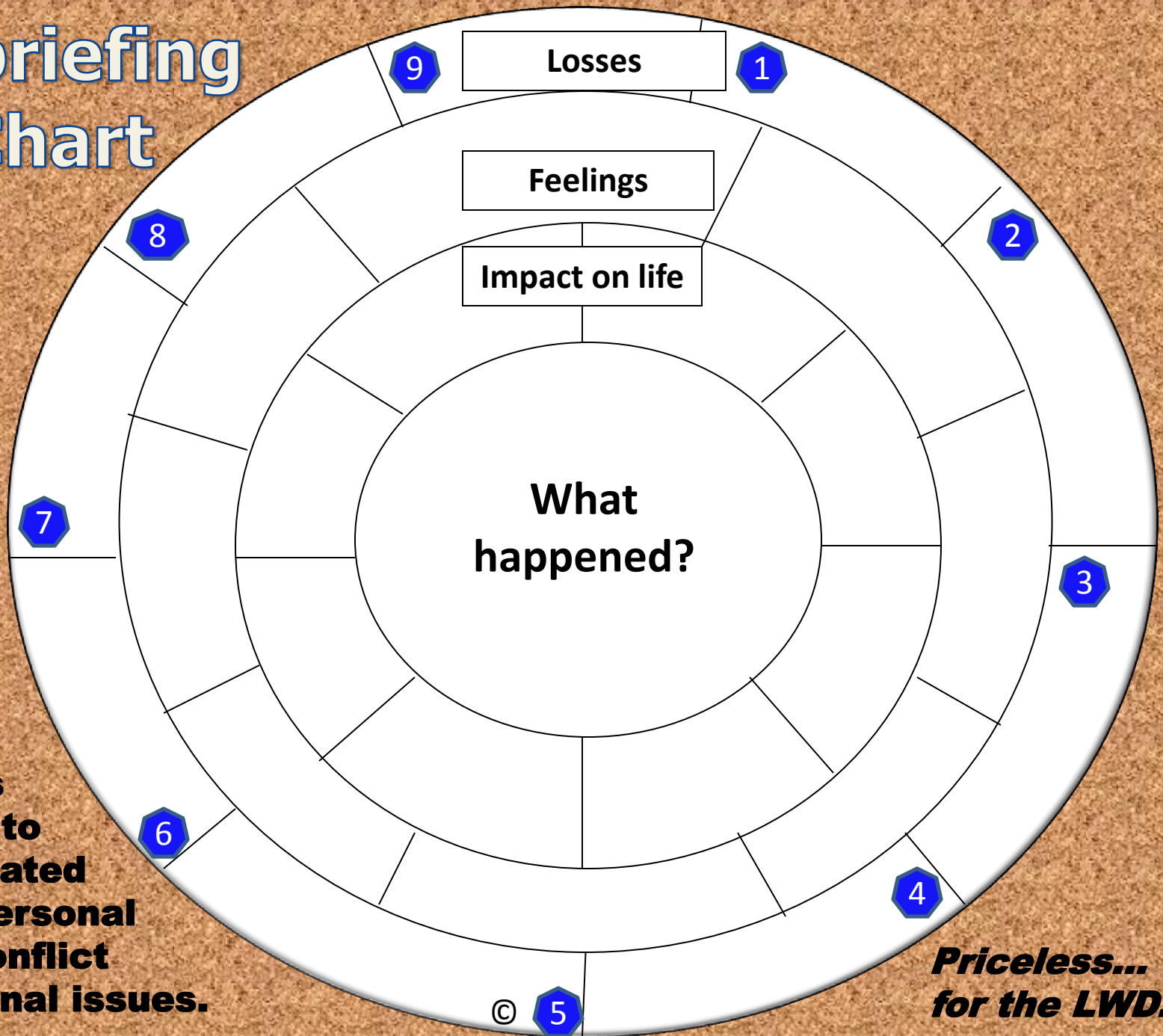
Full ability to
reference relevant
sections of the
ADA for
equal access

Working familiarity
with symptoms &
characteristics of
LWD's disability.
Design
accommodations

Working
familiarity with
that portion
of the state/local
court rules/
system relevant
to your client

Supportive
counseling--
ability to use
Huffer's 8-Step
Protocol with
symptomatic
LWDs

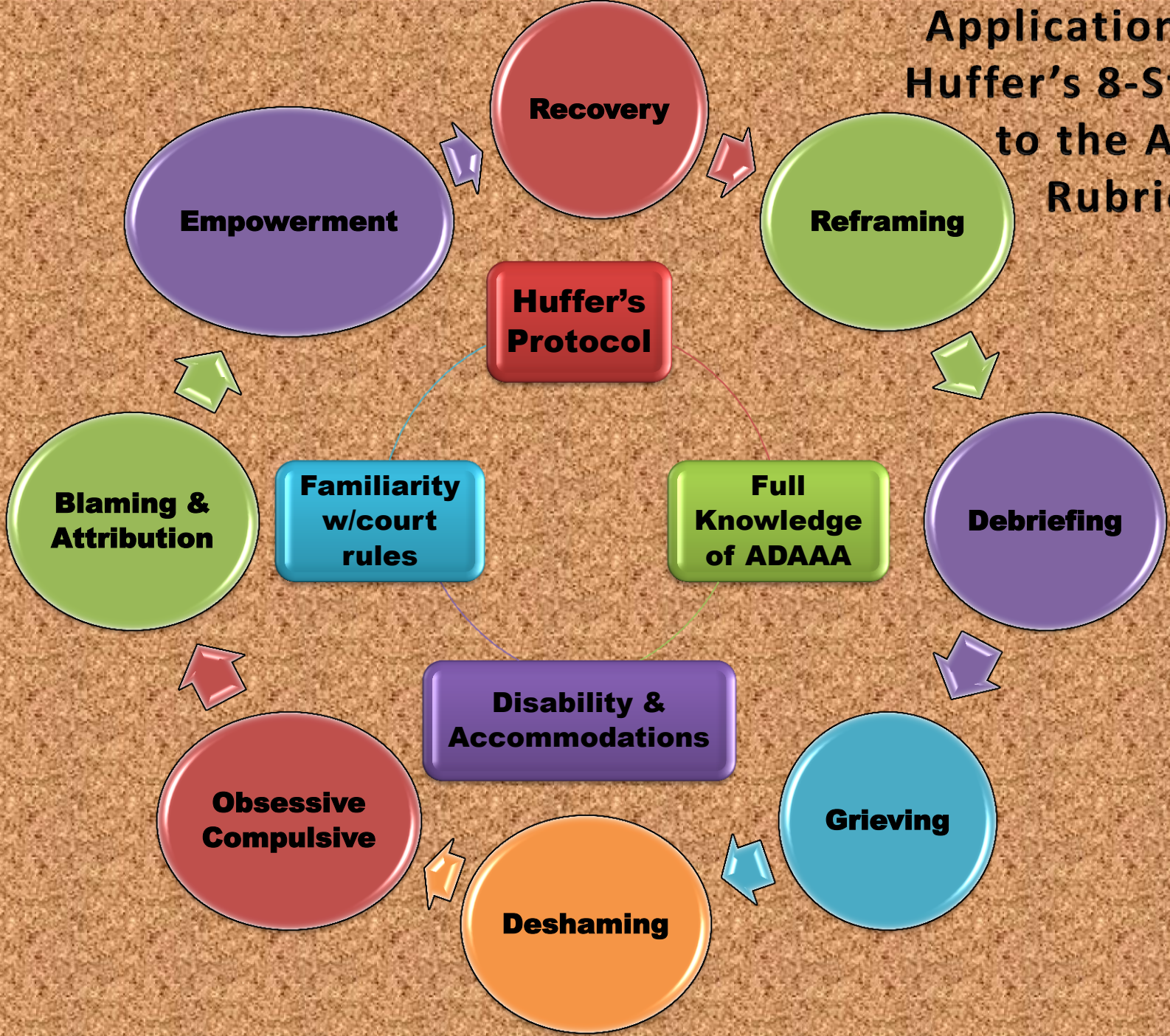
Debriefing Chart



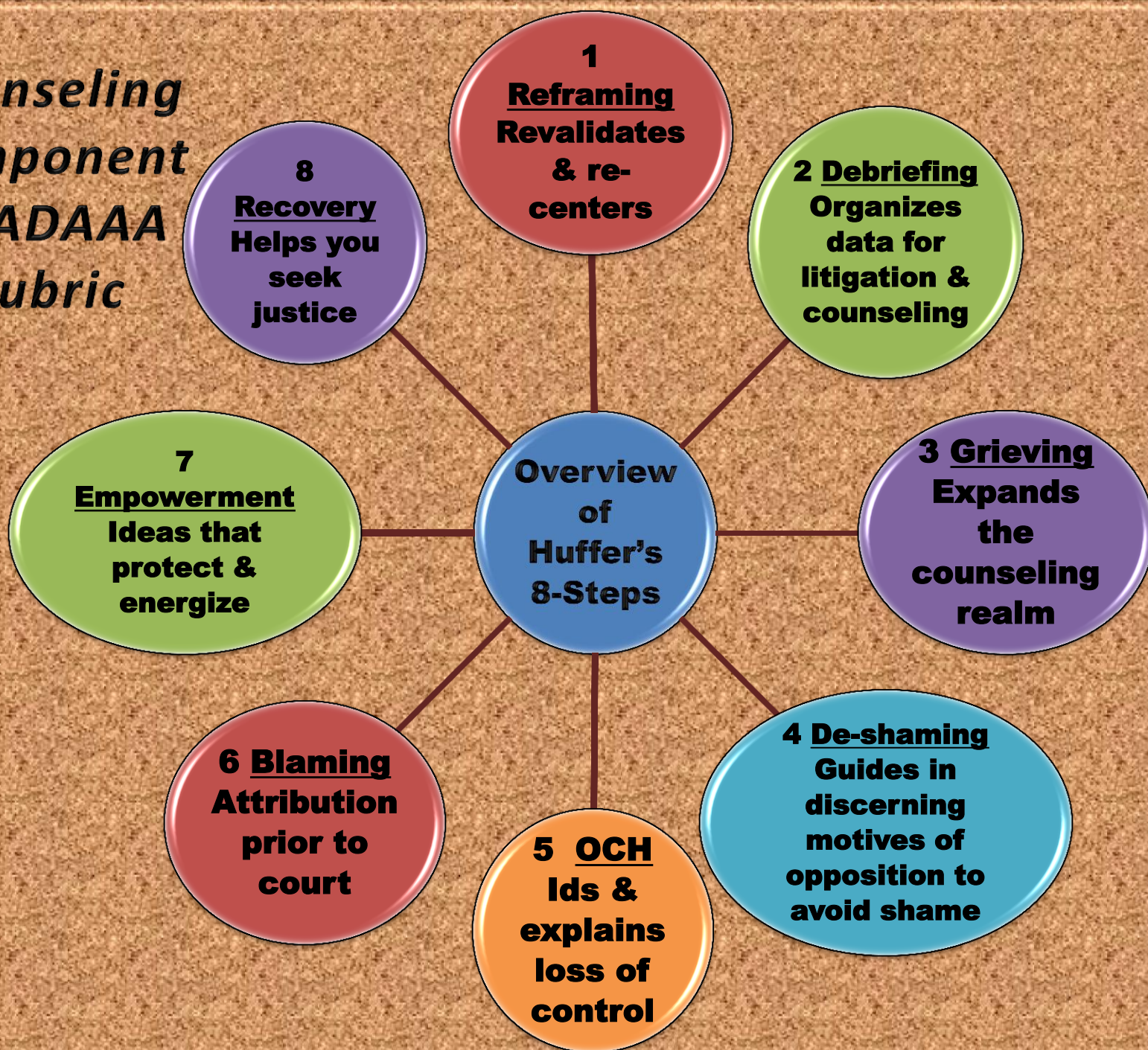
**Graphs
issues to
be litigated
from personal
high conflict
emotional issues.**

***Priceless...
for the LWD.***

Application of Huffer's 8-Steps to the ADA Rubric




*Counseling
Component
of ADA
Rubric*



An ethical standard of care is promoted through the support of a CADAA by the modeling and teaching of learned skills for the benefit of the invisibly disabled facing or participating in the judicial system.

Standard of Care

 under the ADA

interacting with the justice system

Vetted

Symptomatic

w/out full knowledge of ADA accommodations

w/out representation

Full ability to reference relevant sections of the ADA for equal access

Supportive counseling--ability to use Huffer's 8-Step Protocol with symptomatic LWD

Working familiarity w/ symptoms & characteristics of LWD. Design accommodations

Working familiarity w/ that portion of the state/local court rules/system relevant to LWD

Ethical Compliance under the Americans with Disabilities Act related to invisible disabilities

Certified ADA Advocate CADAA

Social v Medical Model for Accommodations

Medical Model

- **Disease or Trauma requires medical intervention.**
- **Diagnosis is no meaningful measure of individual experience or capacity**
- **Court not qualified**

Social Model

- **Focus on whole, functional person**
- **Intersection of person and environment relevant**
- **Disability depends on welcoming environment**

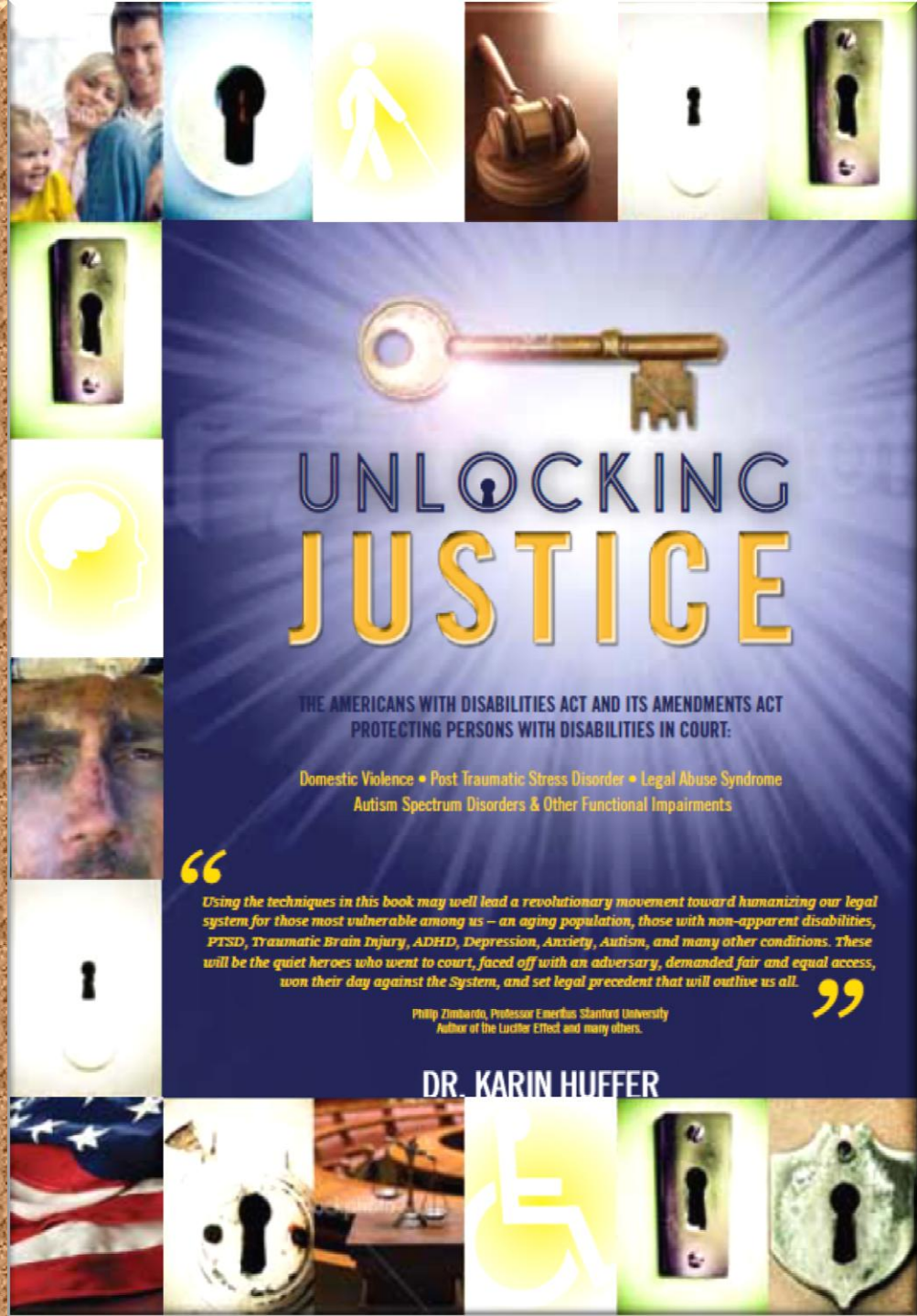
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