

Some tips from Marilyn's Luber consultants course

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It was very successful -- we all learned some useful tips & had a good experience - the groups bonded well

I think we should share at least the tips about finding the NC so I will briefly describe it .Up to now we all learned Alan's choreography for the suitable NC characteristics

ME -self referencing

NOW-currently held

IRRATIONAL

GENERALISABLE

sometimes we also knew to add declaratively at least the need for **AFFECTIVE RESONANCE** & even explained this as deriving from the theoretical function of the NC to access the Affect- BUT we needed Marilyn to point out the obvious tip of **ACTUALLY LOOKING** for the affect shift as a check for the suitable NC & and the ways to do this were:

1- continuing with the downward arrow technique of asking "& what does that (repeat what client said) say about / mean for you ?" & persist with this UNTIL there is an **AFFECT SHIFT** even after you get what would appear to be an intellectually satisfactory NC - that could be up to about a 6-10 times instead of stopping after the usual 3 or 4 times. When the affect shifts it comes as a "recognition reflex" with some observable involuntary body sign.

if this is not working then there were 2 more tips :

2- ask for a drawing -& then the NC often just pops up

3- try a floatback

I suspect I was often doing this intuitively but the difference is doing it deliberately & also useful as an additional teaching aid to help novices learn how to find the good enough NC using not only intellect (thinking cognitive categories: Safety/Control/Responsibility -guilt & Responsibility-defective) but also honing their observation skills & emotional empathy to spot the affect shift using the above tips.

Another good idea for supervision was to have the supervisee role play a client they were stuck with & to seek an NC in this way - the experience was surprising.....great stuff