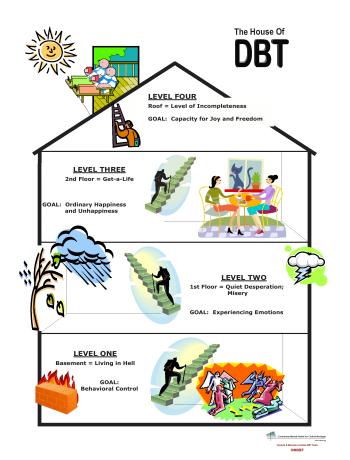
## What is Borderline Personality Disorder?

Borderline Personality Disorder is characterized by sudden intense emotions which can seem impossible to control and a very slow return to normalcy. This can often lead to the development of coping skills which have a negative impact on your life, such as self harm, substance abuse, or bursts of anger. Individuals with BPD experience at least five of the following:

- Intense and unstable relationships
- Feelings of abandonment
- Problems with self-image
- Impulsive
- Suicidal/self harm behavior
- Unstable moods
- Feelings of emptiness
- Intense/uncontrollable anger
- Paranoid thoughts or feeling disconnected



Individuals with Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) typically live in the basement of the House of DBT. Marsha Linehan refers to the basement as a state of emotional hell. Our goal is to give you the tools that you need to bring yourself out of the basement and eventually climb to a different level floor or roof so you can improve your quality of life. It is common to want someone else to lift you out of the basement but the only way out is for you to climb the stairs on your own.



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# DIALECTICAL BEHAVIOR THERAPY

Dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) is a modified type of cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). Its main goals are to teach people how to live in the moment, develop healthy ways to cope with stress, regulate their emotions, and improve their relationships with others.



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### DEVELOP NEW COPING SKILLS

#### BY COMPLETING THE FOLLOWING:

- Attend weekly skills groups and weekly individual therapy.
- Track and record problem behaviors with a weekly diary card.
- Complete homework assignments.
- Role play with therapist to develop new ways to interact with people.
- Identify how maladaptive behaviors are rewarded and/or adaptive behaviors punished.
- Expose themselves to feelings, thoughts, or situations that they fear and avoid.
- Change self-destructive ways of thinking.

Osceola and Mecosta Counties are co-facilitating DBT skills groups for Adults as well as Adolescent/Family Groups.

Please see a team member or CMHCM staff if you have further questions or would like to participate in this evidenced-based treatment.