

## **Goals of Trauma Narration and Processing**

- 1. **Habituate to the trauma memory** -- Unpair thoughts, reminders, or discussions of the trauma from overwhelming negative emotion.
- 2. **Decrease physical and psychological hyperarousal when exposed to trauma reminders**, thus decreasing need for avoidance and PTSD symptoms.
- 3. Connect affect to the trauma memory.
- 4. Organize trauma memory and recall
- 5. Share trauma-related cognitions.