## **Clarity Seminars**

Stress, Resilience, & Leadership

#### Testimonials

"Karen and David's stress and resiliency training received the highest accolades of the year – a must attend for people who are tasked with doing more with fewer resources."

-Joseph Schmitt, Director of Operations National Debt Management Center U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

"Our employees include some of the country's finest research scientists, and they gave this program top ratings. It's a big plus that the program is based on clinical research and that people can experience the results of the techniques first-hand. Even our traditional skeptics were won over."

-Erin M. Shatara, Training Coordinator, Stanford Linear Accelerator (DOE)

"Don't miss this workshop. It could change your life (seriously). The instructors can make or break a course like this. They did the former. It was fantastic."

—Ryan Monello, Network Program Manager Hawaii Volcanoes National Park

"This is one of the best trainings we've ever sponsored. You really had an impact on everyone who received your training. I could keep you busy in Alaska as long as you want." —Tim Parker, Training and Development Manager, State of Alaska

"Employees are clamoring for help with stress, but it's rare to find a program that's effective. The Gamows' easy presentation style coupled with an obvious deep knowledge of human physiology and psychology gives them great credibility with their audiences." –Jeanne Batey, HR Director, Office of Economic Development, City of Denver

"This training was very relevant to my job. I was captivated throughout." —Mindy Swisher, Department of Health & Human Services, State of Alaska

"This program is pure genius. A 'mustsee' for anyone who wants to change their life for the better. Very warm speakers — open and easy to engage with. They really want to help their audience. Let them." —*Mindy Ecenrode, Attorney, U.S. Army* 

# Stress & Resilience Training for the Government Workforce

Also available for leaders and managers

Give your employees and managers the skills they need to perform effectively under high pressure.

This training is at the cutting edge of stress reduction, offering a powerful blend of cognitive training and clinically-proven relaxation techniques to manage stress and enhance resiliency, even in the most challenging circumstances.

It's also much more than a stress-management program. The principles and techniques participants learn are essential for successful leadership, productivity, error-free decision-making, focus, and the ability to work effectively with others.

NASA, the U.S. Army, Social Security Administration, GE, Lockheed, Stanford University, the United Nations, and the U.S. Navy are a few of the organizations that have provided Clarity Seminars' stress management and resiliency training to their executives and staff.

This program is an unusual combination. It significantly benefits attendees in both their work and personal lives, and also enhances resiliency and productivity on the job. It's often the most highly-rated program an organization offers its people.

David and Karen Gamow, founders of Clarity Seminars, have personally trained more than 30,000 employees in these methods — from software engineers under crushing development deadlines to soldiers preparing for combat.

"It was important to me to provide training that would support my staff personally as well as professionally, and let them know how much their work is appreciated. Your training was perfect. The response was overwhelmingly positive, even given that this is a tough group of people to train, including some of our already welltrained Master Resiliency Trainers. This training came to me highly recommended and we will be pleased to utilize it again in the future."

-Brandi G. Stauber, Chief Army Community Service U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii

The Gamows are two of the leading stress and resiliency trainers in the United States today. Authors of *Freedom from Stress*, their work has been featured in *Investor's Business Daily, San Jose Mercury News, Gannett News,* 

Chicago Sun-Times, and CNN Money Magazine.

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"An extremely engaging and powerful program. We were captivated by your wonderful way of connecting deeply with our people. Highly recommended." —Francine Roby, Director San Francisco Federal Executive Board

"Helpful, not only in terms of how to deal with people who stress you out, but especially on how you handle yourself, so you don't let the slings, arrows, and other misfortunes that others may sling your way get you down. It was rather liberating, in fact." -John Lom, Deputy Chief Counsel Department of the Treasury

"This is a high-stress environment, and your training has been a great help. Even one person with calm energy in the face of challenge helps everyone to respond at their best." -Charles Palmer, Jr., Administrator 351st Civil Affairs, U.S. Army

"I'm normally in pain and discomfort nearly all the time, and yet I was pain free after a single session of your exercises. I can't begin to thank you enough for your training and all that I learned and gained from it. The benefits are incredible."

-S. M., Stanford School of Medicine

"The ability to react calmly in pressure situations is an invaluable skill. Your ability to not only show us how to do that, but motivate and inspire us to do it, is what makes your program so valuable."

-Brenda Velasquez, 911 Dispatch Manager, S. San Francisco Police Department

# Stress & Resilience Training for the Government Workforce

also titled "Martial Arts for the Mind"

We provide promo materials like this flyer to help you announce trainings to colleagues. Materials are customized to meet your group's needs, whether it's executives and managers, or an open enrollment session for a wide range of employees.

Gain clarity of mind and an increased capacity to meet and overcome life's challenges. This training provides both physical and cognitive techniques to overcome the negative impacts of stress, and to increase our capacity to bounce back from adversity. Navy Seals use these techniques like these to calm intense fear before combat. Profesional athletes use them to enhance performance. Learn how to stop the stress response before it arises, and to find effective ways to release it once present. You'll learn how to:

- Understand and communicate more sensitively with people without denying or sacrificing your own feelings
- Manage challenging work situations with greater calm and clarity of mind
- Release stress with simple relaxation, breathing, and meditation techniques that can be done in just a few moments
- Achieve significant relief from chronic pain, insomnia, and high blood pressure
- Increase focus amidst 24/7 hyper-connectivity and distractions

David and Karen Gamow have trained over 30,000 employees for clients including the U.S. Navy, Army, Marines, NOAA, Forestry Service, Department of Treasury, Justice, Education, Energy, and many other government agencies (federal, state, and local). For years their training has been an integral part of leadership training intensives for GE, NASA, and the Social Security Administration. They have spoken about stress on behalf of the American Heart Association. Authors of *Freedom from Stress*, their work has been featured in *Investor's Business Daily, Gannet News*, and *CNN's Money Magazine*. Learn more at *www.clarityseminars.com* 

### Our instructional strategy

The training is a combination of lecture, experiential techniques, Q & A, and voluntary interaction between the instructor and participants. Participants experience exercises and ideas as observers/ scientists, and are encouraged to test them for themselves, in the classroom. The program is both highly entertaining and challenging, with the goal of a significant and dramatic shift in understanding and insight.

## Course content

The training consists of two approaches to stress: cognitive and physiological. The cognitive training culminates in a 4-step process developed at Harvard that helps participants break the cycle of responding to challenging situations in stressful or non-productive ways. Participants gain an understanding of the mind and its habitual, unconscious responses to external challenges, and also learn how to consciously and naturally choose a different response. To the extent that stress is a feeling of being out of control, stress is reduced as we gain mastery over our responses, even in small ways.

The second prong of the training is hands-on practice in a number of relaxation, breathing, and meditation techniques that are clinically proven to reduce stress and enhance mental focus. Participants are also trained to relax the body at will, relieve physical tension, and relieve or eliminate pain. Other benefits include reducing or eliminating insomnia, reducing blood pressure, and enhancing resilience.

## Course outline

Complete training is 3.5 hours. Shorter lengths are available.

0:00-1:20 Part 1: Physiology Brief overview Scientific research Guided techniques Q & A



1:20-1:30 Break

1:30-2:35 Part 2: Cognitive skills for resiliency Self-mastery in daily life Commonly held perceptions that increase stress Habitual reactions that derail our effectiveness Learning to step back; gaining perspective A 4-step process developed at Harvard

Real-life applications in the heat of battle

(voluntary classroom participation, not role-play)

- 2:35-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:20 Part 3: Physiology Guided techniques, benefits of each technique
- 3:20-3:30 Closing

## **Government clients**

United Nations U.S. Department of Education U.S. Department of Energy U.S. Department of Justice Justice Leadership Institute U.S. Department of Transportation U.S. Department of Treasury Treasury Executive Institute Office of the Comptroller of the Currency San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank Social Security Administration Leadership Symposium U.S. Post Office Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park National Weather Service NASA Kennedy, Johnson, and Stennis Space Centers, Wallops, Ames Research HQ Leadership Through Influence (LTI) Bureau of Fiscal Service NOAA Officer Corps Training Fleet Administrative Management Defense Information Systems Agency Federal Executive Boards San Francisco, Minnesota, Philadelphia Pittsburgh, Greater Los Angeles, Hawaii U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Forest Service States: Alaska, California Many city governments, including: Denver, San Francisco, San Jose, Clearwater

#### Military

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Naval Postgraduate School Naval Surface Warfare Center U.S. Air Force *(Resiliency Trainers)* U.S. Army & Army Reserves U.S. Marines

#### Courts

U.S District Courts Western District of WA, Middle District of PA, Eastern District of PA, Northern District of FL

For more, see www.clarityseminars.com



### Leadership Training

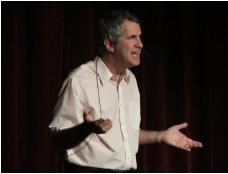
Good leaders inspire loyalty, draw the best out of their subordinates, and are excellent communicators. These principles are often taught in leadership training programs, but are rarely remembered in the heat of battle. This is because leadership, like every other endeavor, starts in the human mind. Until our mind and emotions are under our control, there is a large gap between what we know and what we do.

This program will give your managers the clarity and self-mastery to put into practice the knowledge and experience they have spent a lifetime accumulating.

Our training has been an integral part of SSA's Leadership Symposiums, NASA's Leadership Through Influence (LTI) program, Treasury Executive Institute, DOI University, and GE's Management Development program.

"I have worked with hundreds of the finest trainers throughout the world. Your presentation is definitely in the top 10% of what I have seen. So many programs are Power Point presentations describing a topic, whereas yours really motivates and changes people. Your enthusiasm shines through what you do and the effect is dramatic." *—Robert C., Chief Learning Officer GE Healthcare* 

"On behalf of the 12 federal agencies who attended this Senior Executive training session, I commend you for a very well-executed program.
I am still receiving feedback weeks later about how much participants enjoyed and benefited from the techniques and strategies."
-David Rosenmarkle, Program Manager Executive Learning and Development U.S. Department of Energy



#### **Appreciation events**

Say "thank you" to your employees with a powerful program that benefits them both personally and professionally. Participants frequently comment how grateful they are to receive training of this caliber.

"If my previous organization had shown this level of interest in my development as a manager and as a person, I never would have left." -Kevin N., Manager

#### Conferences

David is a gifted motivational speaker and popular keynote presenter. He inspires and motivates audiences with a direct, challenging style that includes a healthy dose of humor, colorful analogies, and a deep understanding and empathy for how the human mind works. His programs have helped many people achieve a sudden shift in perspective that has radically changed their lives for the better. Karen connects easily with audiences with a warm empathy and an unusually calming voice—perfect for guided techniques.

"Thank you for your excellent presentation. Yours was the most popular program of the thirty sessions offered at our annual Leadership Conference." —Colonel Chris Green, U.S. Army

"This was the best training I have received since being employed by the government 24 years ago. I highly recommend this program to anyone." —Lewis S., Manager Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau U.S Department of Treasury



#### **Customer Service Change Management Conflict Resolution Teambuilding**

We provide targeted stress management training for your specific needs, Some ideas are shown above, but we can tailor our work to whatever situation you find yourself in. Anything that needs to get done has a stress component to it, because as people feel pressure and become reactive, forward progress toward whatever you are trying to accomplish can be greatly hindered.

"I enjoyed your program immensely.

It is excellent for people on the bench. I've thought long and deeply about how to respond to the people who appear in my courtroom, given their frustrations, lack of respect for authority, and the necessity for me to be both understanding and strong. I intend to implement all of the tools in my professional and personal life."

> -A federal district court judge (anonymous as required by law)

#### Cost

*Price is all-inclusive: trainers, travel* (*air, hotel, car*) *and materials* 

\$2,400 San Francisco Bay Area
\$4,200 West Coast, AZ, NM
\$5,700 Midwest, Alaska
\$6,400 East Coast, Hawaii *International trainings: request quote*

Additional trainings on the same day or consecutive days are \$2,800 each. If we are already in your area training for other clients, a session would be approximately \$2,800-\$3,200 depending on travel.

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