Working to Identify Changed Beliefs

When working to help clients recognize what they have learned in therapy, it is helpful to have them identify how their beliefs have changed.

Use the following questions to prompt identification of beliefs and then progress through each column to identify how their belief in those beliefs and the actual beliefs have changed.

What did you believe about whose fault the abuse was before therapy? What did you believe was the reason for the abuse before therapy? What did you believe how the abuse affected you before therapy? What did you understand about abuse before therapy? What did you understand about telling about abuse before therapy? What did you believe about whether therapy would help before therapy?

Example:

Belief prior to	% believed	% believe that belief	New/changed	% believe
therapy	that belief	after Trauma	belief(s) after	new belief
	prior to	Narration/Processing	Trauma	
	therapy		Narration/Processing	
The abuse	100%	10%	1.What happened	1.95%
happened because			was not my fault and	2.100%
something is wrong			I did not cause it.	3.90%
with me.			2.The abuse is all his	
			fault.	
			3.There is nothing	
			wrong with me.	

Changed Beliefs

Belief prior to therapy	% believed that belief prior to therapy	% believe that belief after Trauma Narration/Processing	New/changed belief(s) after Trauma Narration/Processing	% believe new belief