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HIGHLIGHTS

A summary of select studies from the issue, providing a snapshot of some of the latest research findings

The high emotional demands of public school teaching can contribute to impaired teacher morale, professional burnout, and the fact that 40-50% of teachers quit teaching within their first five years on the job. Prior research supports the efficacy of mindfulness-based interventions (MBIs) in improving teacher well-being and reducing burnout, but what processes underlie their effectiveness? In a randomized, controlled trial, **Taylor et al. [Mindfulness]** tested how a MBI affected teachers' emotional regulation, forgiveness, and compassion, and whether these factors contributed, in turn, to reducing stress.

The researchers randomly assigned a predominantly female cohort of 59 Canadian elementary and secondary school teachers to either a Stress Management and Relaxation Training (SMART) program or a wait-list control. The 9-week SMART program shared components with MBSR (the body scan, sitting, walking, movement and eating meditations) and included specific training in emotional regulation, forgiveness and loving-kindness. Participants completed self-report measures before and after training and at four-month follow-up. Participants were also interviewed after training about job stress and attitudes towards difficult students and colleagues.

The teachers found the SMART program "quite helpful." SMART program teachers showed significant and large declines in occupational stress compared to controls, a difference that remained marginally significant at four month follow-up. In post-training interviews, SMART participants used significantly fewer negative emotional words than controls when discussing work stressors, and used significantly more positive emotional words than controls when describing challenging students. SMART participants also showed significant and moderately sized improvements on measures of emotional regulation efficacy and dispositional forgiveness compared to controls. Dispositional forgiveness was significantly associated with decreased stress.

This study extends previous findings supporting the efficacy of MBIs in reducing teacher stress, and clarifies distinct processes contributing to their

potential efficacy. It is limited by its small sample size, lack of active controls and lack of in-classroom behavioral measures.



Adolescence is a time of rapid growth in young people's capacity to self-regulate their emotions and maintain focus on goals, as well as a time of rapid brain development. In a longitudinal study, **Friedel et al. [Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience]** explored the relationship between changes in brain areas previously linked to mindfulness and the development of the tendency to be mindful of experience (dispositional mindfulness) in adolescents. The researchers studied the prefrontal cortex (an area involved in goal directed behavior and emotional regulation) and the insula (an area involved in the awareness of internal bodily states). As adolescents mature, their cerebral cortexes tend to thin out as neurons are selectively pruned and circuits become more efficient. The researchers predicted that a higher degree of cortical thinning would correlate with higher levels of dispositional mindfulness.

The researchers analyzed the magnetic resonance images (MRIs) of 82 male and female adolescents who were scanned at ages 16 and 19, and also completed the Mindfulness Attention and Awareness Scale (MAAS) at age 19. The participants were also assessed on measures of temperament and intelligence.

Dispositional mindfulness was positively correlated with measures of cognitive reappraisal, attention, and inhibitory control, and negatively correlated with frustration, aggression, and depressed mood. The researchers analyzed possible relationships between cortical thinning and dispositional mindfulness in twenty regions of the prefrontal and insular cortex. Prefrontal cortical thinning proved unrelated to dispositional mindfulness, but was correlated with IQ. There was a significant correlation between a lesser degree of left anterior insular thinning and greater dispositional mindfulness. Although not predicted, this finding partially accords with prior cross-sectional research showing a relationship between greater insular thickness and mindfulness and meditation practice in adults.

This is the first longitudinal study exploring the linkage between brain development and dispositional mindfulness in adolescence. It suggests that while greater prefrontal cortical thinning is related to higher general intelligence, reduced insular cortical thinning is related to greater dispositional mindfulness.

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