Self-Care 101: Part 2

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SELF-CARE Part 2

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Presentation Structure

- 1. Presentation Content
- 2. Ask questions in the chat during the presentation
- 3. Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation

Training Objectives

- Describe concept from Part 1 including self-care definitions, brain science concepts, self-capacity concepts, and self-regulation concepts
- Describe a process for self-care
- Identify barriers to self-care and strategies to address barriers



What does self-care mean to you?

- How do you want to feel?
- What are your intentions?
- What are your goals?



Self-Care



Self-care refers to activities and practices that we can engage in on a regular basis to reduce stress and maintain and enhance our short- and longer-term health and well-being

Self-Care Aims

Taking care of physical and psychological health Health Managing and reducing stress **Stress** Honoring emotional and spiritual needs **Heart & Spirit** Fostering and sustaining relationships **Social** Achieving an equilibrium across one's personal and work lives Integrate

Brain Responses

Two Responses:

- 1. Limbic Brain Response
- 2. Pre-Frontal Cortex Response



Signs of Burnout

- Anxiety
- Physical Symptoms
- Avoidance
- Guilt
- Exhaustion

Burnout

- What are you feeling?
- What are your feelings telling you?
- What does this mean to you?
- What action should you take?

FACES



Self Regulation

- Manage emotions and behavior
- Resist highly emotional responses
- Calm self
- Adjust to change
- Handle frustrations



SELF-CARE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Self-Care Process

- 1. Assess where I am
- 2. Consider what I need
- 3. Make a plan
- 4. Check in on my plan
- 5. Adjust as needed



Assess Where We Are

Questions to ask ourselves:

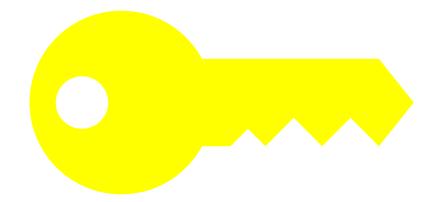
- 1. What is happening?
- 2. How am I feeling?
- 3. How do I want to feel?



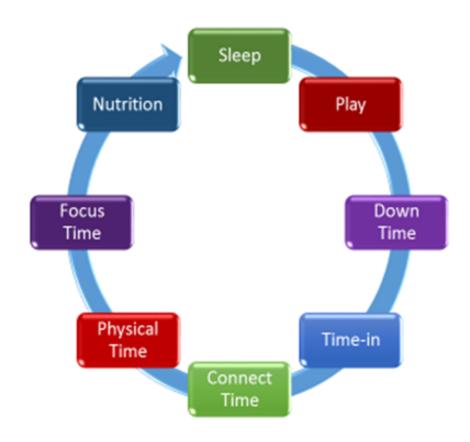
Consider What I Need

What part of me needs tending?

 What does that tending look like?



Healthy Mind-Body Platter



Adapted from the Health Mind Platter, Rock & Siegel, 2012

Self-Comfort and Self-Care

- 1. Massage
- 2. Bubble Bath
- 3. Taking a walk
- 4. Taking a nap
- 5. Drink a cup of tea



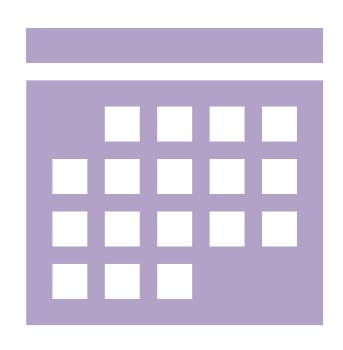


Stress Reduction

What can we do to reduce Stress?

- 1. Keep current with work
- 2. Take care of personal responsibilities
- 3. Operate by our values
- 4. Know our limits

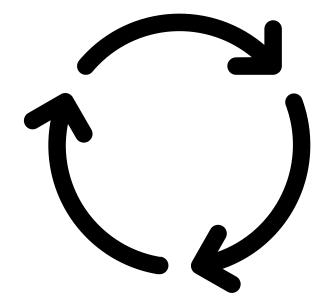
Make a Plan



- 1. Plan in small time increments
- 2. Set attainable goals.
- 3. How will I know it's working?

Adjust the Plan

- 1. Is it working? How do I know?
- 2. Don't give up!
- 3. Adjust to what works.

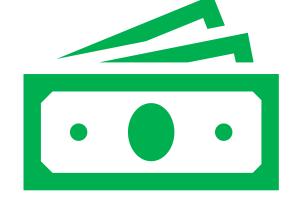




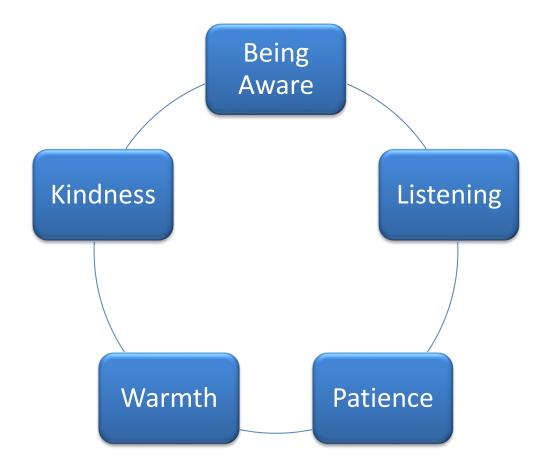
Barriers to Self-Care

- Lack of time.
- Lack of money.
- Lack of self-compassion.





Compassion- Five Qualities



Self Compassion

- Being open to and moved by one's own suffering
- Experience feelings of caring and kindness toward oneself
- Taking an understanding, non-judgmental attitude toward one's inadequacies and failures
- Recognizing that one's experience is part of the common human experience.



Barriers to Self-Care

- Experience more self-compassion
- Assess what you can do
- Assess what you are doing
- Try out different activities
- Be true to yourself
- Ask for help

Let's Get Started

What is one thing you think you can do for yourself?



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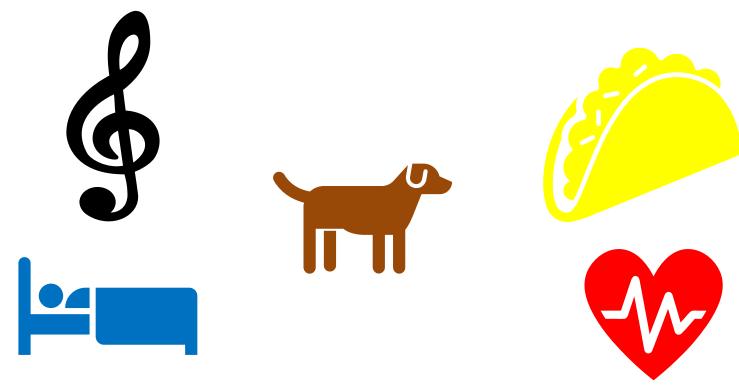
- What has worked for you?
- We can learn from others
- Peer support is a trauma informed principle
- Shared experiences are powerful
- We can consider things we may not have thought of

"If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate, give in to it."

--Mary Oliver



Questions?



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 https://ncsd.adobeconnect.com/e5j3t5d30pnb/event/registration.html
- September 30 at 3:15-4:30pm ET Self Care & Intersectionality
 - Registration link is forthcoming!