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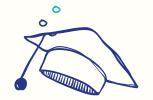












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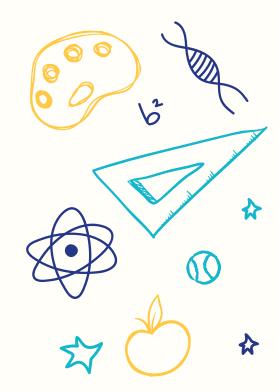
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Self Care as a Daily Practice

## Objectives

- Define trauma
- Effects of trauma
- A.C.Es (Adverse Childhood Experiences)
- Define & explore coping skills
- Solution Focused techniques
- Self-care as a daily practice



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## Mental Health Awareness Month 5 reasons Mental Health is important

- 1. To Combat Mental Health Stigma
- 2. To Understand You're Not Alone
- 3. To Encourage Care And Support
- 4. To Lower The Risk Of Suicide
- 5. To Maintain Good Mental Health



## What is Trauma

Trauma results from exposure to an incident or series of events that are emotionally disturbing or life-threatening with lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, and/or spiritual well-being.

Violence

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Physical violence in home or community

Loss

Death of a family member or friend

Instability

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Homelessness, from natural disaster, fire, etc.





## Results of Trauma



Develop hard to navigate feelings and emotions

Feeling Hopeless, Helpless, or Powerless, Sadness, Depression, Anxiety

Trauma is personal and everyone responds differently to traumatic events



## A.C.Es

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Abuse

**Community Violence** 

Divorce

Mental illness

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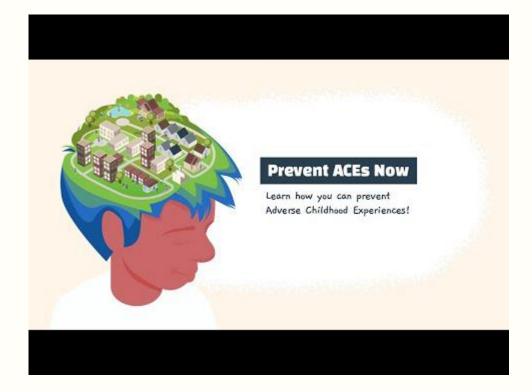
## Brain Response to Trauma

### Adversely affects a brains development

When children repeatedly experience traumatic events, their brains are negatively affected by causing delays in its development.

Poor academic performance Behavioral problems Negative relationships Substance abuse/self-harm

## **ACES**





# Coping Skills

















## What are Coping Skills?

- Skills that teach people how tolerate, minimize, and deal with stressful situations in life.
- Managing stress can help your mind and body feel better.

## **Choose Your Attitude**

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You have a choice in how you approach and react to a situation

We can choose the attitude we take, and whether we view each situation as a threat or a challenge

Attitude affects the options you see AND options you do not see

### **Meditate**

- <u>Mindfulness Meditation</u> is a highly effective stress relief technique that carries many benefits. It is the act of being present in the moment.
- Mindfulness can be practiced anywhere and at any time.
  - does not require silence or a special meditation area or physical position.
- Requires only a presence of mind.
- Mindfulness can be useful in detaching from racing thoughts, concerns, "clutter" of the mind.

# Practice Positive Self-Talk



Using more enthusiastic language in your head



Focus more on the possibilities



Replace negative adjectives with positive adjectives

## Solution-Focused Coping Strategies

Using time-management strategies when you feel overwhelmed by a busy schedule

- Set a time limit to each task.
- Use a to-do-list, but don't abandon tasks
- Plan ahead

Talk to a trusted adult if you feel overwhelmed

- Family Member
- School Counselor
- Mentor

Using conflict-resolution strategies to relieve the stress in a relationship

- Take turns-
- Compromise
- Agree to Disagree
- Use I- statements

#### 25 Jumping Jacks

#### Run in place for 30 seconds

20 knee lifts (raise each knee up to your chest 20 times)

25 push-ups

25 crunches

## **Exercise**

## **Yoga Poses**

When trying each yoga pose, make sure you have enough space around you.

Also, be careful while doing each pose.



## Taking Care of Yourself as a Daily Practice



#### Create space

Find a space that you can be silent for a time each day.
You know the time that is best for you.



#### Journal

Spend some time with your thoughts so that you can clear space for new ideas.



#### Meditate

Center yourself with meditation to slow down your mind and rest your body.

## Create Space

Define space for you



#### Considerations

- time of day
- traffic in your home
- your daily workflow
- peace









## **Journal**







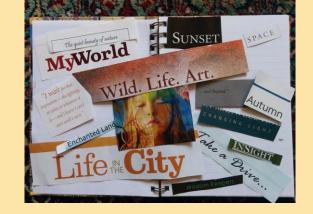
Make this what you want it to be.

Take a moment to talk with yourself daily.

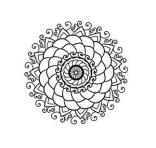


## Meditate

Slow down your mind and rest your body.









## Self Reflection Steps

- 1. Evaluating your own performance
- 2. Developing self-awareness
- 3. Monitoring potential for burnout
- 4. Ensuring adequate self-care

Action Plan
If it arose again
what would you do?

Description What happened?

Feelings
What were you thinking and feeling?

Conclusion What else could you have done? Evaluation
What was good and bad about the experience?

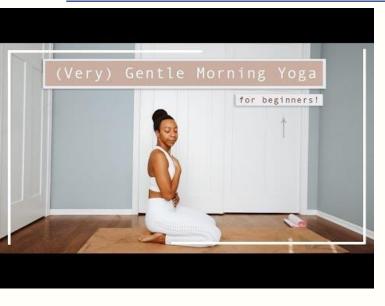
Analysis
What sense can
you make of the
situation?

## Let's read this message together.

BE YOURSELF ACCEPT YOURSELF VALUE YOURSELF FORGIVE YOURSELF BLESS YOURSELF **EXPRESS** YOURSELF TRUST YOURSELE LOVE YOURSELF EMPOWER YOURSELF

## Additional Resources:

#### **Mindful Movement Audio**





## Additional Resources:

