SELF CARE Coping with Stress

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Stress Defined

• State of mental tension and worry caused by (events) in your life

2 Categories of Stress

- •Distress negative
- •Eustress positive

Responding to Stress

- •Emotional
 - •Anxiety
 - Depression
 - Increased Positivity
- •Behavioral
 - Addiction
 - Aggression
 - •Insomnia
 - •Inability to Stay Awake

Physical
Headaches
Muscle Aches
Bodily Damage

Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Self-actualization

Esteem

Love/belonging

Safety

morality, creativity, spontaneity, problem solving, lack of prejudice, acceptance of facts

self-esteem, confidence, achievement, respect of others, respect by others

friendship, family, sexual intimacy

security of: body, employment, resources, morality, the family, health, property

breathing, food, water, sex, sleep, homeostasis, excretion

Physiological

Determining Our Feelings

Activating Event (what happened) Consequent Feeling (how we feel)



Consider This...

Your greatest power is the ability to choose the thoughts in your mind.

Activating Event (What happened) Belief (what we think about what happened) Consequent Feeling (How we feel about what happened)

How do we choose our Thoughts?

Positive Affirmations

Positive thought or idea Simple, powerful technique



4 tips for creating positive affirmations

- •Keep affirmations positive
- •Keep affirmations in the present tense
- •Keep affirmations short and to the point
- •Let students decide their own affirmations

Think Positive For example: I fell down the stairs today and thought, "Wow! I sure fell down those stairs fast!"

Unknown

Choose the correct word

I vs You
Will vs Can
Want vs Should
Do vs Try



I am calm. I am confident.

Forms of Twisted Thinking or Cognitive Distortions

All or Nothing Overgeneralization Mental Filter Discounting the Positive Jumping to Conclusions Mind Reading Fortune Telling



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Magnification **Emotional Reasoning** "Should" statements Labeling Personalization and Blame

Take Charge

4 Choices

Get out of the situation Change the situation Stay in the situation and be miserable Change the way you feel about the situation by changing the way you think about the situation



Social Distancing Redefined

Social Distancing
 Can lead to feelings of isolation

Physical Distancing
Will create safety
Social Connections
Will lead to feelings of Inclusion

10 Things you can do to show love for yourself

- Smile more often/laugh more
- Do what's best for you
- Treat yourself once in a while
- Say NO!
- Forgive yourself





- Listen more
- Make your home your sanctuary – She Shed/Man Cave
- Practice positive self talk
- Prioritize sleep
- Meditate

Things you can do to CARE for Yourself



- Change your passwords
- •Give yourself a massage
- •Exercise daily
- Talk about it
- •Stay in the "Know"
- •Get the facts
- •Trust your Instincts
- •Stay Safe

AGAIN...

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Remember...

Physical Distancing Social Connections

