

# **ZEVO HEALTH**

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## Mental Health Toolkit

Post-Training Resources



#### THE MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM













Life is good, satisfied, happy, resilient, active, communicative, low levels of anxiety

Occasionally anxious or stressed by life events such as exams or relationships

Ongoing symptoms of emotional stress beginning to impact on your daily life. This is the recommended time to start seeking help & support

Symptoms are intense and ongoing, disrupting daily life and ability to function.

Suicidal thoughts, psychosis, at risk of harming yourself or other people. Get help!

WELL

**UNWELL** 

#### **BREATHING EXERCISE**



When you **breathe deeply**, it sends a message to your brain to calm down and relax.

4 - 4 - 8 BREATHING

- Lay or sit with one hand on your chest and another on your belly.
- Take a deep slow breath from your belly, counting to 4 as you breath in.
- Hold your breath while mentally counting 4.
- Release your breath completely and slowly, while silently counting from 7.
- Repeat 3 to 7 times or until you feel calm.

#### AWARENESS OF OUR THOUGHTS AND TAKING CONTROL





"Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space lies our freedom to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom" Viktor Frankl



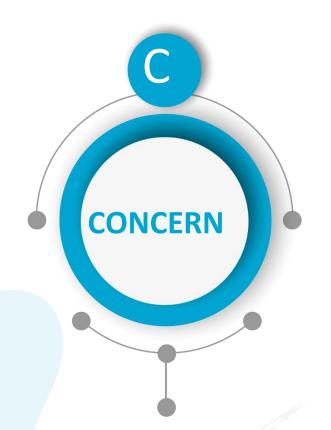
### **GROUNDING EXERCISE**





### SUPPORTING OTHERS





Show concern and describe with facts.



Agree on action(s) that is supportive and non-judgmental.



Get additional support so Refer the individual to EAP, HR, Samaritans, GP etc. – ask what is right for the individual.



Empower the individual to seek support and encourage helpful behaviours.

#### HELPING OTHERS: NON-VERBAL LISTENING



Sitting facing the employee squarely, at an angle.

Adopting an open posture, arms and legs uncrossed.

Leaning (at times) towards the person.

Maintaining good eye contact, without staring.

Relaxed posture.

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#### EMPATHIC LISTENING SKILLS



- Listen patiently
- Even if you don't agree show acceptance, not necessarily agreement.
- Nodding "I see or I understand"
- "I can hear that you have been going a tough time, please tell me more so I can understand"
- Listening = Learning



#### **EMPATHIC LISTENING SKILLS**





- How are you doing at the moment?
- You seem a bit down/upset/under pressure/frustrated.
   Is everything okay?
- I've noticed you've been arriving late recently and I wondered if you're okay?
- Is there anything I can do to help?
- What would you like to happen? How?
- What support do you think might help?
- Have you spoken with your GP or looked for help anywhere else?



### SELF-CARE PRACTICES



#### **COMMON SELF-CARE PRACTICES**





Social support from friends & family



Journaling or witting



Gratitude & self-compassion practice



Mindfulness and Meditation



Me-time activities e.g face masks, reading, playing video games



**Physical Activity** 

#### THE HEALTHY MIND PLATTER



- 7 daily activities to optimize your wellbeing.
- The sections are not time bound.
- We are all different.
- Take into consideration your current life situation .

"Build awareness of your own needs"
Rock & Siegel (2011)



# **THANK YOU**

