### The Struggle is Real: Strategies to Navigate the Challenges



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What is it? (and When is it Something Else)

Why is it important? (...to not go down with the ship) -Surgeons and Therapists

How can I Steer Through It? (5 Anchors)









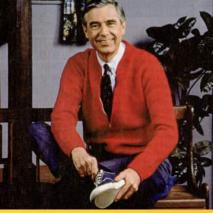
....The problem is not with compassion directed toward (others) but with a lack of compassion for ourselves." -Mate

1)What extra weight are you carrying?
2)Do you tell yourself you are not enough?
3)Are your expectations of yourself realistic?
4)Are you trying to fix the unfixable? What are the signs???



- Tired or Fatigued
- Loss of Motivation
- Withdrawal
- Loss of Enjoyment
- Apathy
- Substance Abuse
- Bottled up emotions
- Loss of sense of purpose

You can't really love someone else unless you really love yourself first. -Mr. Rogers



Early Intervention

Fewer Minions





....But the reality is we come into this work with trauma...and we know how to tamp

Explicit Trauma

Implicit Trauma

Intergenerational Trauma





# The Cure For Burnout (hint: it isn't self-care)

Complete the stress cycle Connection is key Care for self (sleep) Create mindfulness techniques that work for you! What do you do???



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrJAX-iQ-O4 (8.14)

# Signs and Symptoms of PTSD (symptoms lasting longer than 30 days) Implicit/Explicit

- Intrusive thoughts about the event
- Irritability and somatic complaints
- When my world view has changed
- Trouble sleeping



- Excessive worry about the future (hyperarousal)
- Dreams about the event (racism)
- Perseverating about the event (don't doesn't work)
- Physiological reactivity to cues that symbolize the event
- Delayed response (shock and misunderstood)
- When friends and family are not enough -DSM

















Borrow Strength (Connect)
 Calm Your Nervous System (Down/up Regulate)
 Change Your Lens (Remember it's not all bad)



### Find Calm in the Storm!

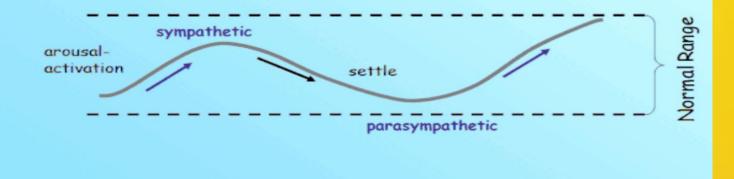
Window of Tolerance Mirror Neurons

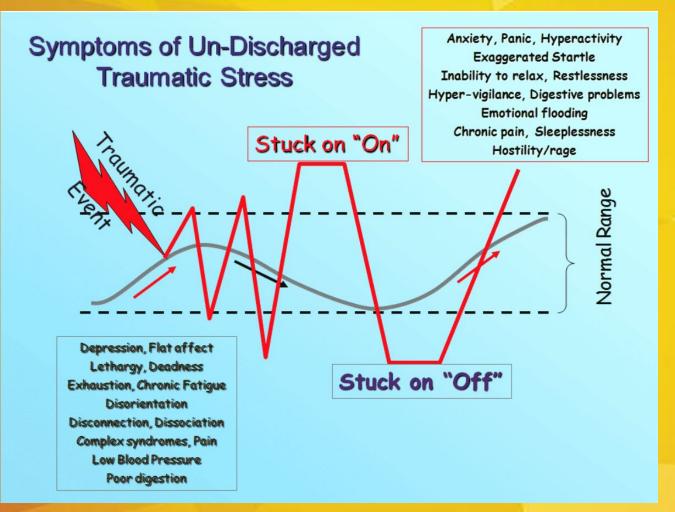




# A Healthy Nervous System















A **mirror** neuron is a neuron that fires both when an animal acts and when the animal observes the same action performed by another. Thus, the neuron "mirrors" the behavior of the other, as though the observer were itself acting.

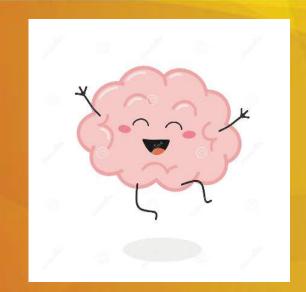
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We are their window of tolerance (oxygen met.) We need healthy brains (caring, present, calm) We are also at risk (empathy)







We need both Stress & Regulation
 Dose as Necessary - The Toggle
 Early Intervention is key (but it is Never too Late)
 Calm Your System THEN Process



Re-connect to Ourselves Re-connect to Others

Develop Compassion for Ourselves Develop Compassion for Others

Securely Attach to Ourselves Securely Attach to Others





# <u>2 Minute</u> Skills and Strategies -Regulation Dose! ??? (Syn. Play Therapy)

- Laughter is the Best Medicine
- Power Pose (Cuddy)
- Gratitude and Gifts
- Stretching
- Drink Water (Breathe)
- Mindfulness and Meditation
- Healthy Distract
- Talk To Someone
- Don't Forget to **Breathe**
- Cute Animal or Kid Breaks CONSISTENCY!!!!







# CONSISTENCY IS KEY

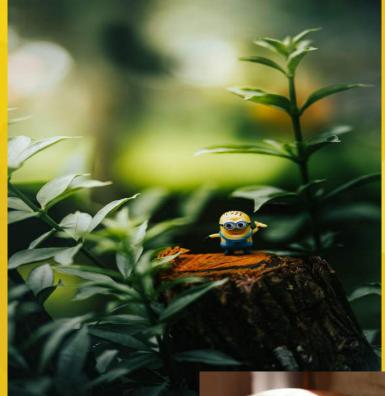
-Ask 'how are you?'
-Offer to help.
-Be kind ongoing.
-Look out for each other.
-Practice gratitude.
-Make them laugh.
-Give gifts of appreciation.
-Help people feel safe.
-???

LEAD BY EXAMPLE -Sinek



<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNVPaINZD</u>
 THINK ABOUT THE POWER OF A MOMENT

**Bi-Lateral Music** Nature and Exercise **Essential Oils** Curiosity **Brainstem Bath Move Your Digits Gentle Pressure Resource Brainspotting** Cat Scan Imagine a person, object, or animal



### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKQcAzBpKew





# KNOW YOUR (OR CREATE) YOUR PROTOCOLS









### Where You Look Affects How You Feel. - David Grand

#### THE DRAMA TRIANGLE

Understanding the three roles of victimhood

### HERO

#### Seeks temporary relief

The Hero seeks temporary relief. The Hero locks couldening haided or outside of itself. But rather than feeling, heipless, like the Victim, the Hero assumes that it is able to control or change the situation. Thus, the Hero reacts to pain by finding temporary ways to make it go away. Heroes act with an expectation of revers: specifically that you or others will "feel better" because of its deeds. The Hero plays out its role by applying a "solution" to the 'problem' in order to avoid feelings or discorderd.

#### HEROES SAY:

I can handle it.

Poor you.

I can save it.

I need to figure this out. This will make me feel better.

You need me.

I'll keep you from harm.

Don't worry, look on the bright side.

You can do it! I'm outta here!

I'll help you get your act together.

You can always count on me! I don't want to upset anyone.

I can't It's hard, I have fo... I'm confused, I don't have a choice. I'm trying,

problem.

VICTIMS SAY:

This is the way it is.

VICTIM

Is at the effect of

Victims see themselves as 'at the effect of' people, circumstances

disempowered. They avoid creative responsibility. You will know if

you are in the Victim position if you feel powerless to effect change. The Victim plays out its role by a declaration of pain and suffering,

as well as defeat. The Victim often complains and whines and/or

argues for why it can't have what it wants. Once in this role, the

victim is able to feel unique, as it waits for someone else to fix the

They don't get me.

There's not enough.

They did this to me.

I don't know how.

I'm tired.

Help me!

It's not fair.

and conditions. They often experience themselves as

Blames sel

### VILLAIN Blames self & others

The Villain focuses on blame. They blame themeskes or others or "them." The Villain position attempts to diminish creative awareness by focusing on a single, convenient answer. You will know you are in the Villain position if you feel your opinion is absolutely correct, and only search for evidence that supports your claims. The Villain's main goal is to find fault, who caused the problem. The Villain pipys out its role by declaring that if "knows" and is "right" thus stilling open discussion and keeping attention on the problem.

#### VILLAINS SAY:

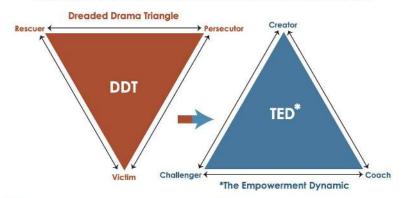
I/you/they should.... I/you/they shouldn't... You are doing it wrong. You don't get it. They are bad. I'm not enough. I can't forgive me/you/them. There is one way. #\$\$%%\*^ you! I feel guilty. You should know better. You're not listening to me! Duh! I would never be like that.

Based on the work of Stephen Karpman

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### MAKING THE SHIFT FROM DRAMA TO EMPOWERMENT

The TED\* framework is an exciting new facilitation and coaching tool. The Dreaded Drama Triangle (DDT)<sup>w</sup> roles of Victim, Persecutor and Rescuer help people to see the disempowering roles they may take on. But what are the alternative roles? The TED\* roles of Creator, Challenger and Coach are powerful alternatives to the DDT and increase our capacity to be "at choice" in most circumstances. Contact us to learn more about our products and services.



#### Victim

Thinks they are powerless and at the mercy of life circumstances. Is unwilling to take responsibility for what happens in their life.

#### Persecutor

\* THE EMPOWERMENT DYNAMIC

Thinks they must win at any cost. Controls others through blame, criticism, and oppression.

#### Rescuer

Intervenes on behalf of the Victim to save them from perceived harm. Fosters dependency by relieving the Victim from taking responsibility.

# **PQ**

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#### Creator

Focuses on vision and desired outcomes. Takes full responsibility for initiating action to achieve their desired outcome.

#### Challenger

Sparks learning by challenging assumptions and the status quo. Focuses on improvement and development by holding people accountable for taking action.

#### Coach

Empowers people through inquiry to gain clarity.

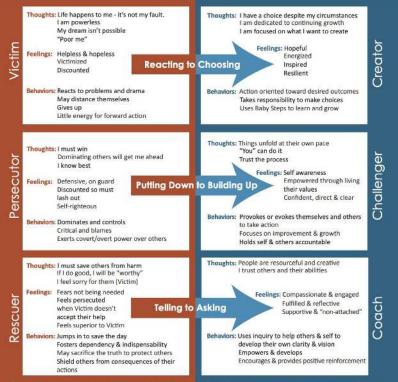
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At the heart of TED\* ("The Empowerment Dynamic)<sup>10</sup> is learning to shift from reacting to choosing our response to life events. The Empowerment Dynamic is the antidote to the Drama Triangle, (first described by Stephen Karpman, MD) and its three taxic roles of Victim (the primary role), the Persecutor (who the Victim blames for their suffering) and the Rescuer (who steps in to relieve the Victim's suffering). TED\* represents a shift from the Drama Triangle to empowering relationships through its more resourceful roles of Creator, Challenger and Coach. People who live and work from the TED\* framework, learn to choose their response to life, irrespective of circumstances.



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### Have **Compassion** and **Patience** for Others on the Team (ex. cw/bio/etc..) Remember to **Stay Curious** (Brain Hack)



#### PRACTICING A "NO" DIET

#### DECIDE HOW LONG YOU PLAN TO PRACTICE

We recommend that you practice for at least two weeks, if not longer, to establish a new pattern of decision making.

#### THE PRACTICE

- Step 1 When asked to do something, pause and take a breath and say "No," either silently or out loud.
- Step 2 Take three connected breaths, tune in and feel your feelings, then listen for your whole body yes. Does your body relax when you say "No," even if you feel scared? Do you notice the intelligence of anger arising, letting you know that your "No" is not aligned? If you aren't sure, allow yourself more time to make a decision.
- Step 3 Claim your choice and learn from your experience. Looking back, was your "No" or "Yes" aligned?

#### SHARE YOUR PLAN WITH THE PEOPLE YOU REGULARLY INTERACT WITH

"I'm doing a practice to learn how to be more discerning about what I want to do and don't want to do. For the next \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (period of time) I plan to first say "No" to all requests, whether from you, others, or myself. After I say no, I'll pause and see if the "No" feels aligned. If it does, I'll honor my "No." If it doesn't, I'll change my mind and discuss the specifics of what I am willing to do. If you notice me skipping over my practice, would let me know?"

#### WHAT TO SAY TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW YOUR PLAN

- "Let me look at my schedule and get back to you."
- "I'd like to sleep on it and give you an answer in the morning."
- · "Give me a moment to take a few breaths and think about that."
- "Let me check with others and see if that works with what else we have planned."
- "I'd like to say no for now and I'll get back to you if I change my mind."
- "I've got other plans (which might include resting) and won't be able to."
- It sounds like a great opportunity and I don't like saying no, but I'm going to prioritize handling what I already have on my plate."
- I'm not really sure what I want right now. Let me take some time to get clear and I will get back to you by \_\_\_\_\_."



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Connection Boundaries Compassion Mindfulness Resilience



## Resilience

Focus on habit change Remember you need both stress and regulation Notice changes overtime 1) not as far 2) not as long Practice with parts work **Build in exposure** Build the muscle Go to therapy as needed Celebrate the wins



### https://www.youtube.com/shorts/eOUsJ4NUAnU



## **Mindfulness**

Corrective experience by itself Ultimate form of acknowledgement Opens the brain (curiosity) Size now vs. size then Parts are paying attention to what I do now Helps turn off future worry Active and still meditation





## Compassion

Gets us back into balance Build resourcing (essence) Practice With Parts of the Self Remember true compassion Exercise **compassion vs. shame** Open up Your Brain (curiosity)



Compassion is Bigger than all of it

Have it for your experience

Remember the law of rep.



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