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Objectives

- · Define and understand resiliency
- Develop a resilient mindset through positive thoughts, beliefs and behaviors
- Implement strategies to find motivation during difficult times

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What Is Resiliency?

Resiliency is the ability to cope with and manage both ordinary and extraordinary life events, as well as the ability to return to a status quo "good state of being"

Being resilient doesn't mean being free of difficulty, stress or pain - through struggle we gain insight and develop inner strengths

There are three areas in life that require equal attention and balance to optimally respond to life's challenges and thus increase resilience: physical, emotional and intellectual needs

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The Good News! The capacity to be resilient is within all of us Resiliency can be learned and developed through the thoughts, beliefs and behaviors we use to help us get through difficult experiences **Anthem** EAP **Assess Your Resilience** • Do you have a strong social network? • Do you easily adapt to change? • Can you laugh at yourself? • Do you see the glass as half full? · Are you confident most of the time? • Can you identify your emotions? • Do you take care of your health? • Do you view experiences as an opportunity for growth? **Anthem** EAP 5 **Developing A Resilient Mindset** Positive self-talk Reframing Learning from past experiences Gaining new skills and knowledge Connecting with others · Communicating effectively

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Maintaining a sense of humorAcceptance and taking action

Positive Self-Talk	
Become aware of your internal "self-talk"	
Respect yourself	
Challenge negative or irrational thinking based in half-truths and distortions	
Keep things in perspective	
Increase positive messages	
Nurture a positive view of yourself and your ability to solve problems	
"If you think you can, or think you can't, you're right." -Henry Ford	
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Reframing	
Reframing offers a new or different point of view	
Reinterpret the meaning of an experience	
Shift the focus away from the pain and difficulty to finding a positive	
outcome	-
Focus on your strengths and capabilities	
See your options more clearly	
Foster a more accurate, realistic and optimistic perspective	
With practice, adapt more quickly and be more emotionally flexible	
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Past Experiences	
Learn from your past experiences!	
"What have my strategies been to overcome adversity in the past?"	
"What have my reactions been to these events?"	
"Which strategies were effective and which were not?"	-
"What will I do differently or the same the next time?"	
Gather different perspectives from the experiences of others!	
Your load may seem lighter compared to that of others	

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Gain New Skills and Knowledge	
Feed your intellectual needs - keep learning and gaining new skills	
Foster a curious attitude	
Make and learn from mistakes	
Travel to new places and expose yourself to different cultures	
Keep up with interests and hobbies	
Be adventurous and take appropriate risks	
Set and strive to achieve new work goals	
"There's no growth in the comfort zone and no comfort in the growth zone."	
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Make Connections with Others	
Build and maintain close relationships with family and friends	
Express your feelings of appreciation with those you care about	
Spend time with those who share your interests and passions	
Ask for support from close relationships when you need it	
Be available to help others	
Volunteer and get involved in your community	
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Communicating Effectively	
Listening can be difficult when you are distracted, it's vital to discipline	
yourself to listen reflectively	
Appropriate assertiveness is important in getting your needs met	
Be aware of times when you have strong feelings, and may be	
experiencing some anger, it's important not to let those feelings influence your communications	
Concentrate on the confident, positive person you are	
Be cautious regarding what you communicate on social media!	
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Maintaining A Sense Of Humor

- Humor and laughter offers a multitude of mental and physical health benefits
- Be flexible and learn to take yourself less seriously
- Even when things aren't going well, seek things to smile about
- Spend time with people who use humor well
- Nourish and sustain your sense of joy

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Acceptance And Taking Action

- Try not to harbor regrets
- Learn to let go of things you have no control over
- Release unproductive worrying or blaming
- Accept that adversities are part of life
- Evaluate your options and take charge with decisive action
- Break down complex problems into smaller accomplishable steps
- Be patient and flexible while you adjust it takes time to work through a difficult situation

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