

# Bounce Back from Burnout!

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"It says, 'Take one step at a time.' Wait a second, that can't be right."

## After 4:30 Today

- Insights, action, transformation
  - If you practice a new approach, are you more or less likely to use it after the training?
- The brain changes constantly, building new neurological pathways "neural wiring"
  - "What gets fired, gets wired"
- Individual behavioral change:
  - Awareness, Willingness, Skill



## Integrated Work

- Non-Profit and Government Clients Leaders of Service
- 12+ years focus on the human side effective workplaces
- Integrated Professional Development
- Synthesizing and Applying Research



## Session Focus

- Preserve our ability to serve by preventing and addressing burnout
- Learn two practical tools Real Deal<sup>®</sup> and CORE Strategy
- Manage the difficulties and demands in more productive and uplifting ways
- Communicate in ways that promote resilience in others, even in the most challenging circumstances



# Opening Conversations

- What percentage of your waking hours are you "stressed out" or overwhelmed?
  - 1% (almost never) 99% (almost all waking hrs)
- For you, what are the top two sources of being "stressed out" or "in danger of burning out"?
- What is at stake for you? What if you get burned out or remained burned out?



## Defining Burnout

- How do you define "Burnout"?
- Term "burnout" was coined in late 70's
- Experience moving from idealism and high expectations to waning enthusiasm, overwhelm and depleted energy
- Two types: short-term and long-term
  - Short-term = situational
  - Long-term = life pattern

Burnout is the ultimate outcome of chronic stress not managed

## Burnout Happens Over Time

- **Phase 1**: Everything looks like a top priority: overextended, over-doing, feeling trapped
- Phase 2: Energy is diminishing, physical fatigue is increasing, shame and doubt enter
- **Phase 3**: You feel you are "going through the motions" to get through the day. You may feel detached and critical. Others notice.
- Phase 4: You feel joyless, spent, hopeless and powerless to change it. Empty inside. Too
   exhausted to think about anything but escape.

## Of Note

- Some symptoms/phases may be perfectly normal and healthy responses to real life
- Not everyone will experience all the phases nor all the symptoms; these phases are a composite
- A specific event may trigger burnout for a short period of time and then it diminishes
- Phases of burnout are not linear, more spiral
- Denial is one of the key symptoms of burnout and may prevent people from taking action



## 15 Ways

- "Renew Your Spirit"
- Determine your own "menu" when you don't need it
- Particularly helpful for short-term situational burnout



## Stress and Communication

Under intense pressure your communication style may change

- Experience Forgetfulness
- Be Unclear
- Defensiveness
- Trouble Concentrating

You may not be aware of these changes





"OK, OK, you've made your point.
I'll admit that sometimes when I feel
threatened, I snap."

## Building Resilience

C CONTROL

O OWNERSHIP

REACH

**E** ENDURANCE



# Implementing CORE

 Talk to your neighbor about 2-3 ways you can implement CORE to improve your situation



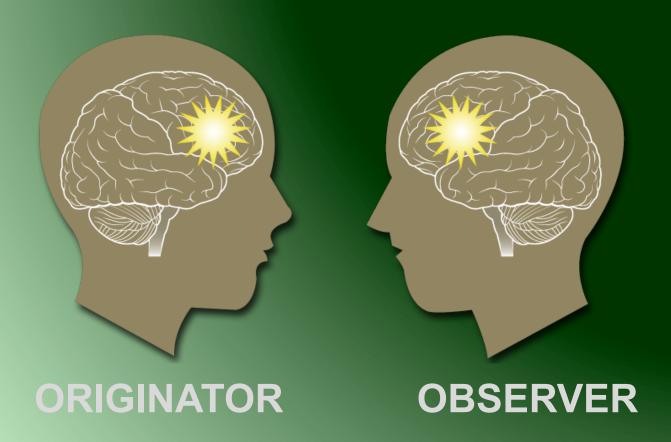
# Leaders Communicating CORE

#### Focus On:

- What we can influence
- Who is doing what
- How we limit the downside and discover or maximize an upside
- Getting to the other side as quickly as possible



### **Mirror Cells**



## Why & How to Celebrate

- Why?
  - Small triumphs make a big difference
  - Renews focus on the goal
  - Keeps energy up
  - Programs for more success –
     neurologically and psychologically
- How?
  - Do something nice for yourself
  - Self-talk: "Nicely Done" "Excellent!"
  - Share with supportive people -- colleague, friend
  - Make progress list to review and appreciate



## What Can We Do?

- Slow the pace
- Daily practices built into your life
- Monitor your burnout signs
- Listen to yourself
- Track your success
- Support one another

