# Secondary trauma and Self-care

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#### Norms and Expectations

- Put cell phones on silent/vibrate and put them away.
- ▶ Be respectful in listening to others ideas.
- This training is not "Sit and Get;" this is a hands-on, working in a group training.
- Avoid side conversations, if you have a question please ask the presenters.

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## Training objectives

## Participants will:

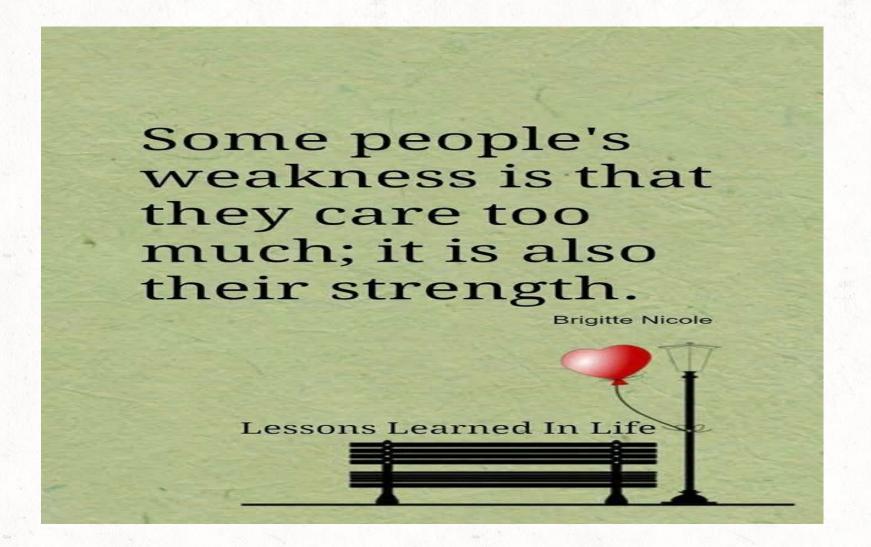
- Gain a basic understanding of the impact of working with trauma exposed students
- Complete a self-care assessment
- Create a self-care plan



# Self-care alert

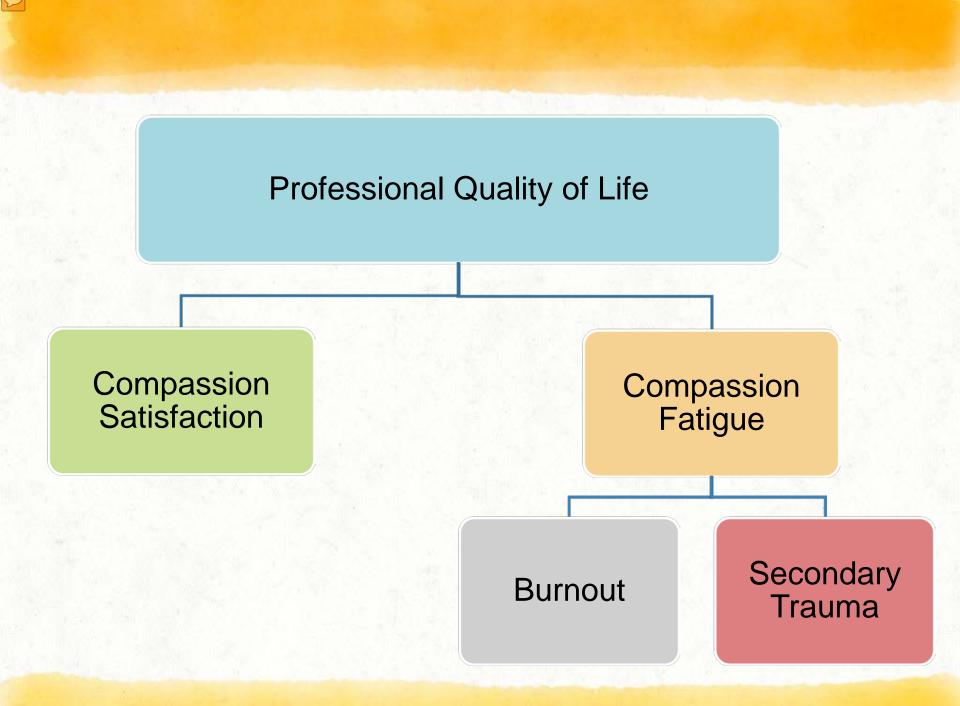
- •Step out and take a break.
- •Talk to someone you trust.
- Do something relaxing.





Let's Talk







Let's watch!



- The speaker says, "When stress and trauma start to effect you, your brain and your body do not poll for your opinion."
- O What does this mean to you?
- The question is asked, "Did you know that when you started this profession you might be unappreciated?"
- OWhat are your thoughts on this?
- What else in this video stood out to you?



### Self-care and lifestyle balance inventory

#### Self care and lifestyle balance inventory

Source: Headington Institute

Please note that this scale is not a clinical diagnostic instrument and is provided for educational purposes. It merely examines some of the more effective physical, psychological and spiritual methods of staying balanced and preventing burnout. If you have any concerns about your state of emotional health, you should consult with a mental health professional.

Instructions: In the last month, how often has the following been true for you? For each question, write the number that best fits your experience on the line before the question.

- I have at least one full day off work each week.
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- I take some time for myself to be quiet, think, meditate, write and/or pray.
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I work for less than ten hours a day.
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I do aerobic exercise (walking, running, swimming etc) for at least 25 minutes at a time.
  - (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Once a week / (3) Twice a week / (4) 3 or more times/week
- I do something I find fun (e.g., play a game, go to a movie, read a book etc).
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I practice muscle relaxation, pilates, yoga, stretching, meditation or slowbreathing techniques.
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I share how I am feeling with at least one friend or my partner.
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I sleep well and get at least seven hours of sleep a night.
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I am careful about what I eat and eat a balanced diet.
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I drink at least 1.5 liters of water (approx. 3 pints) a day.
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- I laugh without malice or cynicism.
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) At least once a day
- When I leave work at the end of the day I can disengage and leave the pressures of work behind.
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- I listen to my body's signals and recognize when I am becoming tired, rundown and vulnerable to illness.
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- 14. There are people who care about me that I trust, to whom I can talk if I want. (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always

- I do something I find creative or expressive (e.g., writing, cooking, gardening etc).
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Daily
- I feel I have the training and skills I need to do my job well.
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- 17. I set and maintain healthy boundaries for myself by standing up for myself, saying "no" when I need to, and not letting others take advantage of me.
  (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- At work I take a brief break at least every two hours, and switch tasks regularly so that I don't become too drained.
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- I spend time with groups of people I trust and to whom I feel close who are part of a community of meaning and purpose (e.g., a church group, a group of volunteers, work colleagues).
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) About once a week / (4) More than once a week
- My ability to communicate with other is...
   (0) Very poor / (1) Poor / (2) Fair / (3) Good / (4) Excellent
- I feel good about how I spend my time and energy in relation to what is really important to me in life
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- I believe in myself and generally give myself positive messages about my ability to accomplish my goals – even when I encounter difficulties
   (0) Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- I set realistic goals for my life (both short term and long term) and work towards them consistently.
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Always
- I take good vacations (at least one two-week vacation every year).
   Never / (1) Seldom / (2) Sometimes / (3) Often / (4) Every year
- 25. I drink alcohol, smoke, or use other recreational drugs (0) Three or more times every day / (1) At least once every day / (2) Three to six times a week / (3) Less than three times a week / (4) Never

#### Self-care and lifestyle balance inventory



## Self-care gallery walk



Throughout the school day



After a bad day



Working with a tough kid



Struggling at home



Testing week



During the holidays



#### CREATE your own PLAN

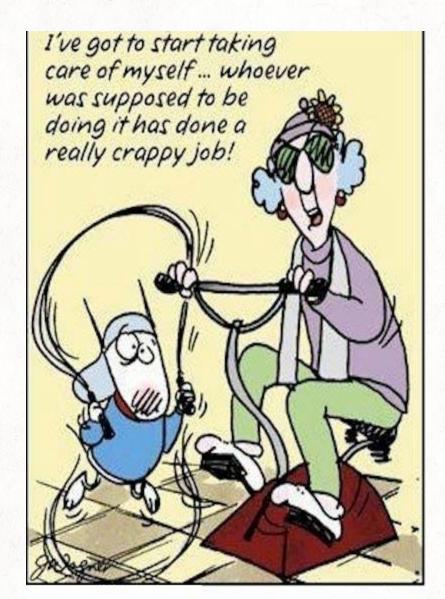
#### My Self-Care Plan

3 things I'm grateful for	The best compliment I've received or something someone has said that always makes me smile is	The best part of my day is when
Signs I'm starting to get burnt out	Ways I can relieve stress include	People I can depend on for support are
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Music I can listen to and relax	Place I can go to feel happy and calm	Positive affirmations to remind myself of my value include

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#### TIPS and SUGGESTIONS

"My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far today, have finished two bags of M&M's and a chocolate cake. I feel better already." ~ Dave Barry Therapy Tales



RELATIONSHIP WITH YOURSELF SETS THE TONE FOR EVERY OTHER RELATIONSHIP YOU HAVE

JANE TRAVISE

# Thanks!



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