

Skills for Recovery Staff

Week 5...Responding

SUPPORTING OURSELVES & OTHERS

Attunement to other people is an important way we can support each other

WE CAN USE ATTUNEMENT PRINCIPLES TO RESPOND TO **HEIGHTENED EMOTIONS**

EMPHASISE THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING POSITIVE WITH EACH OTHER

Young people can be a great source of help to each other, and they often turn to friends for support before talking to an adult.

Remember that behaviour is always telling us something.

THE HIDDEN NEED RATHER THAN TO TH BEHAVIOUR YOU SEE

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR **OURSELVES?**

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR **OTHERS?**

TRY TO UNDERSTAND YOUR **STRESSORS**

- Think about what flips your lid.
- This <u>LLTTF</u> resource can help you to do this.

TRY THIS:

Loving Kindness meditation (Sarah Philp)

MODEL RESPECTFUL WAYS OF DEALING WITH CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES

- Offer choice & control
- Guided visualisations can help us to feel in control in a stressful situation

LOOK FOR SUPPORTERS TO HELP YOU PLAN

- Think about how you can use some of the regulating strategies to keep yourself from entering survival mode.
- This <u>LLTTF resource</u> can help to structure your plan.

USE THE ATTUNEMENT PRINCIPLES TO CALM **YOURSELF & OTHERS**

- Be attentive
- Give eye contact
- Use a warm expression & a soothing voice



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FIND OUT MORE

- Nurturing wellbeing to build back better: All Behaviour is Communication. (RNRA)
- Looking after each other and ourselves (Anna Freud Centre)
- Heather Geddes' Learning Triangles (via Ed Psych Insight)
- Beacon house <u>'What we say'</u>
- Brene Brown's video on empathy vs sympathy
 Contact your Educational Psychologist for more information about developing your understanding and skill in using attunement principles through Video Enhanced Reflective Practice (VERP) groups.