

### WELCOME TO PPE FOR YOUR MIND





#### IF YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN SERIOUS MENTAL DISTRESS, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY REACH OUT TO A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL FOR HELP.

THIS BOOKLET IS AN EFFECTIVE HELPING HAND, BUT DOES NOT REPLACE THE DIRECT CARE AND INTERVENTIONS PROVIDED BY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO HELP TO ALLEVIATE ACUTE MENTAL DISTRESS.

#### EVERYDAY YOU MAKE UNTHINKABLE SACRIFICES

## ONE THING YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO SACRIFICE IS YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

# YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IMPACTS THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE AND THOSE YOU STRIVE TO HELP

## THESE KEY INSIGHTS WERE DEVELOPED BECAUSE WE HAVE YOU IN MIND

## LET'S HELP MAKE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH HEALTHIER



# STAYING MENTALLY HEALTHY MEANS KNOWING WHEN YOU'RE NOT OKAY

## KNOWING WHEN YOU'RE NOT OKAY IS NOT EASY TO DO

## JUST KNOW THAT IT'S OKAY TO BE NOT OKAY

## WE ALL SHARE FEARS THAT CREATE ANXIETY & STRESS

## WEALL SHARE THE FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN

## FACING OUR FEARS HELPS US STAY RESILIENT WHEN WE'RE NOT OKAY

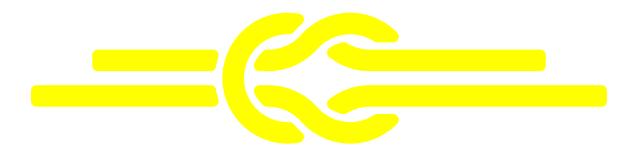
#### EMBRACE AND CONFRONT YOUR NEGATIVE FEELINGS

## YOU ARE STRONGER THAN YOUR FEARS

# EMOTIONS ARE NOT A WEAKNESS, THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR HUMANITY



## TALK ABOUT YOUR FEARS



#### TALK ABOUT YOUR CHALLENGES



#### BE NOT OKAY

#### PART 1 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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## FRONTLINE WORKERS ALWAYS PUT OTHERS FIRST

## YOUR SELF-CARE IS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL TO ALLEVIATE FEAR, ANXIETY, AND STRESS

## CARING FOR YOURSELF FIRST HELPS YOU CARE FOR OTHERS

## THERE'S A SIMPLE ANALOGY WE USE TO MEASURE OUR STATE OF MENTAL HEALTH

### IT'S YOUR SH\*T BUCKET

AND THE TRUTH IS, WE ALL HAVE ONE.

OVER TIME, THE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS WE GO THROUGH FILLS OUR BUCKET MORE AND MORE. UNTIL IT OVERFLOWS.

AND THAT'S WHEN THINGS CAN GET MESSY.

AFFECTING NOT JUST YOU, BUT THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE.

WE NEED TO DO ANYTHING WE CAN SO OUR SH\*T BUCKET DOESN'T MAKE OUR LIVES, WELL—REALLY SH\*TTY.

IT'S ABOUT EMPTYING IT EARLY AND EMPTYING IT OFTEN.



## SELF-CARE HELPS YOU EMPTY YOUR SH\*T BUCKET EARLY AND OFTEN

### CREATE A SELF-CARE PLAN THAT WORKS FOR YOUR LIFE

## FOCUS ON HEALTHY EATING AND HEALTHY DRINKING

## TAKING YOUR MEAL AND MIND BREAKS AS NEEDED IS GOOD SELF-CARE

## TAKE A TEMA TIMEOUT WHEN YOU'RE NOT OKAY

#### THE TEMA TIMEOUT



**JUST BREATHE** 

TAKE SOME DEEP CLEANSING BREATHS EVERY TIME YOU WASH YOUR HANDS

FIND A SPACE ALONE

GO FOR A WALK

DRINK SOME WATER

FIND A COMFORT YOU ENJOY

TALK, TALK, TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL

#### EXPECTATIONS FOR YOURSELF

### EXPECTATIONS FOR FAMILY

### EXPECTATIONS FOR COWORKERS

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#### THE STORY OF TEMA

WE'RE CALLED THE TEMA FOUNDATION
BECAUSE TO US, TEMA CONTER WAS A SISTER.
A DAUGHTER. A FRIEND—AND MORE.

ON JANUARY 27, 1988, AT THE AGE OF 25, TEMA WAS MURDERED BY A CONVICTED SERIAL KILLER WHO HAD SPENT MOST OF HIS LIFE IN JAIL.

SHE WAS A GUIDING LIGHT. A SHINING STAR.

THERE ARE NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE THE
DEVASTATION HER DEATH BROUGHT UPON OUR FAMILY,
HER FRIENDS—AND THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO
TOOK THAT CALL. IT'S BECAUSE OF HER, THEM, AND US
THAT WE LINK TOGETHER AS PARTNERS IN MENTAL HEALTH.

TO HEAL EACH OTHER.

THIS IS HOW THE TEMA FOUNDATION WAS BORN.



### IN HONOUR OF TEMA, WE CLIMB TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FOR THOSE ON THE FRONTLINES

FIGHTING THE INFINITE CHALLENGES WE FACE

TOGETHER AS ONE



- THE CONTER FAMILY -

### NOW AND AGAIN PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES NEED A HELPING HAND

# THE TEMA MODEL OF SUPPORT IS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL TO HELP THOSE AROUND YOU

# IT'S AS SIMPLE AS REMEMBERING TEMA'S NAME

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## THE TEMA MODEL OF SUPPORT FOR FAMILY & PEERS



# TAKE ACTION ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION MAKE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS ACCESS HELP

#### TAKE ACTION

- OBSERVE THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND DO INITIAL RESEARCH —
- ASK OTHERS WHO MIGHT KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING -
- FIND THE RIGHT TIME TO ASK HOW THE PERSON IS FEELING -
  - IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY AND TRY AGAIN -
- COMMUNICATE YOUR CONCERNS AND REINFORCE THAT YOU CARE
  - START AN OPEN, HONEST CONVERSATION -

#### ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION

BE HELPFUL AND RESPECTFUL OF TIME AND PLACE—

-STAY CALM IF THE PERSON STARTS SHARING DARK FEELINGS-

-SHOW COMPASSION, EMPATHY, AND SUPPORT-

-OFFER TO MAKE MORE TIME TO TALK IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT-

**—BE DIRECT AND ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DESIRE TO HELP** 

**FOCUS ON SHARED EXPERIENCES AND STAY POSITIVE—** 



#### MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS

- -SHARED EXPERIENCES HELP BUILD A CORE SUPPORT STRUCTURE-
- **—UNDERSTAND AND VALIDATE THEIR FEELINGS AND EXPERIENCES—**
- -GET COMFORTABLE REACHING OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE-
  - -STAY POSITIVE AND TAKE A MUTUAL BREAK IF NEEDED-
- -A GENUINE, AUTHENTIC, AND NATURAL APPROACH IS ALWAYS BEST-
  - **BE A GOOD LISTENER AND PROVIDE AN HONEST PERSPECTIVE—**



#### ACCESS HELP

- -FIND OUT WHAT UNIQUE HELP WILL WORK BEST FOR EACH PERSON-
- **LOOK FOR EXISTING SUPPORT STRUCTURES IN YOUR ORGANIZATION—** 
  - **—UNDERSTAND HOW QUICKLY WE CAN ACCESS THE HELP NEEDED—** 
    - -WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, JUST ASK-
    - **—SEEK OUTSIDE RESOURCES IF THEY ARE REQUIRED—**
  - **—CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL WHO CAN ENSURE CONFIDENTIALITY**

## HEALING EACH OTHER

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# WE KNOW THE RISKS OF SIMPLY GOING TO WORK

# RISKS IMPACTING MORE THAN YOUR OWN MENTAL HEALTH

# IMPACTING THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE

# IT'S IMPORTANT WE TALK TO THEM ABOUT OUR ISSUES

## TALKING TO THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE ABOUT WORK



EXPLAIN YOUR JOB TO THEM IN A WAY THAT HELPS THEM UNDERSTAND HOW WHAT YOU SEE AND HEAR AND FEEL IMPACTS YOU IN BOTH GOOD AND BAD WAYS

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR LOVED ONES TO OPENLY DISCUSS THEIR WORRIES AND FEARS
ABOUT YOUR WORK AND HOW IT IMPACTS YOU

ACKNOWLEDGE AND VALIDATE THEIR FEELINGS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR WORK AND WHAT YOU ARE DOING

EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR WORK - AND WHY YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU DO

REASSURE YOUR LOVED ONES THAT YOU ALL WILL GET THROUGH THIS. THEY NEED TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO COME HOME – ALTHOUGH YOUR JOB MAY MAKE YOU WORRIED AND SCARED, WHEN YOU COME HOME YOU FEEL GOOD TO BE WITH YOUR LOVED ONES

TRY TO GIVE YOUR LOVED ONES REASSURANCE THAT YOU LOVE THEM, REGARDLESS OF HOW TOUGH IT MAY GET

MAKE A CONSCIOUS DECISION TO REMOVE YOUR EMOTIONAL ARMOUR WHEN YOU COME HOME TO YOUR FAMILY. THEY NEED YOU WITH THEM, AND YOU NEED THEM WITH YOU

# FOR PARENTS, KIDS WILL FEEL WHAT YOU ARE FEELING

# TAKING TO YOUR KIDS WILL BE A RELIEF FOR THEM

### TEACH THOSE WHO MIGHT LOOK UP TO YOU THAT IT'S OKAY TO BE NOT OKAY

# THESE CONVERSATIONS CAN SEEM DREADFUL BUT THEY GET EASIER THE MORE YOU HAVE THEM

# TIPS FOR CARING FOR THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE



- STAY CONNECTED AND COMMUNICATE OPENLY -
  - ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THEIR HELP
    - TELL YOUR LOVED ONES YOU LOVE THEM —
- CELEBRATE THEIR VICTORIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS -
- KEEP YOUR KIDS IN THE LOOP WHEN IT'S APPROPRIATE -
  - SHARE YOUR SELF- CARE PLAN WITH FAMILY & PEERS -

# WE CAN UNDERSTAND OURSELVES BETTER

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# THIS IS NOT THE END

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### MEET OUR EDUCATORS

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