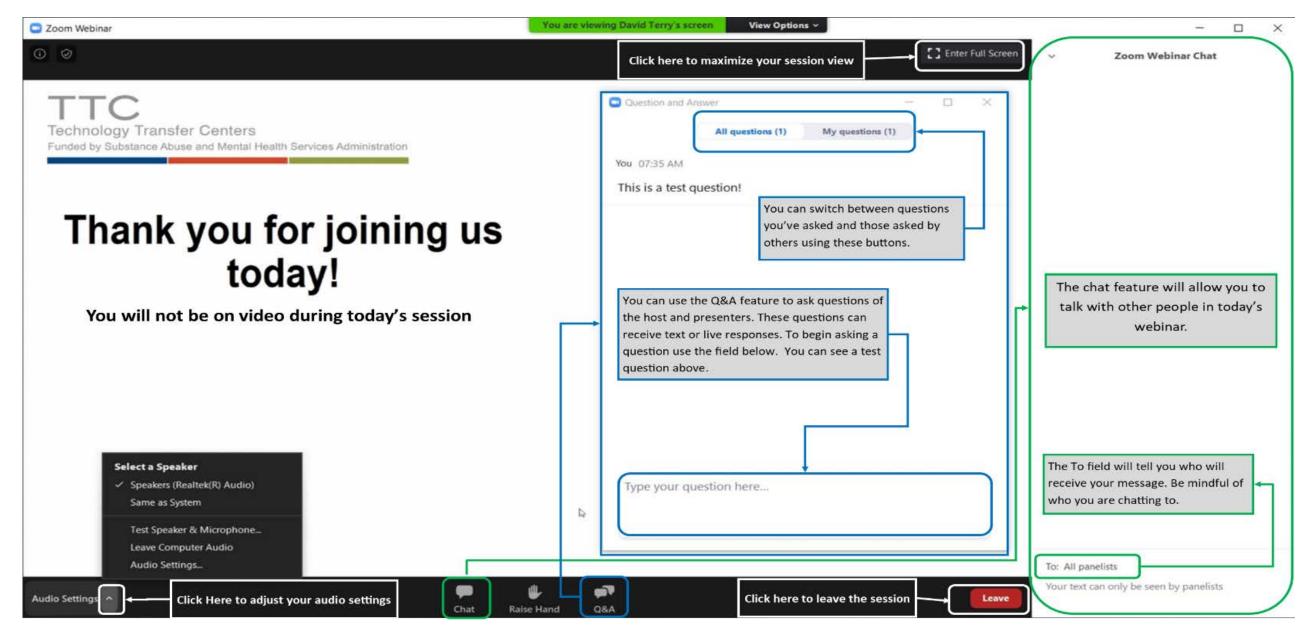
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## Why am I Doing this Work? Remembering Your Purpose

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Flourishing at Work: A Plan for Helping Professionals



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The Northeast and Caribbean MHTTC received 5 years (2018 – 2023) of funding to:

- Enhance capacity of behavioral health workforce to deliver evidence-based and promising practices to individuals with mental illnesses.
- Address full continuum of services spanning mental illness prevention, treatment, and recovery supports.
- Train related workforces (police/first responders, primary care providers, vocational services, etc.) to provide effective services to people with mental illnesses.

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- Support school teachers and staff to address student mental health
- Support healthcare providers in wellness and self-care activities



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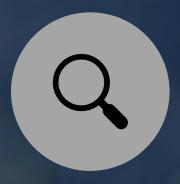


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### Objectives



DESCRIBE HOW VALUES SUPPORT FLOURISHING



**EXPLORE PURPOSE** 



APPLY INFORMATION FOR A PURPOSE STATEMENT

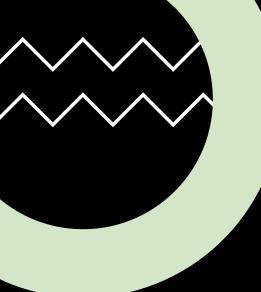


IDENTIFY COMMITMENT STRATEGIES

Values

Purpose

Work



### Personal Values

- Who we are
- Guides
- Meaning
- Culture



# Explore values

values

- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Discipline
- Determination
- •Balance
- Punctuality
- Innovation
- Motivation
- Perseverance
- Practicality
- Justice
- •Knowledge
- Learning
- •Caring
- Social Connection
- Spirituality
- Stability
- •Status
- •Wealth

- Responsibility
- Openmindedness
- Likability
- Authenticity
- Compassion
- •Smarts
- Being thoughtful
- Citizenship
- Community
- •Fairness
- •Fun
- Generosity
- •Growth
- •Influence
- Recognition
- Reliability
- Security
- Respect
- •Self-Respect

Which 1-2 values are important to you?





# Strategies to identify values

- Take an online survey e.g. Life Values Inventory
- Ask your supports
- Consider why you made a decision in the past
- Reflect on good moments



# Why know your values?

- Guides us in difficult times
- Helps with decision-making
- Inspiration



Values

Purpose

Work



### Purpose

- Who am I?
- What are my values?
- What am I grateful for?
- What gets me out of bed in the morning?
- How do I want to be remembered?

## Exploring Purpose



Talk about it



Imagine best self in the future

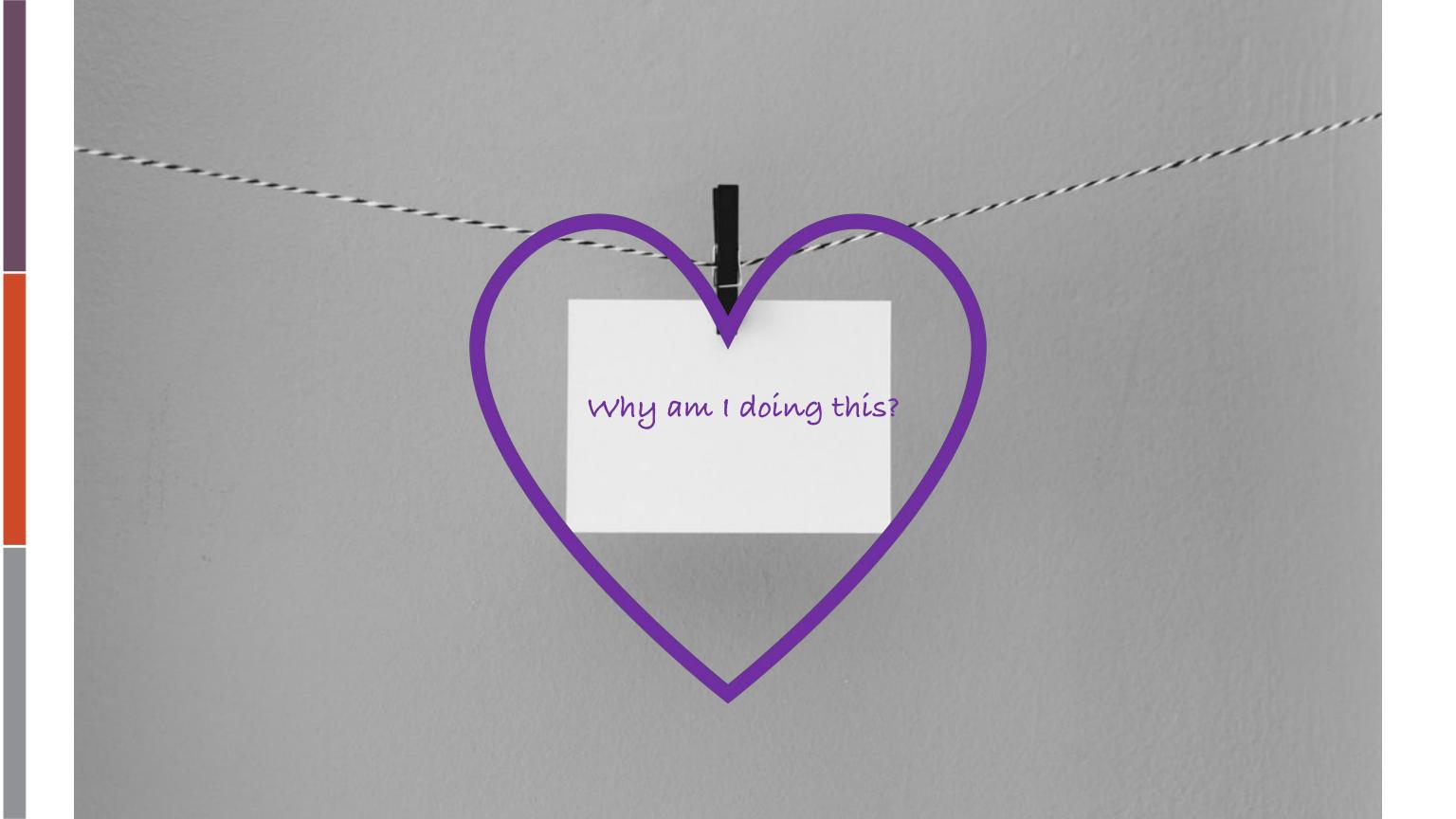


Know your values



Grow positive emotions









Living Your Purpose

- Improves cognition
- Lower stress
- Healthier
- Longer Life

### Why am I Doing this Work?



- Desire to help others
- Family/friends
- Opportunity to change the world





# Creating a Personal Purpose Statement

Brainstorm

Include your values

Keep it short

Use present tense

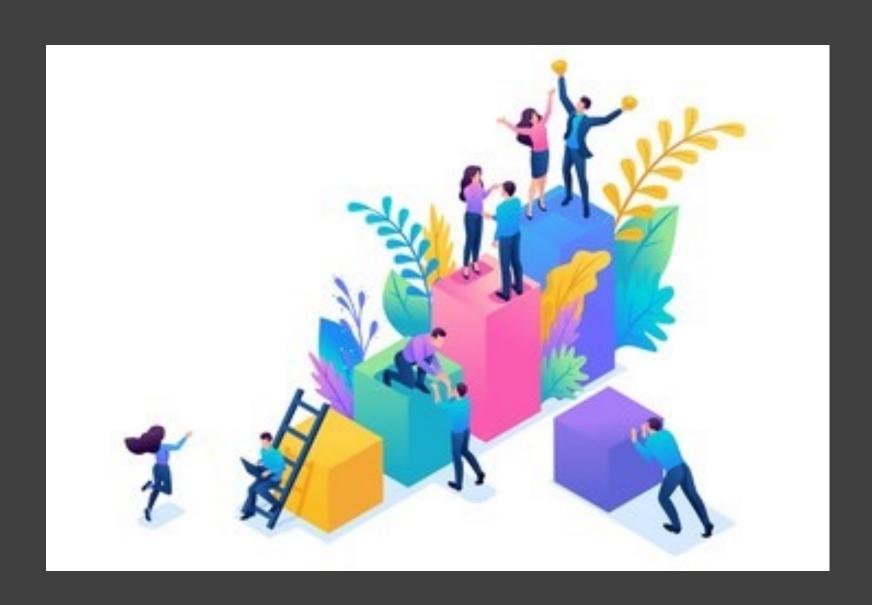
Focus on positive actions

### Personal Purpose Statement Examples

- My purpose is to be a beacon of light, to bring understanding between diverse groups, and an inspiration to others as a helper.
- To give students the resources and attention they need to grow into confident, effective adults.
- To improve the quality of life of the people I help.
- To be a teacher and inspire my students to be the best version of themselves.



### Why a Personal Purpose Statement?



- Motivation
- Inspiration
- Guide for decisions
- A reminder to flourish

### Commit



What is one action you can take to strengthen your purpose?

### Practice Opportunities

What are your core values?



Where and when have you used these values in the past week?



Write a draft purpose statement that includes your values and legacy



Why do you do the work you do?



### Summary



Values and purpose can guide decisions, motivate us and remind us of who we want to be



Purpose statements can be helpful to point us towards flourishing



Flourishing includes small daily actions that promote your values

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#### **Session 3: Learning to Let Go**

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## **Question and Answer**





### Resources

- Ted Talks on Life Purpose <a href="https://www.ted.com/playlists/313/talks">https://www.ted.com/playlists/313/talks</a> to help you find your pu
- Life Values Inventory

http://www.lifevaluesinventory.org/the-process.html

- Value Card Sort <u>https://sakai.ohsu.edu/access/content/group/Kathlynn\_Tutorials/public/Value%20Card%20Sort%20Exercise%20-%20Storyline%20output/story\_html5.html</u>
- How to find your purpose in life

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how to find your purpose in life

- The Good Project value card sorter- <a href="https://www.thegoodproject.org/">https://www.thegoodproject.org/</a>
- VIA Character Survey

https://www.viacharacter.org/survey/account/register

Purpose in Life Quiz

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/quizzes/take\_quiz/purpose\_in\_life

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