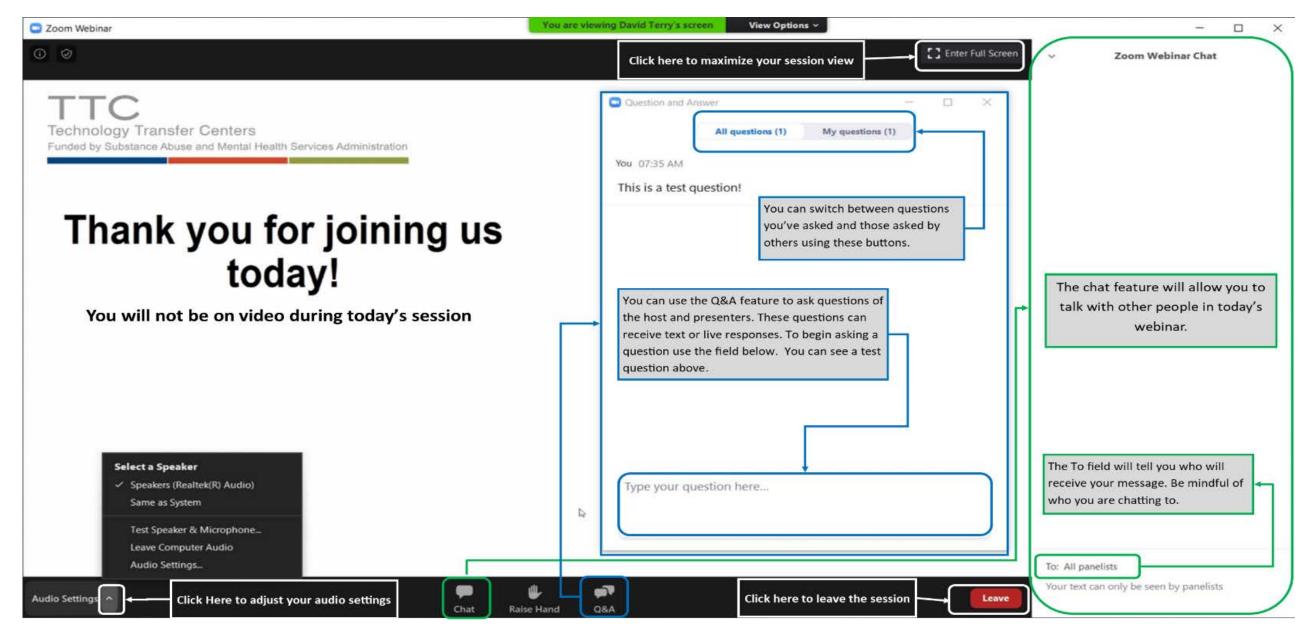
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Learning to Let Go

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Flourishing at Work: A Plan for Helping Professionals



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- 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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INCLUSIVE AND
ACCEPTING OF
DIVERSE CULTURES,
GENDERS,
PERSPECTIVES,
AND EXPERIENCES

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Our Presenter:



Michelle Zechner, PhD, LSW, CPRP

Objectives

Explore

• Explore challenges to work/life balance

Identify

• Identify barriers to letting go

Connect

• Connect growth to experience & priorities

Discuss

• Discuss limit setting at work

Begin with a Pause...

To escape easily,

Travel light.

And then try

Letting something go.

Just to see

What happens next

• Rumi



Poll

How would you rate your work/life balance?





Work/Life Balance

- Americans are "stressed out"
- Working longer
- Increasingly plugged in

Work/Life Balance is a journey, not a destination

What is Work/Life Balance?

MEETING WORK DEADLINES

FRIENDS/HOBBIES

SLEEP & NUTRITION

NOT WORRYING ABOUT WORK AT HOME

A CYCLE

Why is W/L Balance Important?



Promotes health



Encourages flourishing, growth and thriving



Increases creativity and productivity



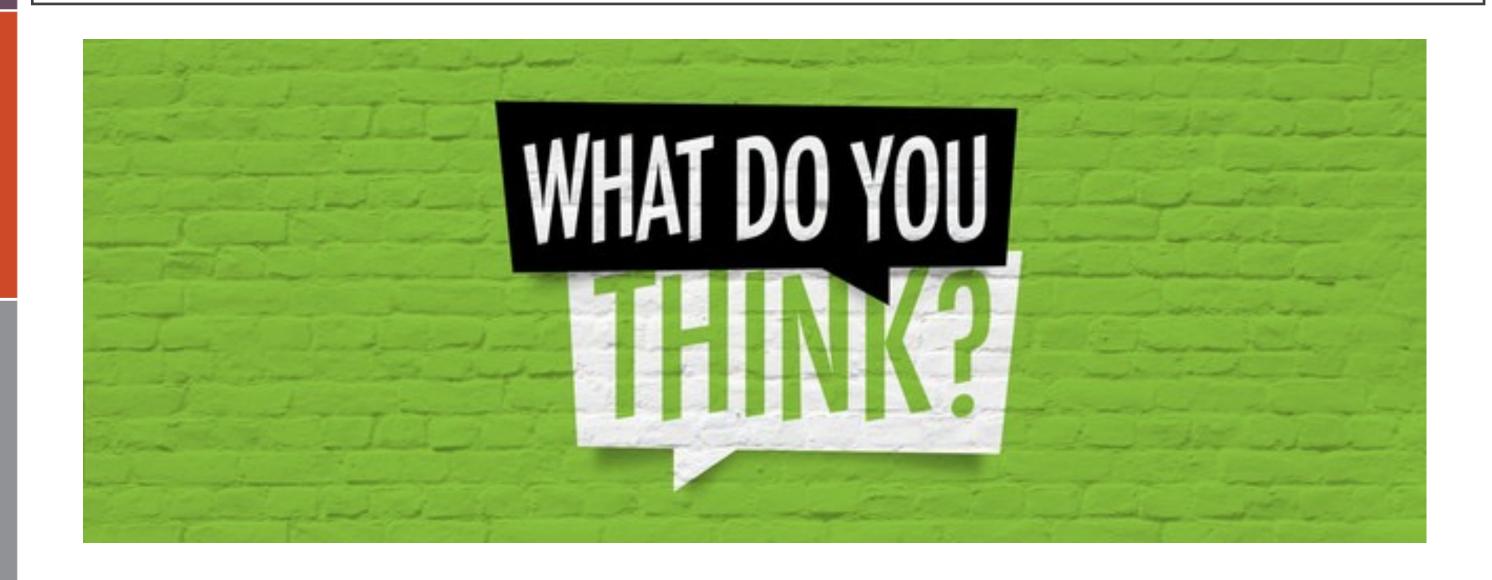
Increases focus

What gets in the way?

- Emergencies/crisis
- Supervisor expectations
- Work culture
- Self-expectations
- Priorities

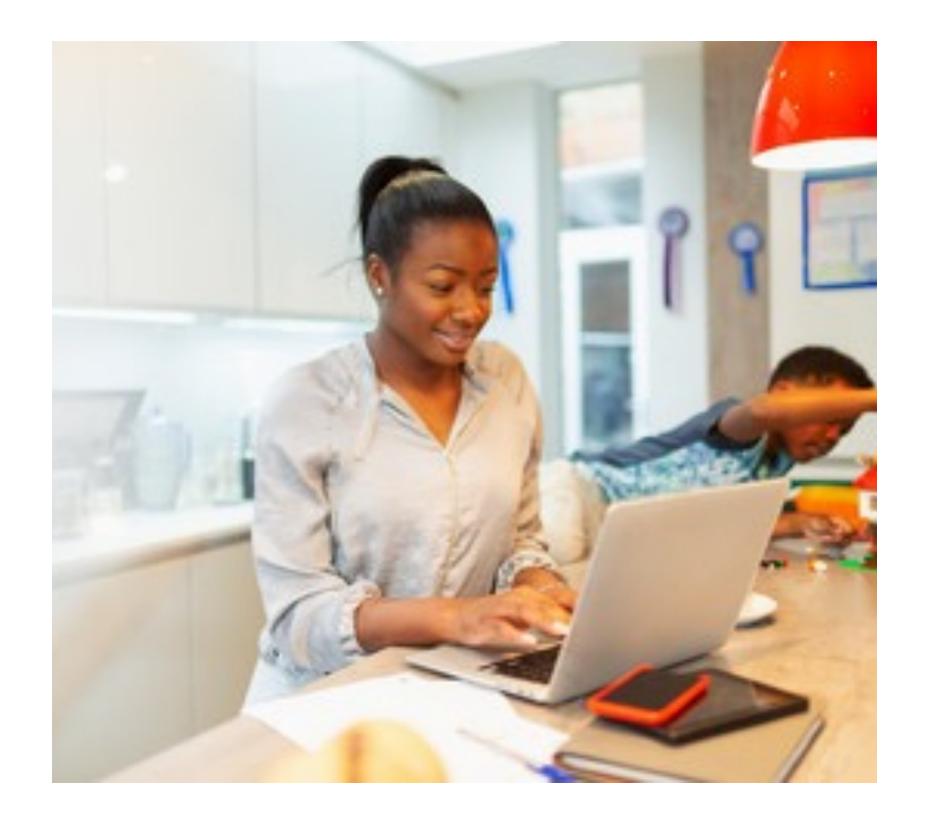
Poll 2

What gets in the way of work/life balance for you?



Remembering to Balance

- Pause
- Reflect
- Schedule
- Ask a friend



Letting Go at Work

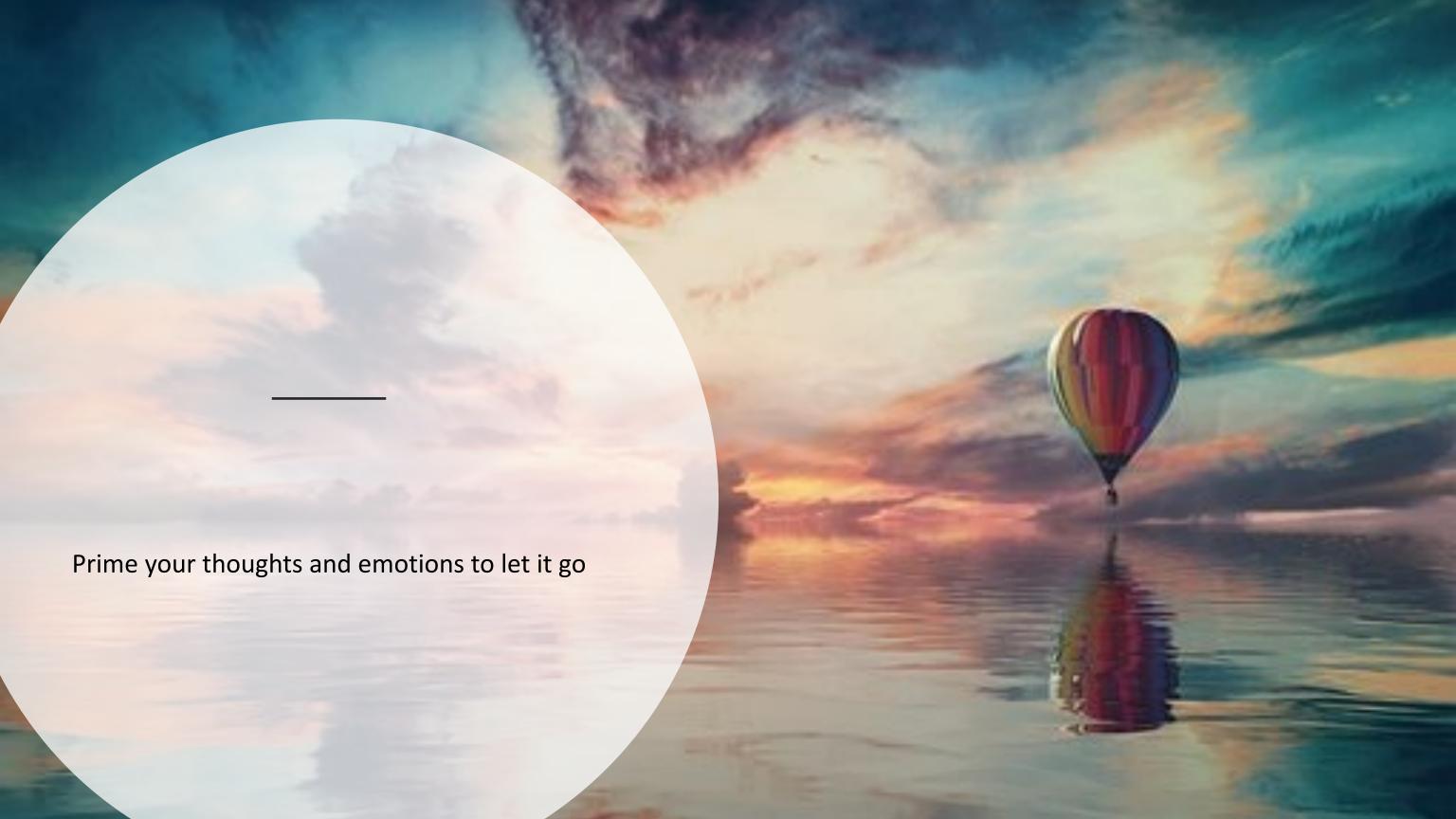
- Outdated expectations
- Supportive environments
- Comparisons
- Negative self-talk
- Fear





Technology Tips & Traps

TIP	TRAP
Turn off notifications	Responding to all work notifications
Airplane mode at night	Checking email in bed
Schedule breaks with reminders	Work schedule reminder pop-ups at home
Podcasts that inspire you	Podcasts that make you feel guilty
Setting boundaries for when to email	Responding instantly to all non-emergency emails



Letting Go is Self-Care

- Being present
- Saying goodbye to the past
- A choice
- Welcoming growth, new people, places & things
- Focus on what you can change





Remember Your Self-Worth

- You are not your work
- No "Workism"



Perspective after Difficult Situations

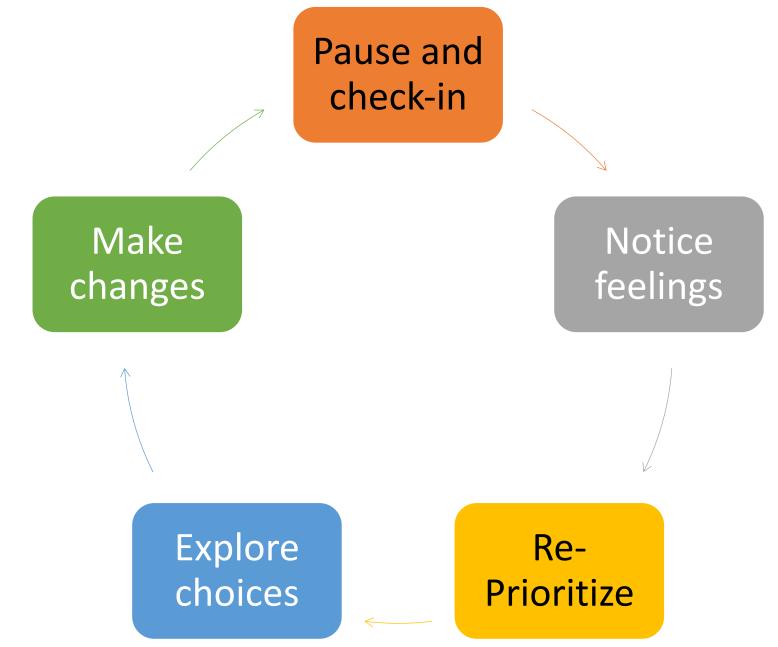




Letting Go by Growing

- Prioritize your personal life
- Revisit hobbies
- Connect with others
- Seek help when you need it

Assess Yourself



When is it time to Let Go of a job?

Boundaries ignored

Increasing responsibilities without support

Values conflict

Extreme exhaustion, unmotivated or dread

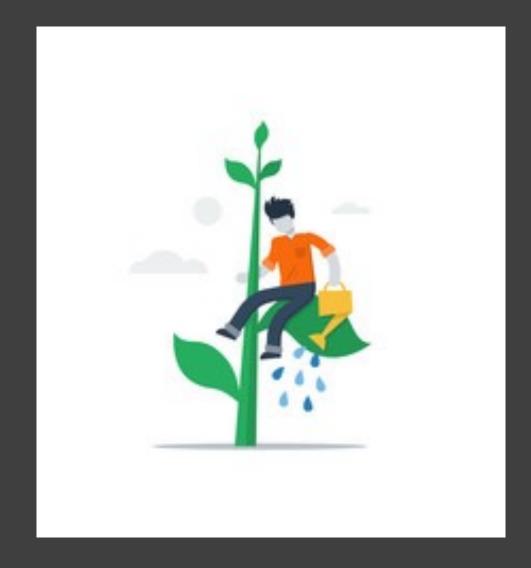
Harassment,
discrimination
and/or
microaggressions

Your work is underappreciated

Prioritizing your health is discouraged

Vacations and breaks are discouraged

Your skills and expertise are routinely underutilized





Work Habits

- Communicate boundaries & responses
- Say no
- Ask for help
- Build in work breaks
- Focus on both important AND urgent

Personal habits

- Create habits/routines that support you
- Build in transition time
- Separate workspace
- Manage technology
- Let go of guilt & perfectionism





Summary



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Session 4: Healthy Positivity

Tuesday, February 8 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

Session 5: Flourishing Strategies - Outside the Box Tuesday, March 15 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

Session 6: Build Your Resilience Plan One Day at a Time Tuesday, April 19 | 2:00-3:00 pm ET

Question and Answer





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