

## Taking Care of Healthcare Providers: An Introduction to the Adult Resilience Curriculum

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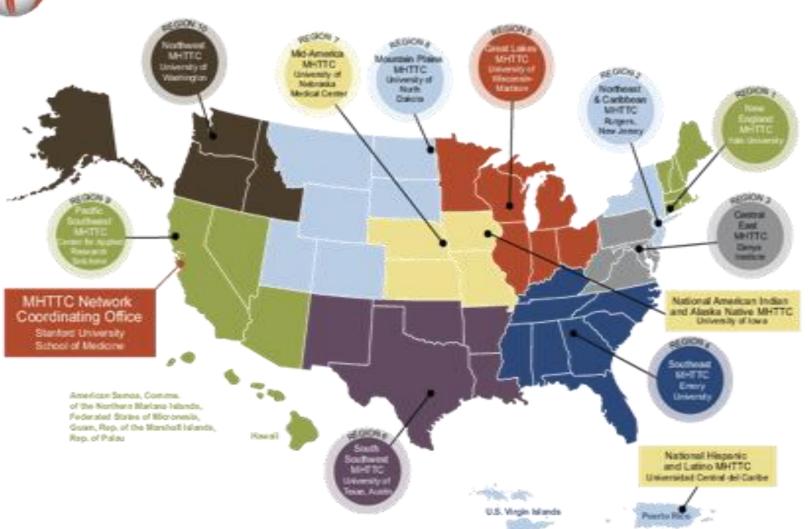
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#### Who I Am

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## Housekeeping

#### 1. We have 60 minutes together

Please take care of you during this time!

#### 2. We're here to learn from each other

- Small group discussions & share-outs
- We can all benefit from lessons learned at your organization

#### 3. Survey

Your feedback is important to us

## Agenda

- Brief Introductions
- Why Healthcare Provider Well-Being?
- An Organizational Approach
- Introduction to ARC
- Closing & Survey

#### **Brief Introductions**

Your name, role, organization, and...

- What conversations are you hearing/having at your organization about personal wellbeing?
- How has work changed for you this past year (for better or worse)?





by prioritizing the adults that work with them.



## The How

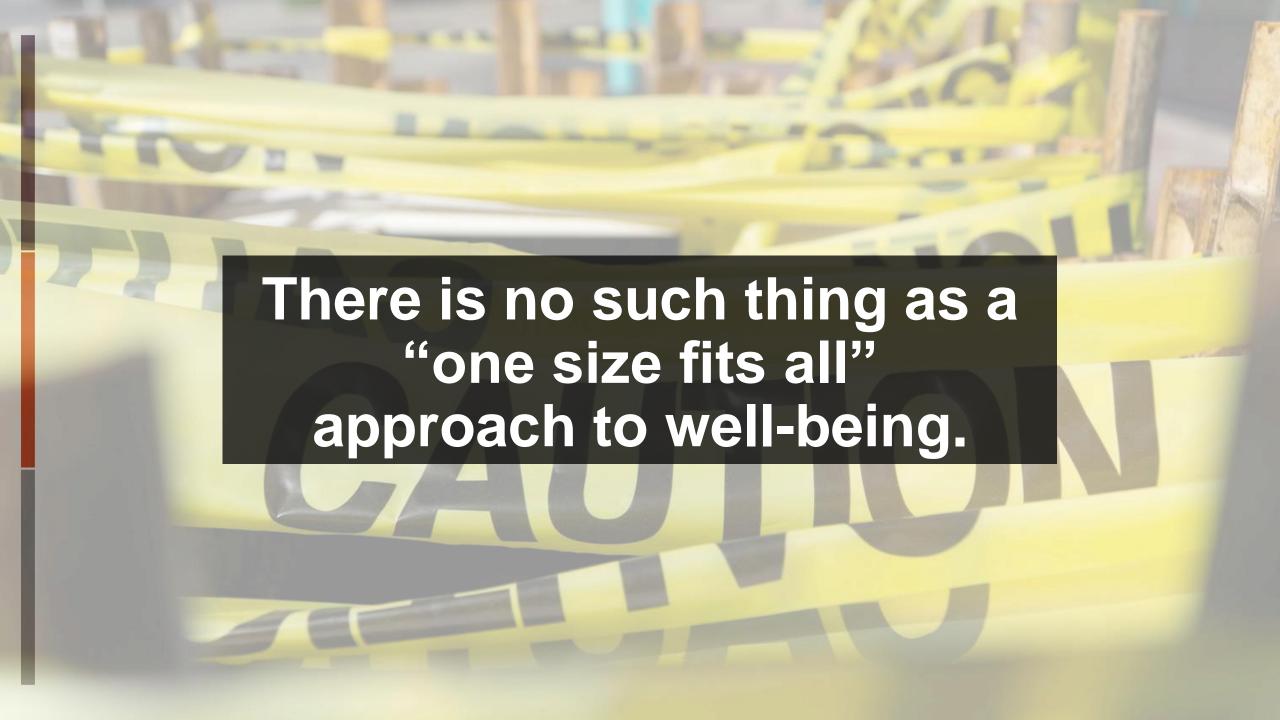
How do we improve provider well-being?

## Efforts to Promote Provider Well-Being











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Self care is important, yes, and so is *community care*.

People cannot self care themselves out of issues that need community support.

One without the other can strain and create imbalance.

#### Individual



Individual seeks out strategies

Individual figures out when and how to use strategies

Individual may identify some support from other organization members

### **Organizational**



Organization recognizes their role in stress & well-being

Organization is place where strategies are modeled and used

People in organization seen as a support to each other and the system



# The Role of the Organization in Promoting Well-Being

## Organizational Well-Being

Organizational Commitment

Workforce Assessment

Leadership

**Policy** 

Efficiency of Work Environment

Support

Climate

Culture

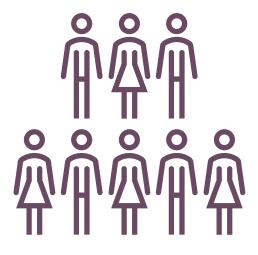
## Organizational Well-Being

Leadership

Climate

Culture

### So, what can we do?



It's about Culture & Climate



# Challenge #1 In 6 words or less, define culture

# Challenge #2 Distinguish culture vs. climate

### Culture

Values + Behavior

### Climate

Feelings + Perception

## Challenge #3

What does implementation mean to you?

## Active Implementation

#### What

**Effective Interventions** 

Well-being individual and cultural practices



#### How

Effective Implementation Methods

Implementation Science



#### Where/When

**Effective Systems** 

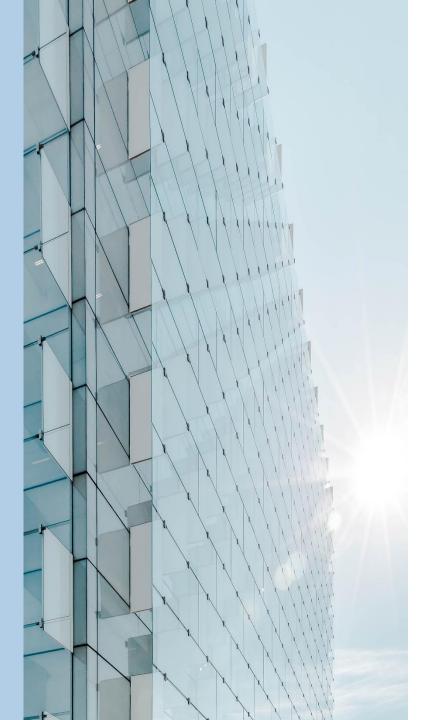
Supportive Infrastructure



#### Why

Socially
Significant
Outcomes

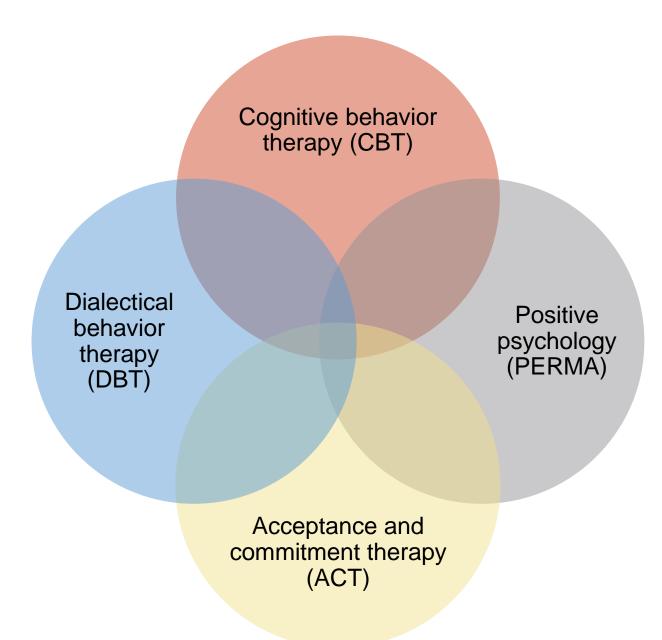




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## Active Ingredients



0: Introduction to the Adult Resilience Curriculum (ARC)

#### The ARC Modules

1: Understanding the psychobiology of stress and well-being (psychoeducation)

2: Creating safe and supportive environments (context)

3: Clarifying, aligning with, and committing to one's values (values)

4: Cultivating awareness through mindfulness-based practices (mindfulness)

5: Connecting meaningfully with others (connection)

6: Fostering pleasant emotions and experiences (positivity) 7: Coping with difficult thoughts, feelings, and experiences (coping)

8: Feeling good physically through nutrition, movement, & sleep (health) 9: Rejuvenating through relaxation, recreation, and routines (three R's)

10: Bringing it all together: A wellness plan for the future (wellness plan)

#### The ARC Core Skills

2: Creating safe and supportive environments (context)

3: Clarifying, aligning with, and committing to one's values (values) 4: Cultivating awareness through mindfulness-based practices (mindfulness)

5: Connecting meaningfully with others (connection)

### Context

#### Didactic portion

- Understand the basics of organizational well-being
- Discuss key features of a safe and supportive environment for professional well-being
- Identify ways in which you, as a professional, contribute to the overall culture of well-being

Activities

**Action Plan** 

### Values

#### Didactic portion

- Determine the difference between values and goals
- Clarify your own values and identify goals that let you track your progress toward values
- Create an action plan to spend time deeply engaging with you values as an educator

#### Activities

- True North
- Bullseye
- Live Values Inventory
- Individual Values Journey
- Retirement Party

#### **Action Plan**

Imagine you are retiring after a long career and your colleagues are throwing you a party.

Who is there?

What food/drinks are being served?

What music is playing?



People start to approach the mic and a line starts to form...

What do you hope they will say about you, your career, your qualities as an educator or colleague?



What was this process like for you?



# Mindfulness

### Didactic portion

- Define the difference between mindfulness and mindlessness
- Know the elements of mindfulness and be able to apply them
- Evaluate the effectiveness of mindfulness strategies in the moment

#### Activities

- Mindful Breathing
- Dropping an Anchor
- Mindful Chore
- Soles of Feet

### Action Plan

# Connection

### Didactic portion

- Be able to distinguish effective and ineffective social support and discuss how to advocate for your needs
- Identify feasible ways to provide service to others
- Identify potential mentors and role models and set action plans for building and/or improving those relationships

#### Activities

- Fill a Bucket
- Build a Mentorship
- Coal and Diamonds

#### **Action Plan**

# Wellness Plan

Module Review

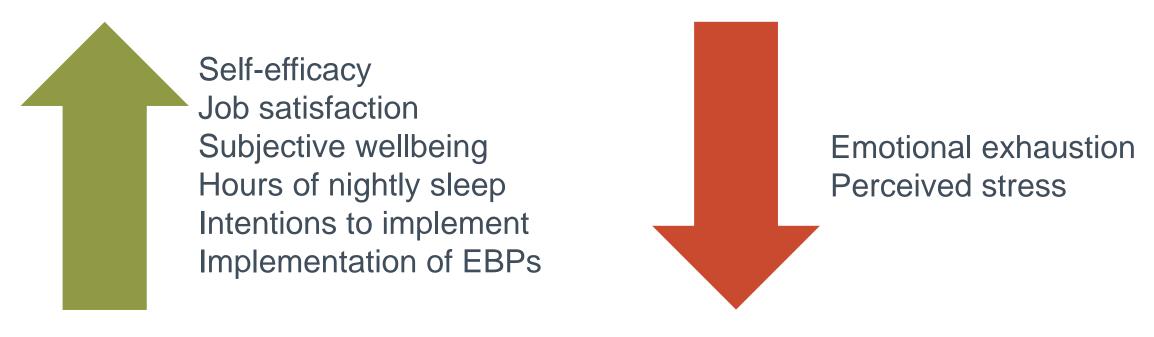
Wellness as Action & Ongoing

Wellness Plan

Module 3: Clarifying, Aligning with, and Committing to One's Values	Reflective Rating		
Concepts, practices, or skills I can choose to apply in my life	Yes	Maybe	No
Regular clarification of values in different life domains			
Regular reflection upon the consistency or inconsistency of behaviors and values (using something like the Bull's Eye)			
Identifying barriers to values-based actions and removing said barriers			
Affirming commitment to values in the face of difficult emotions, thoughts, and experiences			

### **ARC** Evidence

Compared to matched controls, those who participated in the ARC reported:



# Usability

Modular

Essential elements outlined

Flexible delivery

Guidance on tailoring to fit audience

Developed with adults who care for others in mind

# Support from Mid-America MHTTC

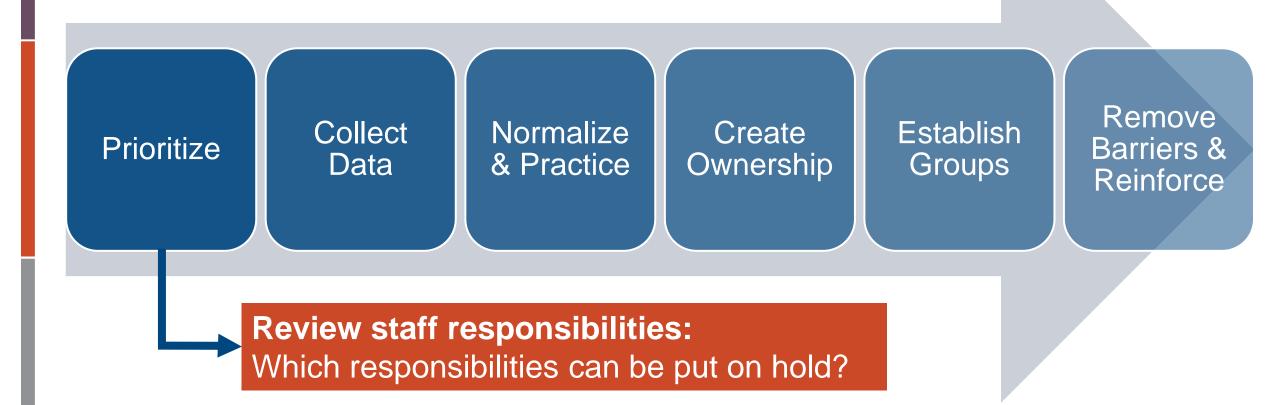
Assistance with implementation

Training and guidance from coaches

Materials and data tools freely available

"Module 0" in development to assess and promote buy-in

### How to Get Started - Leaders



### Resources

### **ARC for Healthcare Providers**

Webinar recordings, slide decks, and resources



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- An opportunity to learn more about ARC and how to implement it in your organization.
- February 1 and 2, 2024
  - 9-3
- Virtual
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