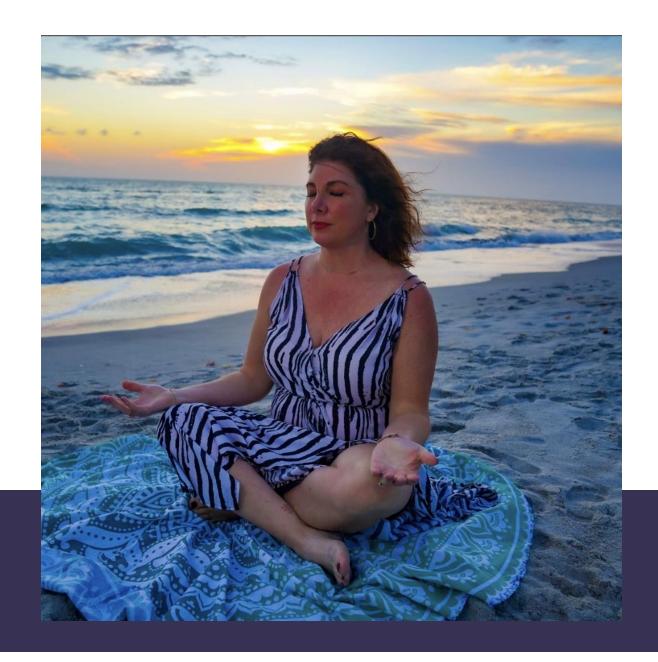
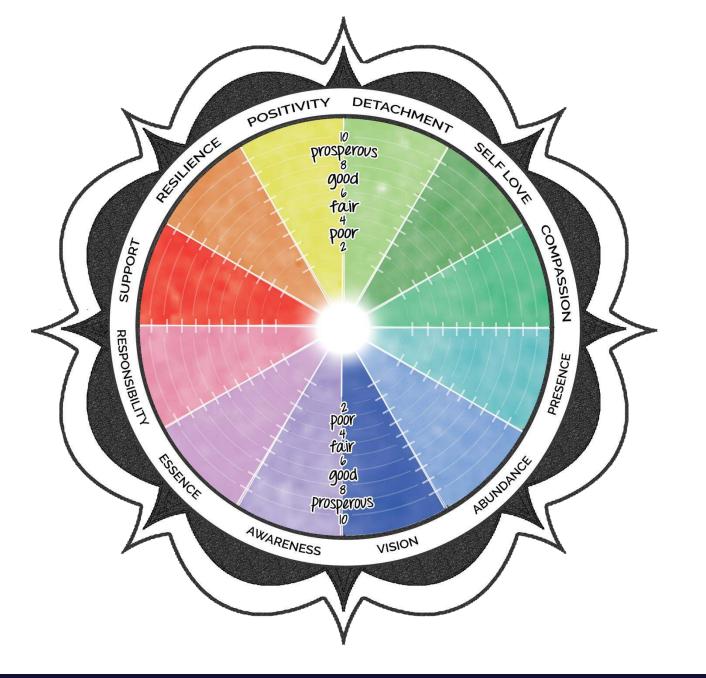


## The Psychology of Success:

How to Cultivate Holistic Success & Balance as Executive Leaders

#### Guided Meditation







#### #1 Abundance

"Success is a state of mind. In order to be a success, you must first think of yourself as a success."

- Dr. Joyce Brothers



## #2) Self-Awareness

"He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened."

- Lao Tzu





If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.

Maya Angelou



## Control what you can, let go of the rest

#### What you can control:

- Your own thoughts
- Your own emotions
- Your own behaviors
- Your own choices

#### What you can't control:

- Other people's thoughts
- Other people's emotions
- Other people's behaviors
- Other people's choices
- Outcome
- Expectations

#### #3 Presence

"Be as least as interested in what goes on inside you as what happens outside. If you get the inside right, the outside will fall into place."

- Eckhart Tolle, The Power of Now



#### Overview of Mindfulness

 Maintain a moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment

 Noticing our thoughts and feelings without judging them

Allows us to respond, rather than react



#### **Benefits of Mindfulness**

- Enhances relationships
- Improves job performance
- Reduces chronic pain
- Increases focus and attention, and improves decision-making skills
- Improves creativity, memory, and cognitive flexibility
- Improves mood, empathy, and overall quality of life
- Boosts immune system

Source: Glomb, T. M, Duffy, M. K, Bono, J. E., & Yang, T. (2012). Mindfulness at work. Research in Personnel and Human Resource Management, 30, 115-157.

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## Benefits of Mindfulness, cont

- Decreases anxiety, stress, depression, tiredness, and irritability
- Increases emotional intelligence
- Encourages healthier eating habits
- Improves heart and circulatory health
- Aids in recovery from substance use
- Improves sleep
- Increases financial well-being

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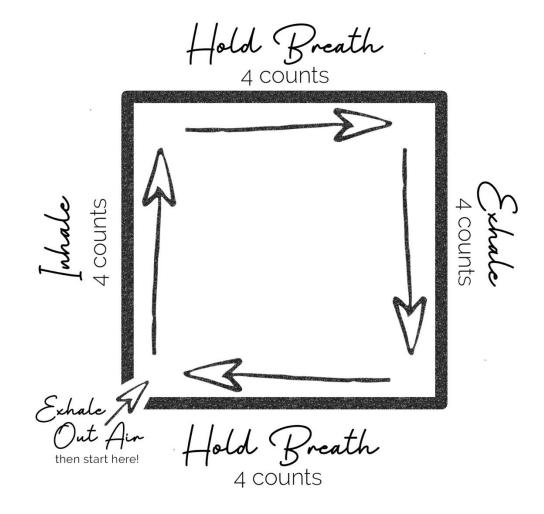
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## **Square Breathing**



## Strategies to Increase Mindfulness

- Progressive muscle relaxation.
- Unplugging from Positive mantra technology
- Listening & using your senses
- Mindful eating & spending
- Yoga

- Breathing
  - Body scan
- Connection to nature
- Meditation
- Morning routine



## Mindful Workplace Exercises

- Start your day with a mindful moment and plan for mindful breaks
- Slow down to increase your productivity
- Switch off distractions
- Be a single-tasker
- Pay attention to your coworkers



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## #4 Responsibility

"Everything you do is based on the choices you make. It's not your parents, your past relationships, your job, the economy, the weather, an argument or your age that is to blame. You and only you are responsible for every decision and choice you make."

- Wayne Dyer, The Power of Intention



## #5 Compassion

• "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

• - Maya Angelou



## Mindfulness & Emotional Intelligence



**KNOW YOUR EMOTIONS** 



MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS



MOTIVATE YOURSELF



RECOGNIZE & UNDERSTAND THE OTHER PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS



MANAGE RELATIONSHIPS (MANAGE THE EMOTIONS OF OTHERS)

## High EQ

Low insecurity

High openness

Assertive

Self-aware

Inclusive

Respectful

Takes responsibility for actions

### #6 Self-Love

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection."

~ Buddha

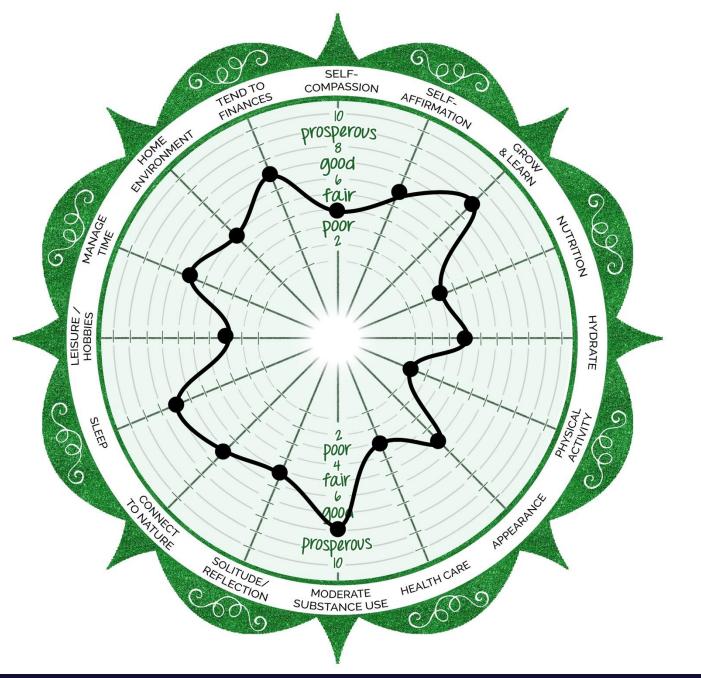






Having a healthy relationship with yourself is essential for happiness. Choose to be your own good parent, best friend, and greatest advocate.







#### Mental Wellbeing Tips

- Choose a growth mindset
- Accept what you can't change
- Connect with the breath, the senses and the body
- Start & end your day with self-reflection
- Commit to practice like meditation or yoga



# Physical Wellbeing Tips

- Develop a nutrition plan, regimen and routine
- Schedule your workouts
- Promote sleep
- Create systems of accountability



## #7 Support

- "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."
- - Helen Keller

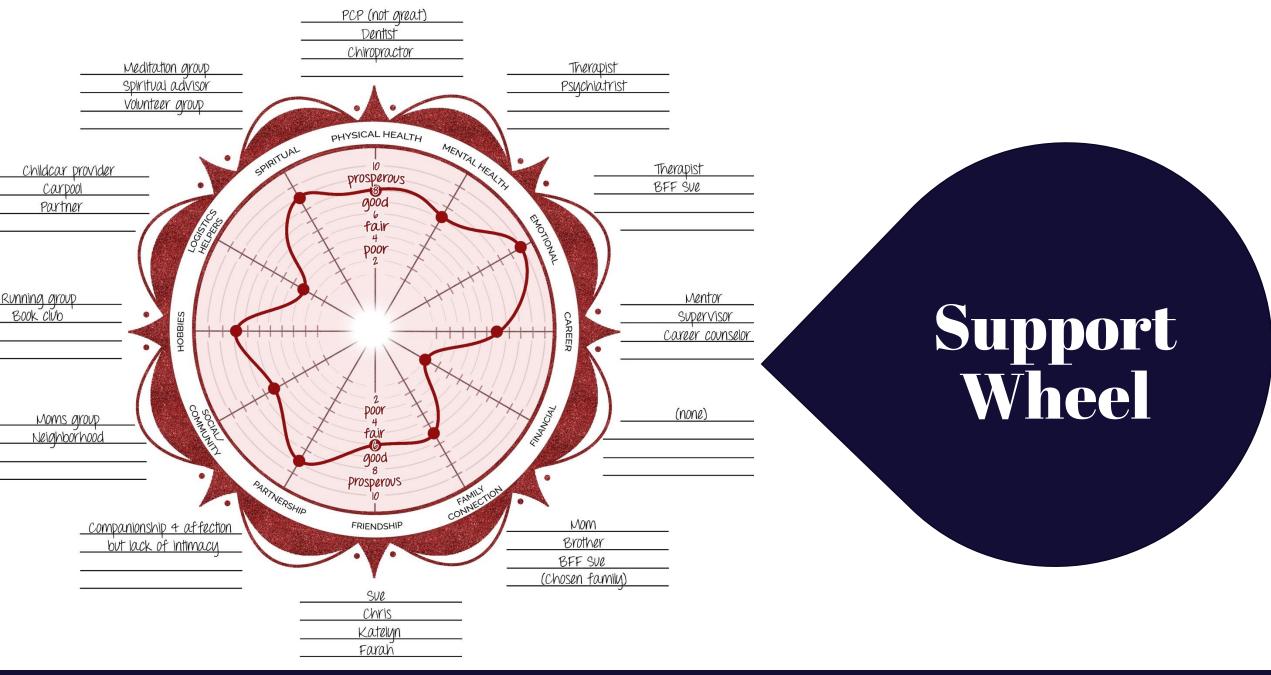


## Barriers to Accessing Support

- Fear (difficulty trusting)
- Pride
- Shame or stigma
- Guilt
- Fear of imposition
- Low self-esteem, not feeling deserving
- Learned helplessness

- Hopelessness
- Loss of power and control (ego)
- Loss of credit (ego)
- Early life messages
- Expense
- Introversion or shyness





#### #8 Essence

"Whenever you feel superior or inferior to anyone, that is the ego in you."

-Eckhart Tolle



# Healthy self-esteem is midway between DIVA and DOORMAT.



#### #9 Detachment

"Feelings are waves of energy which we can choose to surf, rather than allowing them to overcome us."

- Arlene Englander



#### Detach From:

- Your own negative emotions like fear, anxiety, anger and sadness
- The negative emotions of others
- Expectations
- Outcome (embrace uncertainty)



## Detachment Strategies

Visualization of protective barrier

Unhook from conflict

The Container Exercise

Zoom out for greater perspective

Lifeguard analogy

## #10 Positivity

"A man is but the product of his thoughts...what he thinks, he becomes."

- Mohandas Gandhi





### Keep Your Thinking Positive

- Turn down volume of your inner critic
- Detach from fear
- Avoid catastrophic thinking
- Practice the power of affirmations and mantra
- Practice gratitude



#### #11 Vision

"First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do."

- Epictetus



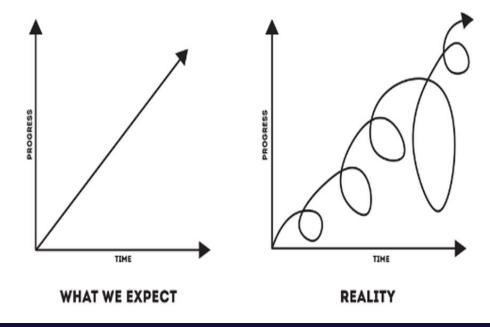
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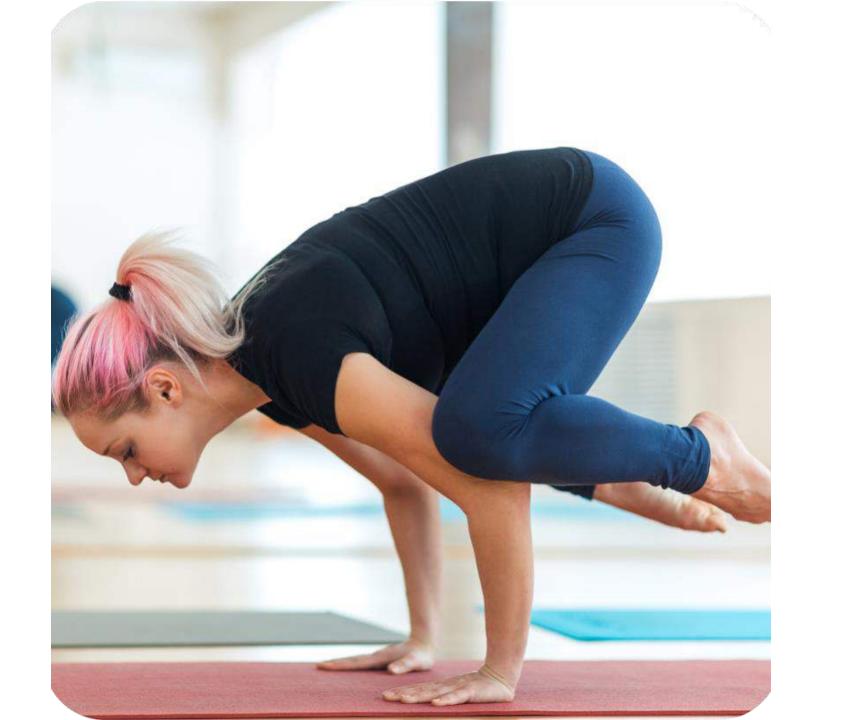


#### #12 Resilience

"Life will give you whatever experience is most helpful for the evolution of your consciousness."

- Eckhart Tolle

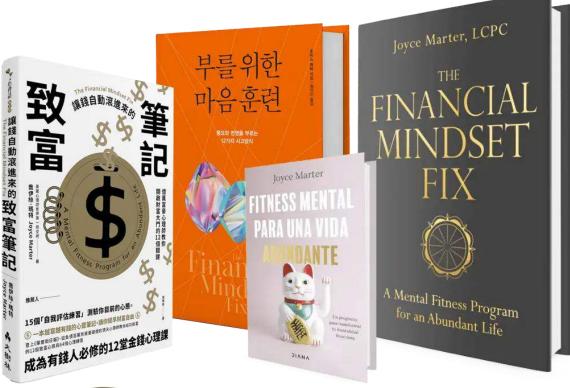




















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#### **Current Stressors**

- Concerns for health & safety
- Adjustments to working differently
- Less social support and community
- Dependent care—work-life balance
- Financial fears & stress
- Racial injustice issues coming to the forefront
- Political divide and unrest, global conflicts
- Challenges managing uncertainty and change



#### Mental Health Implications

- Feelings of grief and loss
- Increase in stress, anxiety and depression
- Increase in substance abuse
- Relationship conflict, abuse, violence
- Money anxiety
- PTSD/Trauma
- Increase in suicide





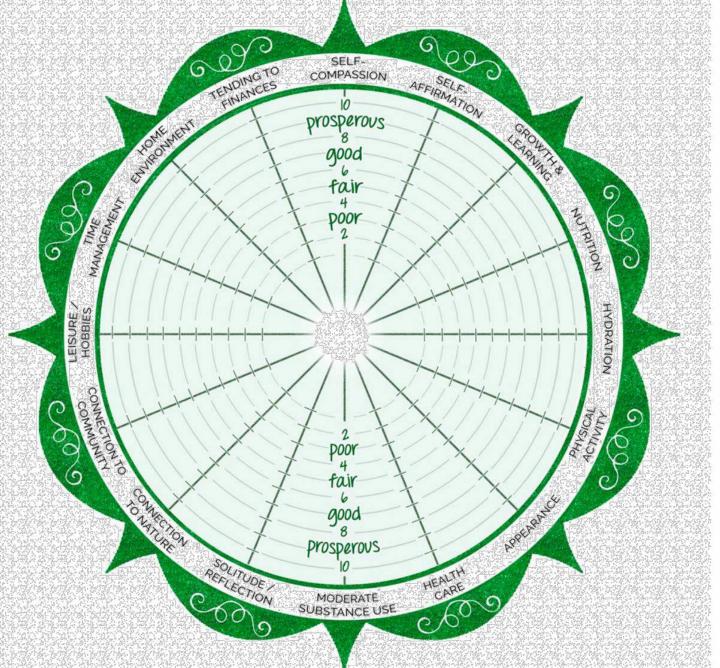
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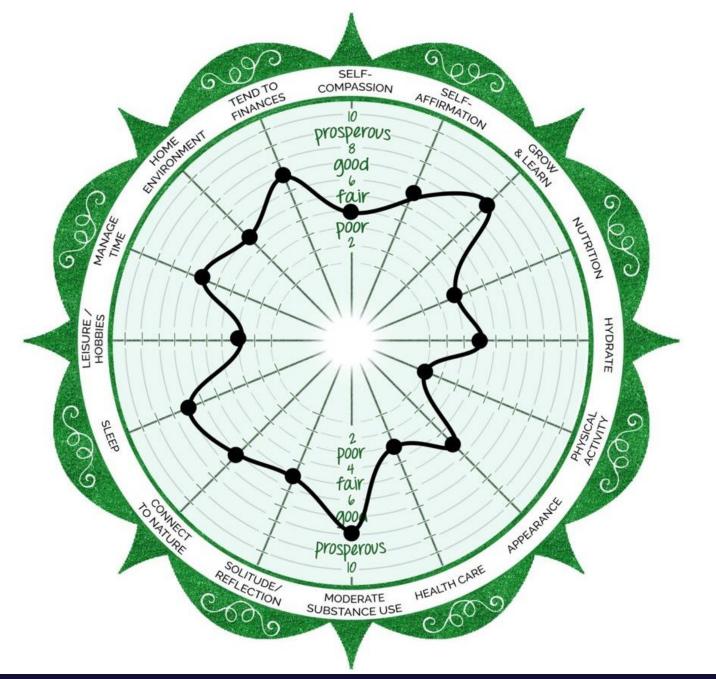












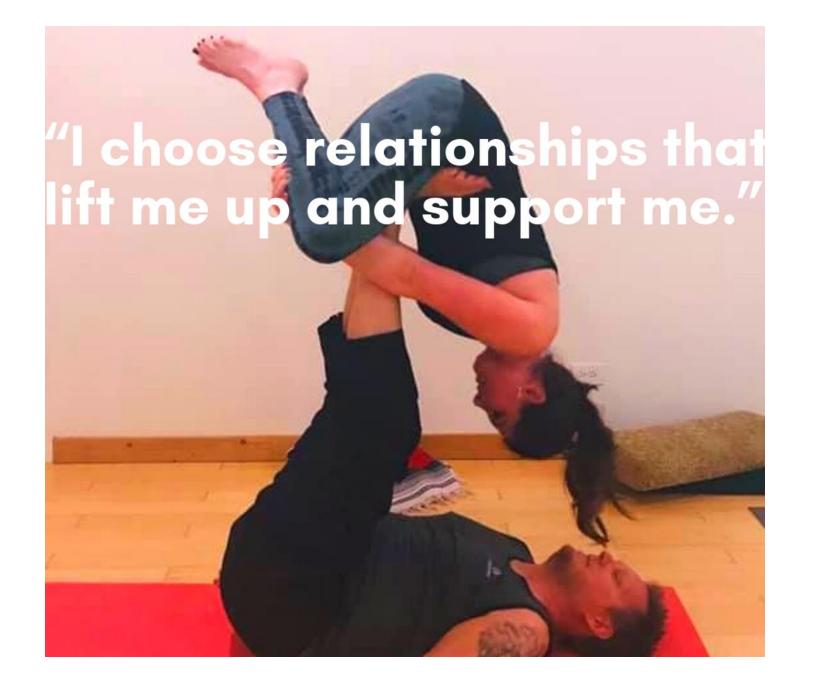


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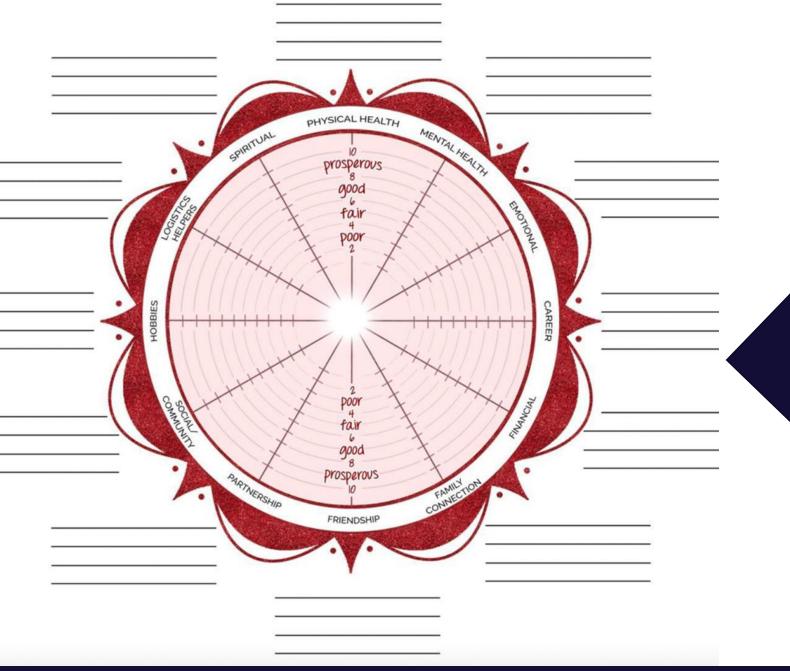




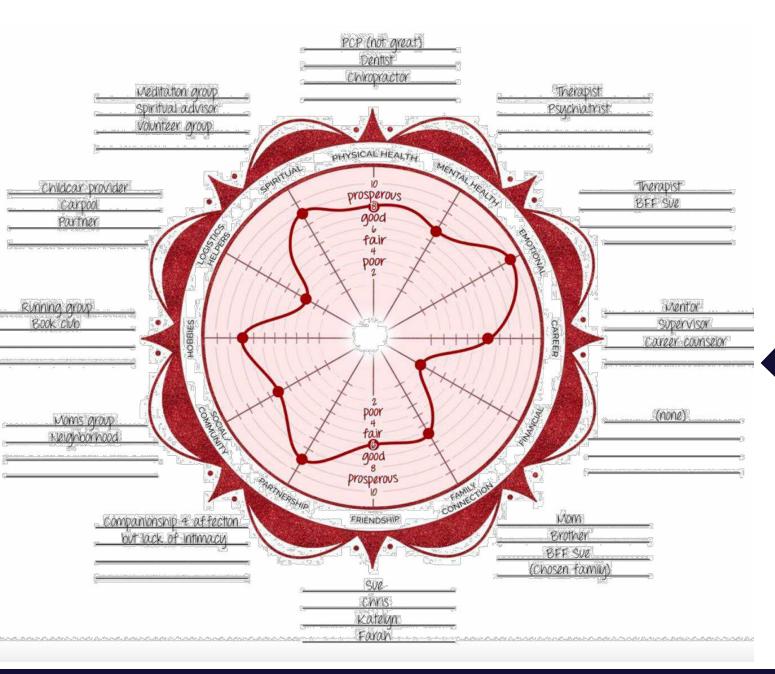








# Support Network Wheel



#### Sample Completed Support Network Wheel

#### **Steps to Wellness**

- Acknowledge if you are in stressed or burnt out
- Honor your emotions (no blame or shame)
- Create and implement a holistic plan to recover
- Infuse yourself with self-care
- Prioritize yourself

#### Access Support

- Avoid isolating with your feelings
- Connect with loved ones
- Ask for what you need from those who are capable of providing it
- Access community
- Consider counseling or coaching



#### Utilize Your Benefits

- PTO
- Sick benefits & FMLA for time as needed
- Insurance Benefits (Mental Health Parity Law)
- Flex Spending/Health Savings Accounts
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)



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START (doing)	STOP (doing)





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