

Participant Guide

Part 1. Communication Skills for the Workplace



Agenda

- Understand the NECESSITY of taking care of yourself
- Recognize the components of good self-care & how to create more balance in your life
- Identify opportunities for building self-care into your everyday life



Basic Communication Skills

"I" Statements

- I need
- I observe/notice
- Tobserve/notice
- I want/would like
- I think
- I feel

Listening

- Pay attention
- Non-verbal cues
- Presence
- Reflecting
- · Clarifying



Conflict vs. Disagreement

- · Being right
- · Being different
- Judgmental
- Understanding
- Divisive
- Common ground
- Position
- · Point of view





Emotions Managing ...

- Anger
- Resentment
- Fear / Insecurity
- Stress
- BREATHE!



Problem-Solving Template

- · Describe problematic behavior
- · Explain its impact on you
- · Request behavior change
- Possible consequences of no change
- · Possible benefits of change



Please complete the following paradigm:

I feel	when you
(feeling word)	(behavior)
because	
	(effect on speaker)
I want you to	
	(statement of change)
If you do/don't	
	(statement of change)
l will	
	(statement of consequence)
And it will	
	(how it benefits us)



Healthy Workplace

- Mutually respectful
- Dignity for all
- Inclusive
- Supportive
- Less stress



Questions to Ponder



What effort are you willing to make to improve your listening skills?



How do you resolve disagreements when they arise between you and other colleagues?



How do you manage your difficult feelings if they surface during difficult discussions?



How do you contribute to your team's ability to communicate well?



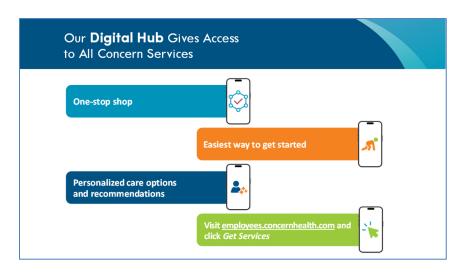


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