

# Participant Guide The Working Parent



## Overview

Many parents feel overwhelmed by the demands of their jobs and the needs of their children and family. By the end of the day, parents often feel exhausted and do not have enough energy left over to attend to the needs of their children, their partner, their friends, or themselves. Many refer to this idea of *balance*, but what is it? What does balance look like and how do people achieve it? Through this interactive workshop, participants will learn to assess their current lifestyle, set priorities, and choose realistic goals. They will also be presented with tools to help them meet the many demands they are confronted with daily.

Seminar Length: 1 hour



# Agenda

- Challenges facing the modern working parent
- What matters most
- Meeting your own needs
- Taking care of your children/family
- Taking care of your primary relationship
- · Taking care of your job
- · Keys to remember
- Resources





# What Makes it Hard

- · Competitive environment
- Global business
- · High cost of living
- Mobility

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Mixed messages







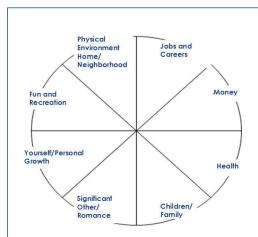


# Working Parent Responsibilities

### Take care of:

- Our own needs
- Needs of our primary relationship
- Needs of our children/ family
- · Requirements of our job
- Life's maintenance





### Wheel of Life

The 8 sections of the Wheel of Life represent Balance. Seeing the center of the wheel as 0 and the outer edge as 10, rank your level of satisfaction with each life area by drawing a straight or curved line to create a new outer edge. The new perimeter of the circle represents your level of Balance in the Wheel of Life. How bumpy would the ride be if this were a real wheel?







# What Matters Most?

- What must you do to survive?
- What is most difficult for you?
- What is most satisfying and rewarding?



# Era of Our Lives

- What we want and need in our 20's is different from our wants and needs in our 30's and 40's
- We change and so do or values, priorities and needs
- We can only assess what we want and need for ourselves in the context of a given time period
- We need to give ourselves permission to change and evolve, and we need to re-evaluate our lives on an ongoing basis



# Keys to Prioritizing

- Be honest with yourself
- · Time to make choices
- Let go of, juggle, or delegate low priority activities









# Meeting Your Own Needs

- Know what they are
- Give yourself permission to have and meet them
- Manage your time and energy

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# Keys to Taking Care of Children

### Children's Needs

- Physical
- Social/Emotional
- Intellectual

# Factors Affecting Children

- Temperament
- Development Stages
- · Specific Issue



# Keys to Taking Care of Children

# Quality Time

- Infants and Toddlers
- Preschoolers
- · School Age
- Tweens and Teens







# Taking Care of Your Primary Relationship

- Invest time and attention
- Understand the normal stages of relationship growth
- Refresh communication skills regularly

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# Work

- Be "self-employed"
- Stay current
- · Stay aligned
- Communicate
- Build emotional intelligence (EQ)
- Know your limits
- · Manage time
- Be visible
- · Develop goals
- Create boundaries



# Keys to Remember

- · Multiple roles are not easy
- · Ask yourself what you want and need
- · Rid yourself of the guilt
- Take care of yourself
- Schedule personal time
- Never say "yes" without letting something else go







#### Confidential Life Balance Solutions at No Cost To You

#### Counseling

Set of freeface-to-face, phone, video or chatsessions per issue per 12 months

- Difficulty with relationships
- Emotional distress
- Job Stress
- · Communication/conflict
- · Substance use
- Grief

#### Parent Coachina Set of 3 phone sessions per year

- · Child development & behavior
- Social anxiety
- Excess screen time
- · Supplemental to counseling

#### **Family Care**

#### Resources for all stages of life: Parenting & Childcare

- · Childcare resources & referrals
- · Parent coaching
- Tutors, mentors, programs for children with special needs
- Teens, college and beyond

- · Meals-on-Wheels
- · Alzheimer's education • In-home, sub-acute, rehab care

#### Legal & Financial

#### Legal Referrals

- · Immigration
- Family law
- Estate plannina

#### Wills & trust

#### Financial Consultations

- Money management
- · Debt consolidation
- Investment basics
- Income taxes

#### ID theft resolution

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#### **Benefits**

Your employer cares about you as an employee and as a person who lives a life outside the workplace. We at Concern understand how balancing these roles can make your life a juggling act in:

- Balancing work, home, and leisure
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- Dealing with the stress of modern
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- · Evidence-based
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- · New skills

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- It can be accessed via the Concern Website: employees.concernhealth.com, or
- You can download and access via your mobile phone.

# Thank you!

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