Psychological First Aid for Healthcare Workers

### About the Presenter

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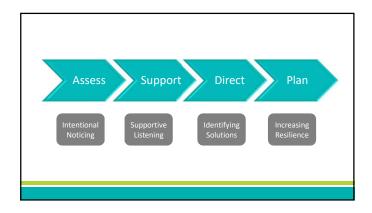
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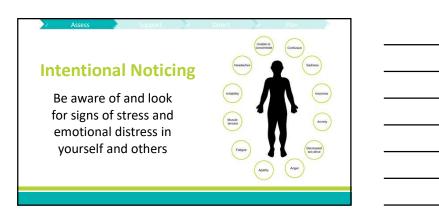
47% of Canadian health-care workers reported needing increased psychological support as a result of the impact of COVID-19



Burnout	<ul> <li>A state of emotional, physical, and mental exhaustion caused by excessive and prolonged stress</li> </ul>
Compassion Fatigue	<ul> <li>Profound emotional and physical exhaustion that health-care workers can develop over the course of their career when they are unable to refuel and regenerate</li> </ul>
Vicarious Trauma	<ul> <li>Indirect exposure to a traumatic event through first- hand account or narrative of that event leading to a profound shift in the world view of the helper</li> </ul>







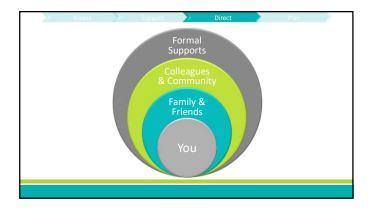


#### Give time to talk

• Be patient

- Listen actively
- Ask questions
- Don't rush, allow for silence
- Validate feelings and concerns















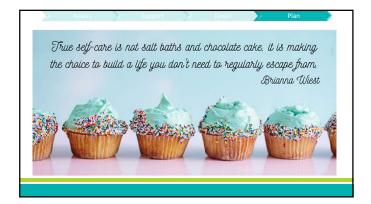
## **Increasing Resilience**

Self-care is a professional obligation for frontline workers in order for them to provide good quality care to others.



Slow down between tasks Take pride in your work Take breaks Connect with coworkers Remember the good Transition





# **Resources for Resilience**

Apps 10 Percent Happier Breethe Meditation Insight Timer

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