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Brief Interventions for Youth Mental Health Issues - Concurrent Workshop

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Start 4:30pm

Duration: 60mins

Van Gogh



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Mental Health related to Adolescent Development

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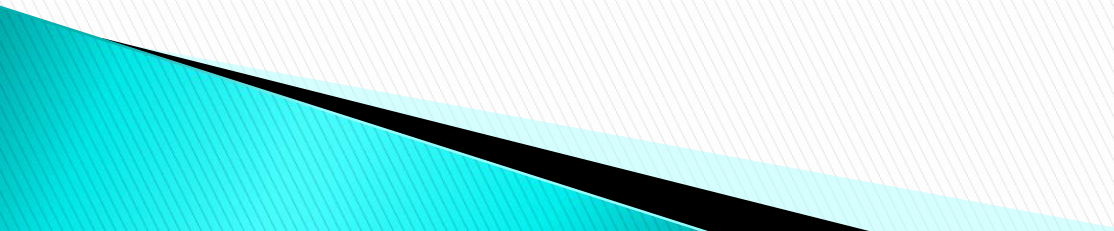


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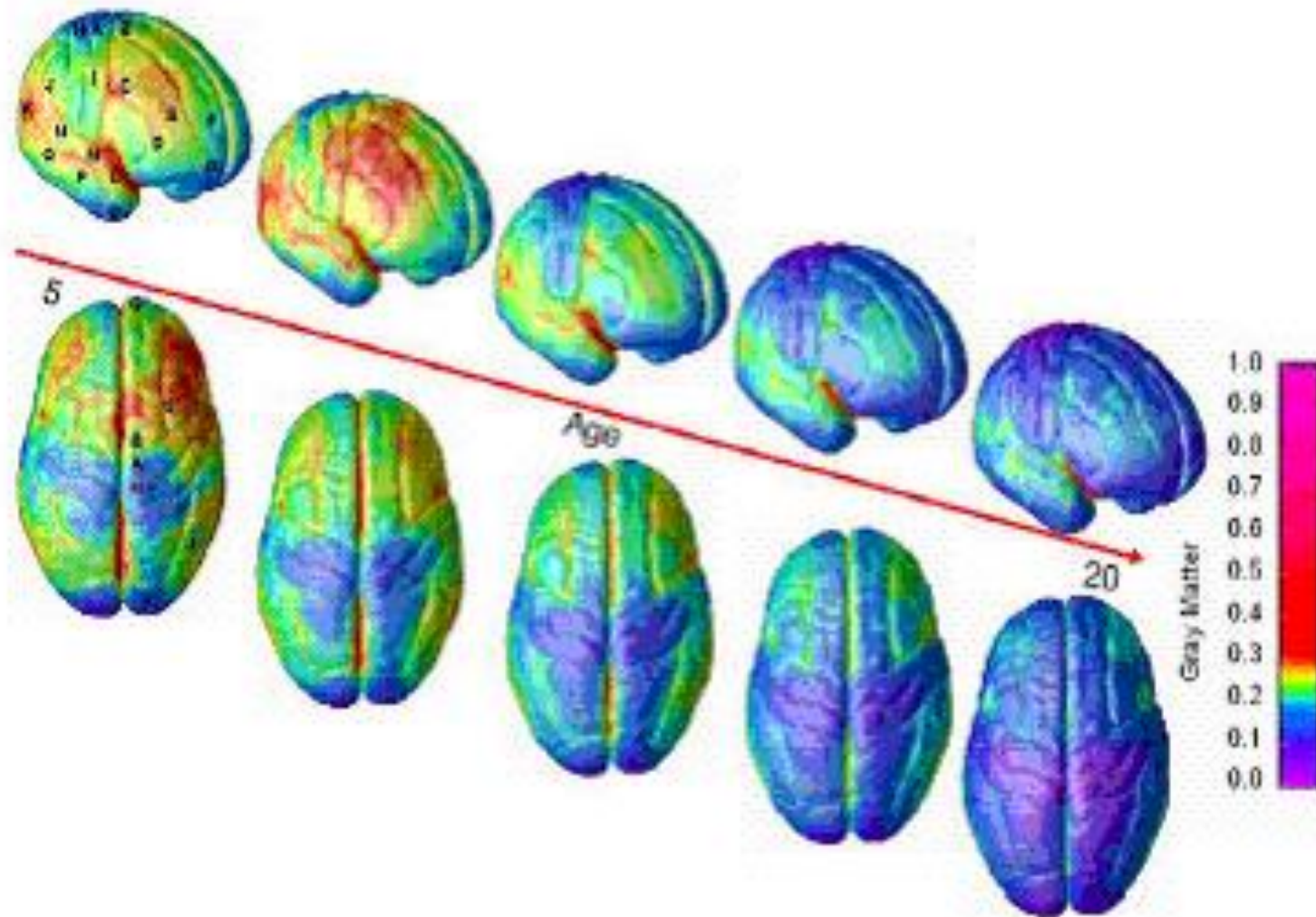
Child? Youth? Adult?



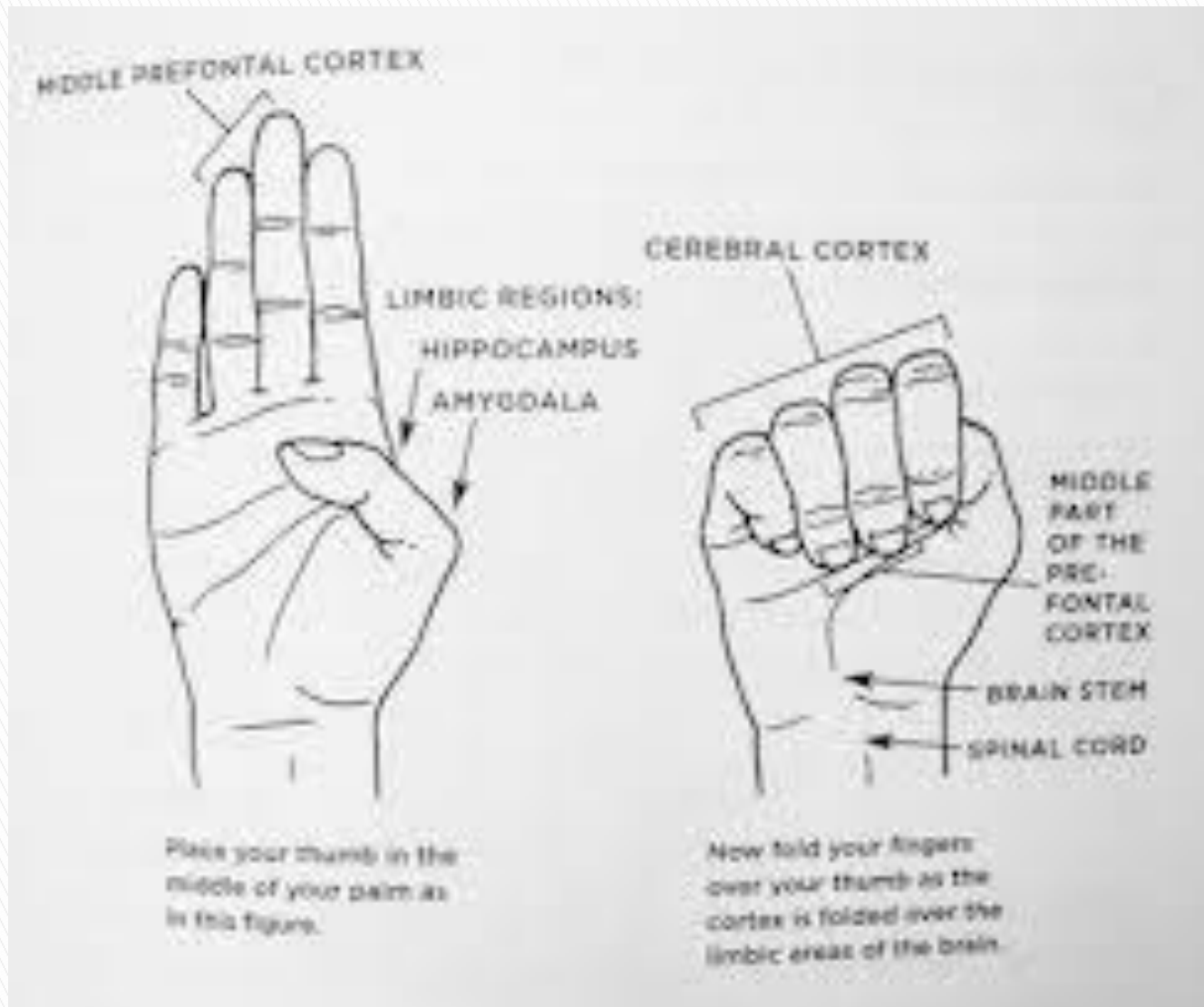
What do you find Challenging?



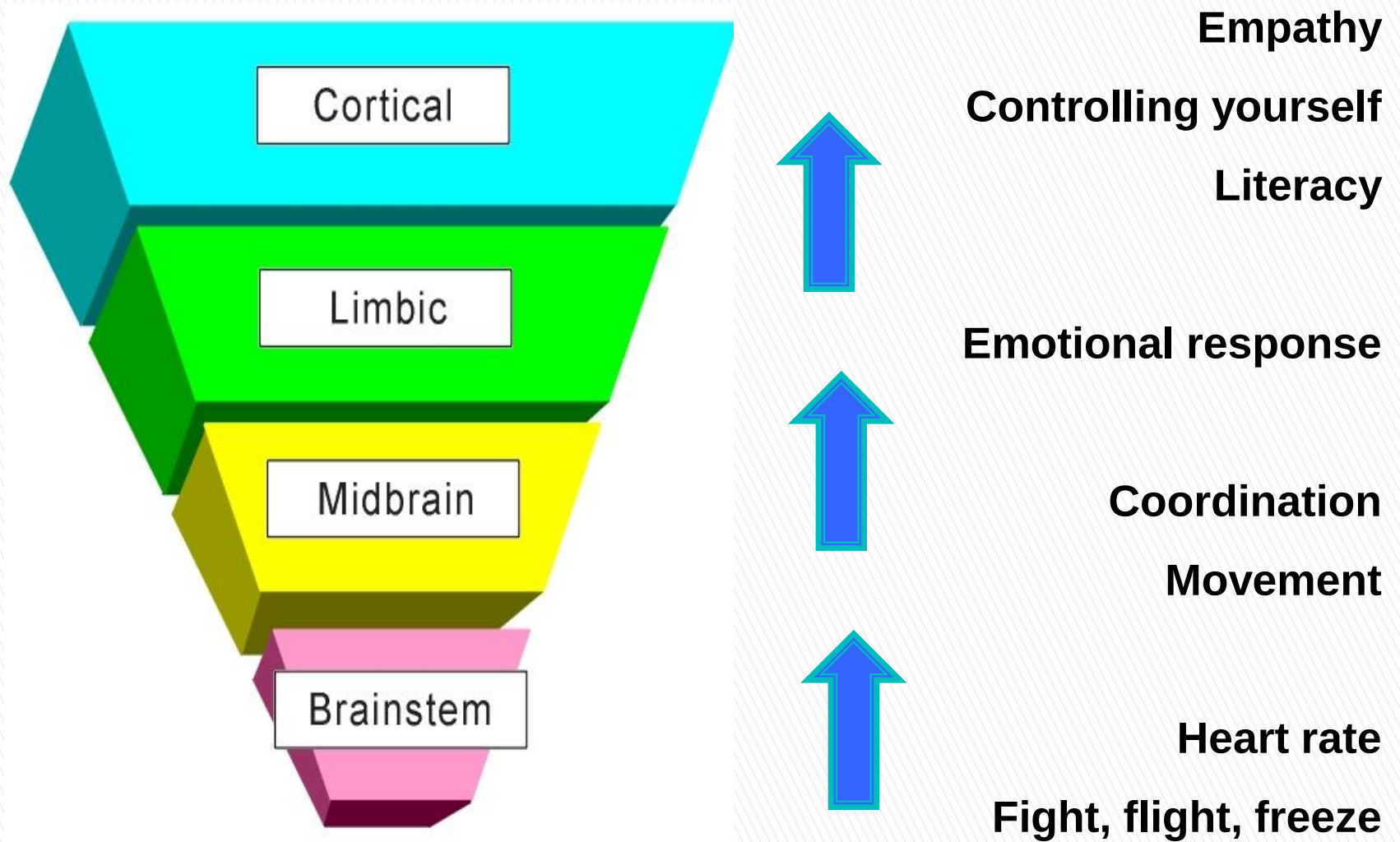
Red = Grey matter



Mindsight by Daniel Siegel



Perry's Neurosequential Model



Perry, B.D. (2002). *Brain Structure and Function I: Basics of Organisation*.
Adapted in part from "Maltreated Children: Experience, Brain Development and the Next Generation (W.W. Norton & Company).

Challenges in Brain Development

- ▶ Dopamine
- ▶ Frontal lobe Connection
- ▶ GABA
- ▶ Overload of Oxytocin
- ▶ Sex Hormones
- ▶ Mismatch of different bits developing at different times



Teens think with their Amygdala

- ▶ Sensing emotions
- ▶ Fear
- ▶ Threat
- ▶ Danger

Cognitive Development

- ▶ Future
- ▶ Abstract
- ▶ complexity

Self harming and Suicidal Behaviours in Young People at School in NZ

	Description	Frequency in young people at NZ secondary schools *2012 (2007)		Frequency in young people at NZ alternative education 2009	
Self Harm	Cutting, scratching, burning Often function is to manage difficult emotions and seek support with no intent to die	Male	18% (29%)	Male	28%
		Female	16% (26%)	Female	56%
Suicidal Ideation	Thoughts about suicide and wanting to die–will vary in detail, frequency and intensity	Male	10% (9%)	Male	13%
		Female	21% (19%)	Female	44%
Suicide Attempt	Actions taken towards suicide Will vary in intent and lethality	Male	2% (3%)	Male	11%
		Female	6% (11%)	Female	34%

Difference between Self Harming and Suicidal acts

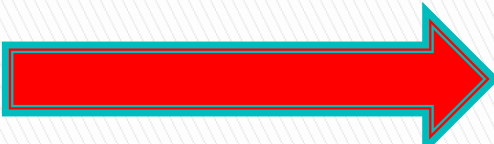
Suicidal Acts	Self Harming Acts
To end unbearable pain To die	To relieve emotional distress To live and feel better
Low frequency, single method Thought by the person to be lethal	Chronic, high frequency of occurrence and multiple methods Thought by person to be low lethality (cutting, burning etc)
Attempts elicit reactions of care, compassion and concern	Self injury often elicits disgust, fear and hostility

Why self harm?

when a young person self harms their intent or purpose is not to die

Intent, purpose or function.....

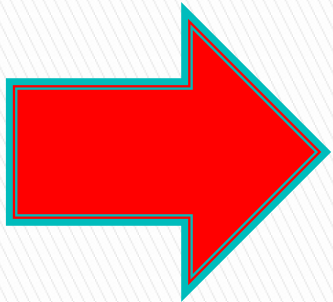
- ▶ to manage difficult emotions such as tension, anger, anxiety and sadness
- to help feel calm and get a sense of release or relief
- to punish themselves/manage self directed anger
- to feel something when they otherwise feel numb
- to access support, seek help or attention
- for excitement/exhilaration—to be part of a peer group

 ***COPING*** strategy

Why suicidal behaviours?

Emotional pain that they:

- can't stand
- can't see ending
- can't see a way to solve



Suicidal behaviour becomes a **problem solving** strategy

a 'permanent' solution to a 'temporary' problem

Red Flags for Suicide

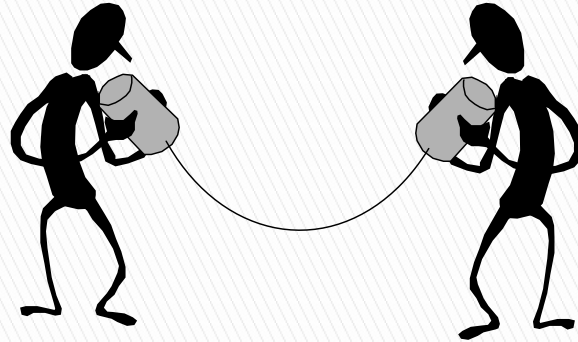
Risk Factors

- Previous Suicide Attempt
- History of a Prior or Ongoing Psychiatric Disorder
- History of Sexual or Physical Abuse
- History or Exposure to Violent Behaviour
- Family History of Suicidal Behaviour or Mood Disorders
- Biological Factors, Including Male Sex and Gay or Lesbian Sexual Orientation

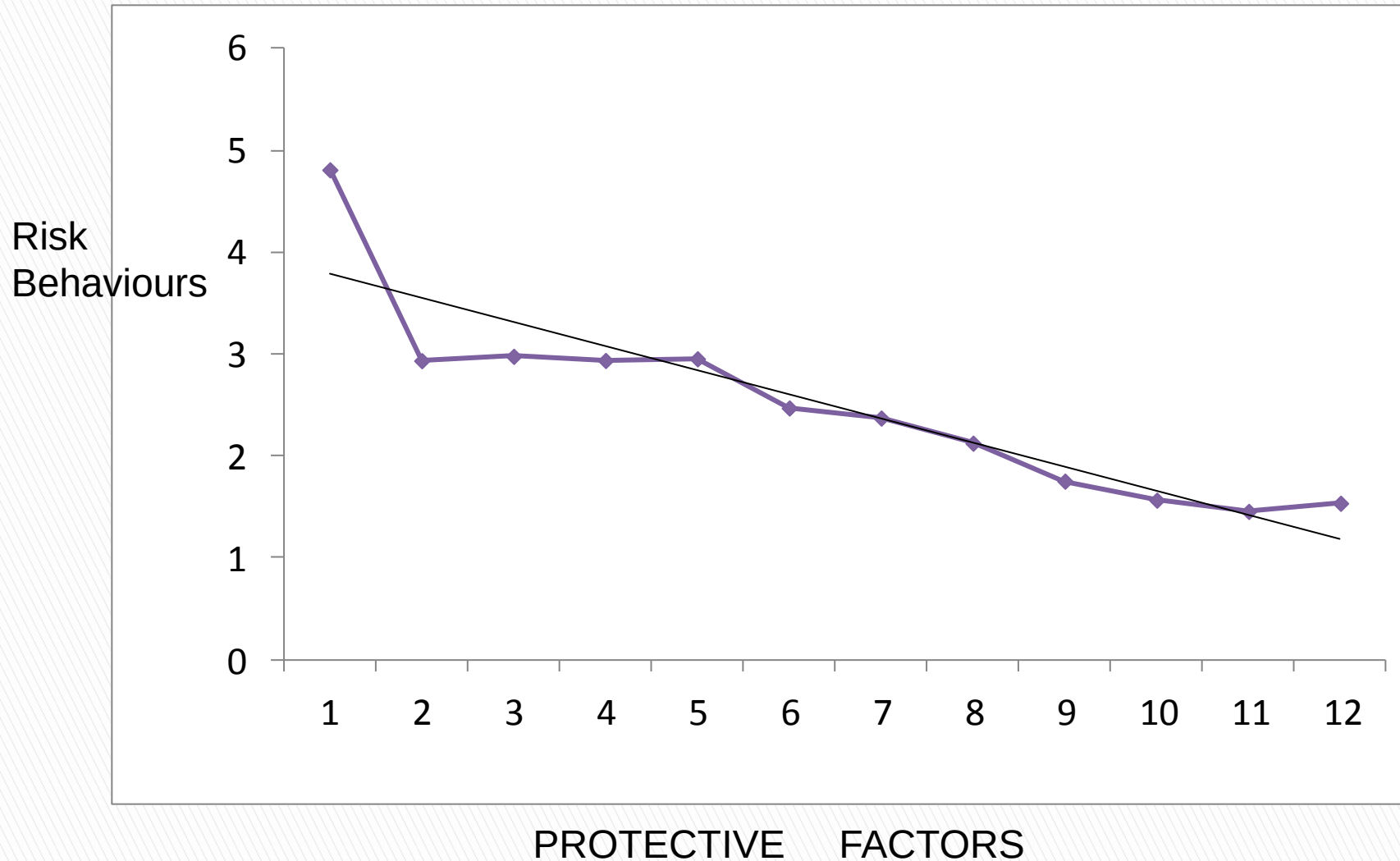
Precipitating Factors

- Substance abuse
- Access to firearms or other means
- Social stress, such as interpersonal conflicts with friends, family, or law enforcement
- Emotional factors, such as feelings of despair or hopelessness

What approach helps?



Protective factors are associated with fewer health risk behaviours



Prediction of suicide attempt

males

- 3 risk, 0 protective: 20%
- 3 risk, 3 protective: 4%
- 0 risk, 3 protective: <1%

females

- 3 risk, 0 protective: 30%
- 3 risk, 3 protective: 8%
- 0 risk, 3 protective: <1%



Look through the
mask



Be all ears



Give it time

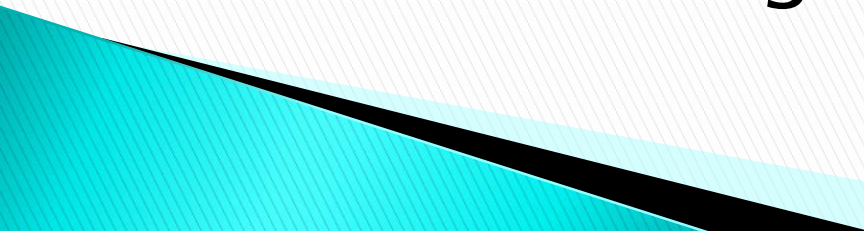


**How does knowing about brain
development impact on your
consultation**

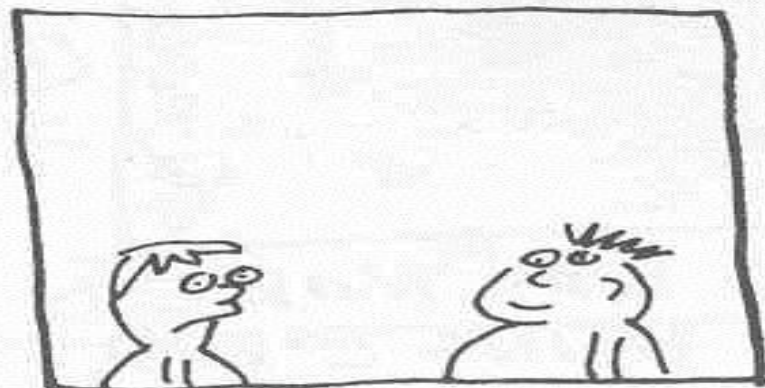
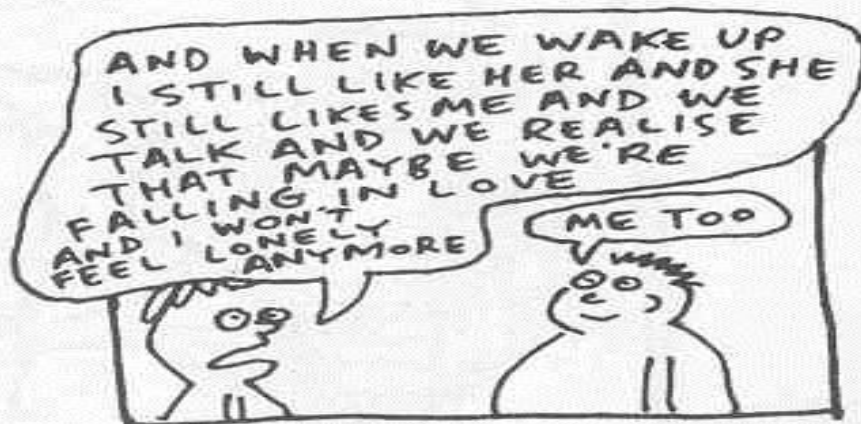
Communication Skills

- Listen
- Avoid the glazed look
- Ask for descriptions rather than opinions
- Look for strengths/protective factors to grow
- Risk behaviours
- At risk/vulnerability factors
- Support whanau

List from young people

- ▶ Speak English,
 - ▶ Explain – pictures and diagrams
 - ▶ don't assume
 - ▶ Remember agreement doesn't mean understanding
 - ▶ Confidentiality
 - ▶ Acceptance
 - ▶ Knowing about context
 - ▶ Development
 - ▶ Parental influence
 - ▶ Risk (vulnerability), Protection (resilience)
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BEFORE THE PARTY...





Brief interventions for Youth Mental Health Issues

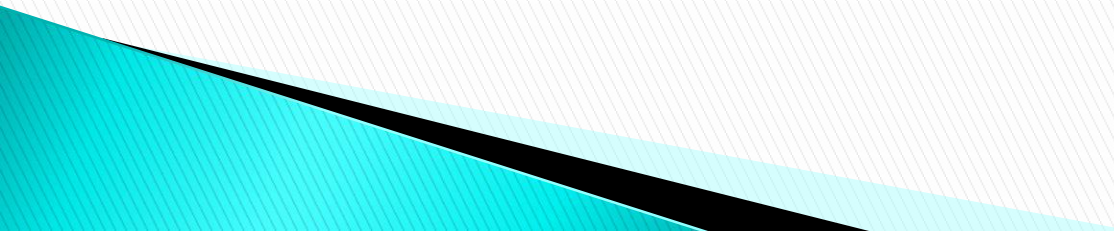
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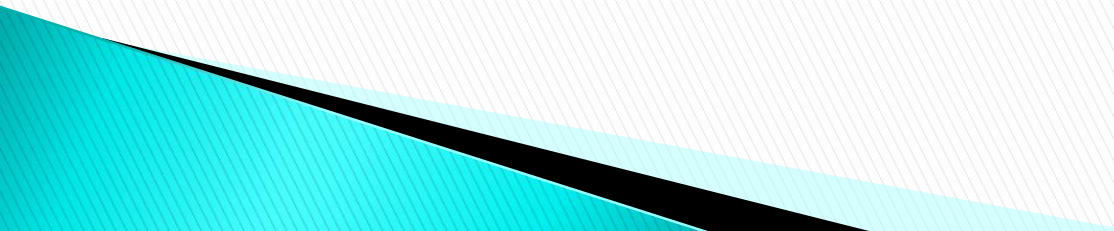
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What do you find Challenging?



Common Issues

- ▶ Depression
 - ▶ Mood control
 - ▶ Anxiety
 - ▶ Sexual behaviour
 - ▶ Substance use/abuse
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The 4 E's

Expression

Eating

Exercise

Energy

A Useful Tool

HEADSS

- ▶ Home
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Eating
- ▶ Exercise
- ▶ Activities
- ▶ Drugs
- ▶ Sexuality
- ▶ Suicide/ Mental Health
- ▶ Spirituality/Culture
- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Strengths

Berman, Goldenring and
Cohen

CBT for Idiots

▶ Vicious Circle

- ▶ Thoughts
- ▶ Feelings
- ▶ Doing
- ▶ Other People

▶ Victorious Circle

Stress Reduction Kit

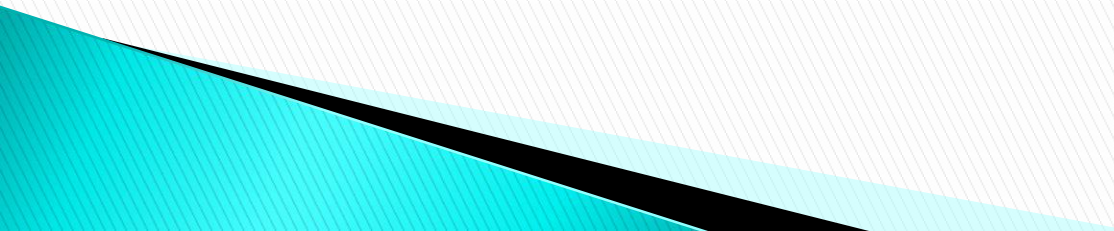


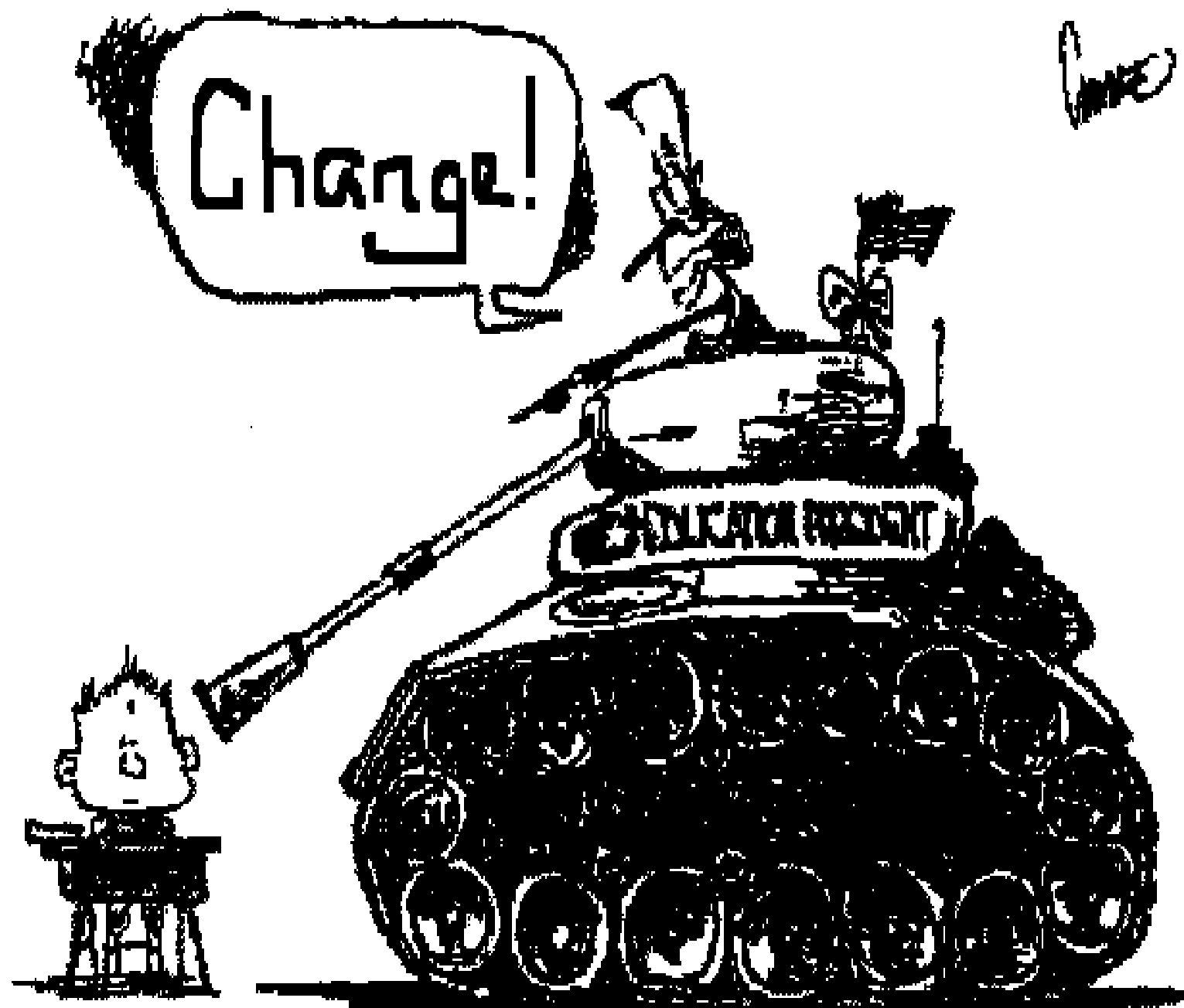
Directions:

1. Place kit on FIRM surface.
2. Follow directions in circle of kit.
3. Repeat step 2 as necessary, or until unconscious.
4. If unconscious, cease stress reduction activity.

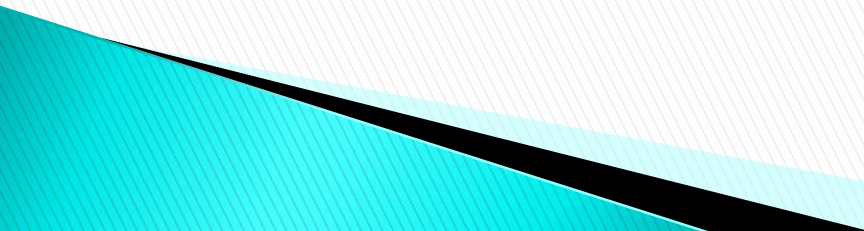
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Anxiety

- ▶ Flight Fight or Freeze – cavemen
 - ▶ Narrative style
 - ▶ Charlie
 - ▶ Solution focus
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“So.... I don’t give a stuff”

- ◉ The problem (in the clinician’s eyes) may be a solution for the young person
 - ◉ What is important to the young person
 - ◉ Motivational interviewing strategies
 - Precontemplation
 - Contemplation
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NEWS: SURVEY REVEALS 27%
OF TEENAGERS CLAIM TO
HAVE RIDDEN WITH A DRUNK
DRIVER IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS.

SO WHY DIDN'T
YOU GET OUT
OF HIS CAR?

COS HE MIGHT'VE
STOPPED ME GOING
TO THE SCHOOL BALL
AND CUT OFF
MY ALLOWANCE!



TREMAIN



MI Theory (Rollnick and Miller)

- ▶ Carol Rogers – Person Centred
- ▶ Ambivalence
- ▶ Change talk
- ▶ Strength of Desire
- ▶ Resistance
- ▶ Accurate empathy
- ▶ Reflection

Desire
Ability
Reasons
Need



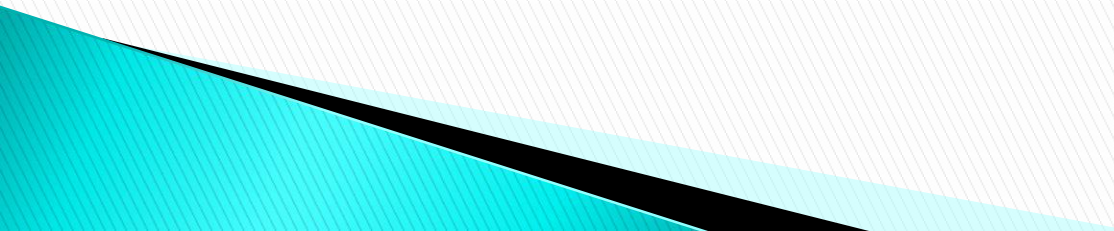
Commitment



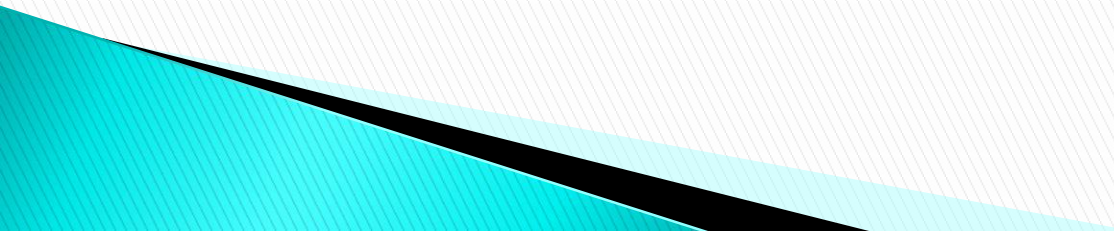
Change

Motivational Interviewing

▶ BEARDS

- ▶ Bite your tongue
 - ▶ Express Empathy
 - ▶ Avoid argumentation
 - ▶ Roll with resistance
 - ▶ Deploy discrepancy
 - ▶ Support self efficacy
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Resistance

- ▶ Is a communication!
 - ▶ – not on the right track... so ask another Question, or go back to problem-free talk
 - ▶ Learn to roll with it
 - ▶ May be specific to one particular thing
 - ▶ Reflection and non-resistance responses required
 - ▶ Externalise (the problem is THE problem, not YP)
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Practice

- ▶ Present –
- ▶ 15 year old girl with Mum
- ▶ Tired all the time
- ▶ Nausea

- ▶ Discover–
- ▶ Pressures
- ▶ Self harm

- ▶ Present –
- ▶ 22 year old boy wants WINZ certificate

- ▶ Discover–
- ▶ Down
- ▶ using cannabis

Take-aways.....



- ▶ Know it doesn't have to take *a lot* of time
- ▶ Know what's in your area to support youth
- ▶ Use of E-therapies?
www.moodgym.anu.edu.au
www.lowdown.co.nz
SPARX

Alcohol and Other Drugs

CRAFTS

- Car – driven with driver drunk or high
- Relax – use to relax, fit in, feel better
- Alone – use by yourself
- Forget – forget what you did when using
- Family and Friends – tell you to cut down use
- Trouble – gotten in to trouble while using
- Stagger

A score of 2 is considered a positive screen

