# Overview of Motivational Interviewing

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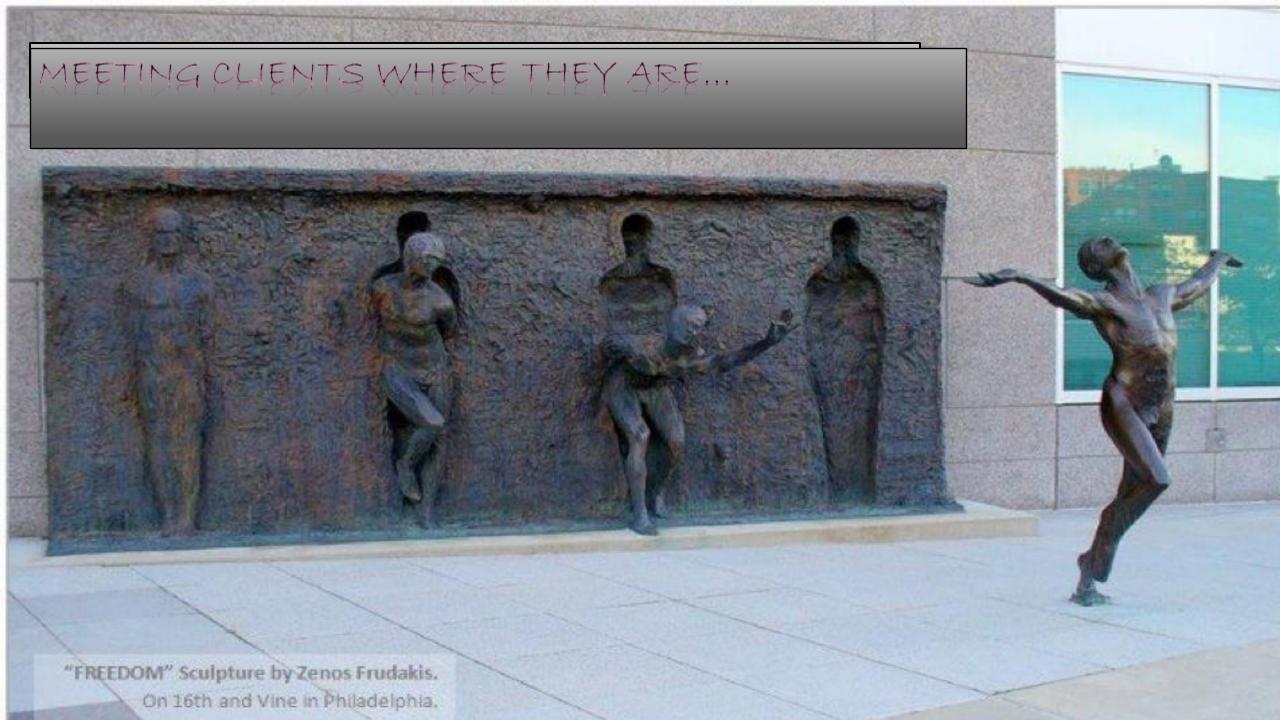
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"If you treat an individual as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become who he ought to be and could be."

~ Goethe





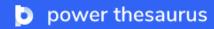
# Motivational Interviewing

- Motivational interviewing is a collaborative, goal-oriented method of communication with particular attention to the language of change.
- ▶ It is designed to strengthen an individual's motivation for and movement toward a specific goal by eliciting and exploring the person's own arguments for change.
- ▶ In the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, some substantial changes were made. 4<sup>th</sup> edition coming.
  - ▶ Four Processes added for in-session and cross-session structure.
  - No longer using Rolling with Resistance
  - Added to change talk framework and categories

### Ambivalence

- Feeling two ways about change
- Ambivalence is a normal component of change
- ▶ It does not mean that someone does not have motivation to change
- Acknowledge and protect the side that doesn't want to change
- Explore pros and cons of change
- Specifics are unique to each person so avoid assumptions





#### Synonyms for Ambivalence

uncertainty

indecision

irresolution

ambiguity

doubt

# RELATIONSHIP **GAME CHANGER**... ALLOWING TWO **TRUTHS**TO **CO-EXIST**:

- We can have hard conversations AND stay safe for each other.
- We can enjoy spending time together AND want alone time.
- We can be upset AND still be kind.
- We can be busy & stressed AND make time for each other.
- We can be sexually attracted AND not want to have sex daily.
- We can be sexually content AND still want to pursue more sex.
- We can appreciate their efforts AND express an unmet need.
- We can go through a rough patch AND not give up on each other.
- We can feel triggered AND remain calm in expressing the trigger.
- We can appreciate they are doing their best AND request change.
- We can love each other deeply AND still get annoyed.

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## Unstoppable by Sia

All smiles, I know what it takes to fool this town I'll do it 'til the sun goes down And all through the nighttime Oh, yeah Oh, yeah, I'll tell you what you wanna hear Leave my sunglasses on while I shed a tear It's never the right time Yeah, yeah I put my armor on, show you how strong I am I put my armor on, I'll show you that I am



## Thinking About Change

- On the post-it note, please write down something you are personally thinking about changing but something you haven't done already. You feel some ambivalence. Should be real and current.
- Must be willing to discuss this with a peer.
- You control what you disclose.



#### Core Skills: OARS

#### Open Questions

- Clients should do most of the talking
- Follow question/response with a reflection
- Use at least 2-3 reflections for every question

#### Affirmation

Focus on client strengths, efforts, values, what impresses you about them

#### Reflective Listening

Reflect client's perspectives, thoughts, feelings, experiences

#### Summarize

Capture essence, link topics, transition conversation

► Tell me a little about what you are ambivalent about or thinking of changing.

Listen, summarize what was said. Then ask:

▶ What changes in particular might you make in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Reflect back their response.

▶ Why might you want to make this change? or Why is this change important to you?

► Reflect their response: You want to make this change because or This change is important to you because.

▶ Then ask them to say a little more about it.

▶ Reflect their response.

- ▶ What are the most important reasons for you to possibly do it?
  - ▶ Reflect the reasons, ask for more details about the reasons.
  - ▶ Reflect new information.

#### Ask

- ▶ If you did decide to make this change, how might you go about it?
  - ▶ Reflect their response, asking for additional details.
  - ▶ Reflect any new information

Offer a brief summary of what your peer shared with you.

Then ask:

So what might you do?

► Reflect response accurately - even if there is ambivalence or a lean to stay with the status quo

## Debrief



## Unstoppable by Sia

- Break down, only alone I will cry out loud You'll never see what's hiding out Hiding out deep down Yeah, yeah I know, I've heard that to let your feelings show Is the only way to make friendships grow But I'm too afraid now Yeah, yeah
- I put my armor on, show you how strong I am I put my armor on, I'll show you that I am

- I'm unstoppable
  I'm a Porsche with no brakes
  I'm invincible
  Yeah, I win every single game
  I'm so powerful
  I don't need batteries to play
  I'm so confident
  Yeah, I'm unstoppable today
- Unstoppable today
  Unstoppable today
  Unstoppable today
  I'm unstoppable today
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  Unstoppable today
  I'm unstoppable today



### Building Motivation to Change

#### **Change Talk**

- The client's own stated reasons to possibly make a change.
- Any statement that indicates the client is moving toward change.
- Goal: The client, not the helper, presents the arguments for change.
- Exploring the importance of change and one's confidence to change increases motivation to change.
- Our task is to recognize, elicit and build upon the change talk.

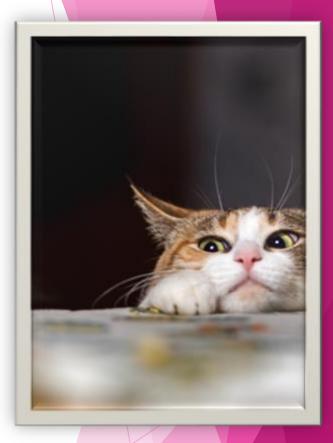
## Recognizing Change Talk: DARN-CATs

#### DARN

- Desire: "I want to change ..."
- Ability: "I can change if I decide to ..."
- Reasons: "I am thinking about changing because ."
- Need: "I *must* change because ..."

#### CATS

- Commitment: "I am determined to change ..."
- Activation: "I am getting ready to change ..."
- Taking Steps: "I am doing ..."



#### Evoking: Building Motivation to Change

- A process of calling forth and building upon a person's intrinsic motivation to grow and change. It is intended to help the person resolve ambivalence in the direction of positive change.
- People tend to become committed to what they hear themselves saying. People can talk themselves into or out of changing.
- An equal mix or predominance of sustain talk is associated with maintaining the status quo.
- A predominance of change talk predicts behavior change.

## Importance and Confidence in Change Process

- ► Readiness= Importance + Confidence
- ► Importance = Desire, Reasons and Need
- Confidence = Ability (self-efficacy)



## Wrap-up



finish, rundown, recap, ending,
close, end, conclusion, summary,
 consummation, summing-up



■ Thesaurus.plus

## **Key Take Aways**

Something I learned or relearned:

Something I was surprised by:



Something I can definitely incorporate into what I already do:

#### Resources

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