



**12 Communication Roadblocks** 

(Thomas Gordon)

- 1. Ordering, directing
- 2. Warning, threatening
- 3. Giving advice, making suggestions, providing solutions
- 4. Persuading with logic, arguing, lecturing
- 5. Moralizing, preaching
- 6. Judging, criticizing, blaming

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- 7. Agreeing, approving, praising
- 8. Shaming, ridiculing, name calling
- 9. Interpreting, analyzing
- 10. Reasoning, sympathizing
- 11. Questioning, probing
- 12. Withdrawing, distracting, humoring, changing the subject





### Primary Goals of MI:

- Reduce/Minimize resistance
- · Resolve ambivalence
- Elicit "change talk" and move towards goals/values/behavior change

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### 300+ Studies on MI Effectiveness

A systematic review that included 72 studies found that motivational interviewing outperformed traditional advice giving in 80% of studies.

"Providers who know how to effectively deal with resistance and ambivalence have adherence rates 5x higher than <a href="information giving">information giving</a>."

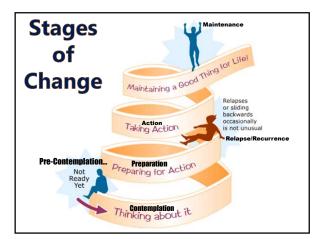
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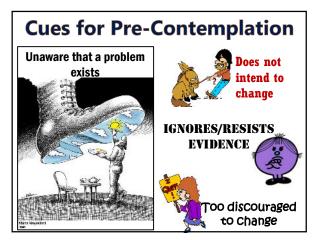


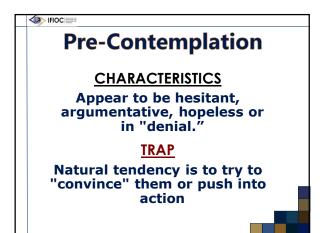
"He who would learn to fly one day must first learn to stand and walk and run and climb and dance; one cannot fly into flying." Friedrich Nietzsch

- Most change does not occur overnight
- People resist being pushed to change
- Contextual: H.A.L.T.

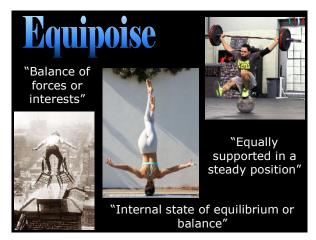
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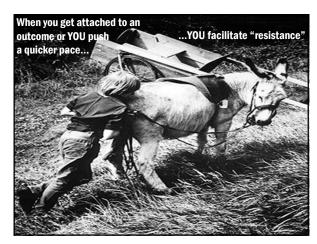




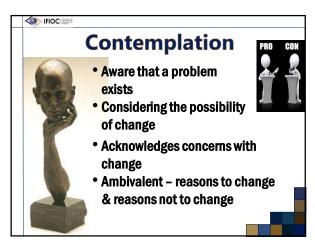












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- Plan for change relatively soon (aiming within a month)
- Examining strengths & resources
- Setting goals and making commitments
- Commitment strengthen



### **Action**

- · Actively modifying...
  - Behaviors
  - Emotions
  - Surroundings
    - ...in specific ways
- Working on the actual target behavior

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# Maintenance (takes minimum 6 mo Action – up to 2 yrs Action)

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit."

- \* Achieved goal and sustaining the gains
- Continuing healthy strategies
- Maintaining focus
- Pursuing new goals









# Relapse/Recycle:

- Total behavior change in the beginning is rare
- People backslide, even those serious about behavior change
- Triggers exist for all of us (HALT)
- Intensity of this stage is MAJOR indicator of who's most invested

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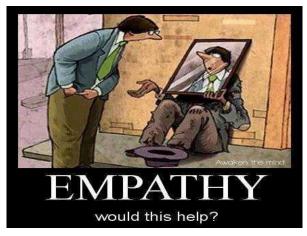


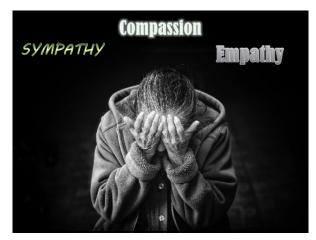
# **Stages of Change Model**

- Normal to move back and forth through stages
- Time in any stage may be transient (lasting for moments, minutes, days, weeks...)

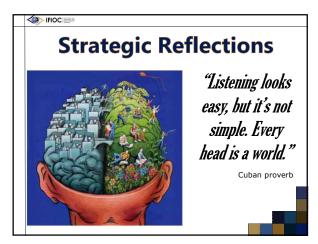


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- Verbalizing who they are and what they are about

  - "You..."
    "It's..."
    "So..."
- Inferences and implications regarding what he/she feels, wants, and seeks for goals
- Step inside their reality



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### **Reduces RESISTANCE...**

- Seeking to understand their ideas
- Gets their thoughts out of their head



- Helps clarify unspoken feelings
- NOT a matter if we are right or wrong

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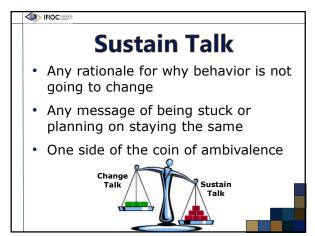
People are often more persuaded by what they hear themselves say than by what other people tell them.

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- · Focusing attention outside of self
- Any message that someone or something else is the problem
- Making it personal towards you
- 'Fight' or 'Blame' talk



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### Resistance vs. Sustain

### RESISTANCE Talk

- ✓ Focusing outside self
- ✓ Relationally oriented
- √ Fight Talk
- ✓ Lightning Rod language
- ✓ Making it personal

#### **RESPONSE:**

Empathic Reflection "You feel..."

### **SUSTAIN Talk**

- √ Focusing internally
- √ Staying the same
- √ Stuck talk
- ✓ Status quo
- ✓ About his/her behavior
- ✓ Natural w/ ambivalence

#### **RESPONSE:**

Rescue change talk "You want..."

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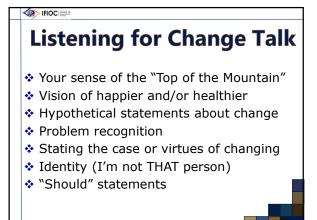


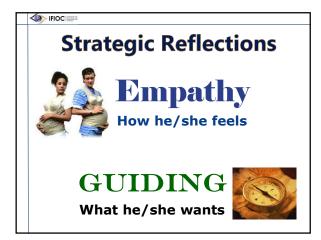
- Change talk is speech that favors the direction of the change
- Natural with ambivalence opposite side of Sustain Talk
- What the client really wants... underlying goals &/or values

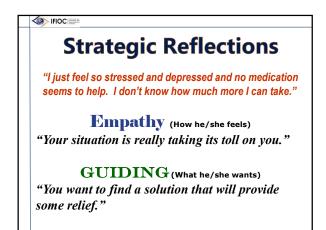
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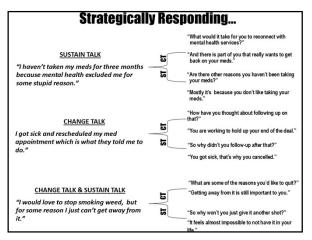


















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- **▶** Guiding
- ▶ Expressing Empathy
- **▶** Partnering
- **Evoking**



### **Supporting Autonomy & Activation**

- Encourages and supports the client's autonomy and freedom to choose.
- Engages and affirms the client's self-efficacy and personal agency.
- Works from an assumption that individuals have an innate desire and capacity for evolution and growth.
- Operates from a strength-based approach that elucidates and supports the actuation of the client's goals, values, and choices.

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### Guiding

 Navigate the conversation towards the goal of the referral, presenting problem, target behavior, or topic of concern.

"The client is the captain whose ship may be stuck, off course, struggling to maintain a course, or have no specified course. The client provides information, feedback and insights while the practitioner helps determine, chart, correct, and maintain a clear course by skillfully navigating the conversation towards a path of insight/solution/resolution."

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# **Expressing Empathy**

- Actively listen without judgment.
- Grasp the client's thoughts, feelings, experiences, and perspective.
- Conveys that understanding to the client.
- Includes reflective listening, validating the client's reality.
- Works to understand the client's inner experience and effectively communicate that to the client.





## **Partnering**

- Fosters a collaborative process with the client.
- Functions as one of two equal partners who are working together towards the client's goals.
- Encourages shared balance of power, wherein the client is the acknowledged expert regarding his life.
- Provides relevant and appropriately timed observations, knowledge, insights, and expertise that supports and advances client outcomes.

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# **Evoking**

- Elicits the client's perspective on his own thoughts, barriers, knowledge, feelings, ideas, motivators, goals, values, and solutions regarding the target behavior and change.
- Operates both from a place of genuine curiosity and from a belief that the motivation for change and the ability to change exists within the client.
- Focuses efforts to skillfully elicit, explore, and expand those client perspectives.

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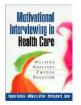
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Motivational Interviewing, Third Edition: Helping People for Change by William Miller & Stephen Rollnick



Motivational Interviewing in the Treatment of Psychological Problems by William Miller, Stephen Rollnick, Hal Arkowitz, & Henny Westra



Motivational Interviewing in Health Care: Helping Patients Change Behavior by William Miller, Stephen Rollnick, & Christopher Butler

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How To Do Motivational Interviewing by Bill Matulich



Finding Your Way to Change by Allan Zuckoff

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