

## Feed Your Brain Series Workshop #3: Stress in Your Workplace

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## Welcome to the webinar Feed Your Brain Series Workshop #3: Stress in Your Workplace

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- Please note the 'CHAT BOX' to the right of the screen and feel free to type in your questions at any time during the presentation.
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- IMPACTS AT WORK?
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## **STRESS: WHAT IS IT?**

- Stress is a physical or mental tension caused by various life circumstances, we call stressors.
- Humans actually need a certain amount of stress in their lives to survive and thrive. The trick is finding the right balance.

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## WHAT HAPPENS TO US WHEN WE EXPERIENCE STRESS?

- THE BODY'S RESPONSE OUR STRESS REACTION
- THE STRESS HORMONES
- WHAT DOES ALL THIS DO?

## SO...IS STRESS GOOD OR BAD? IT'S BOTH!

#### ACUTE

- The Good
- Purpose
- Stress = Surviving

#### CHRONIC

- The Bad
- Consequences
- Stress = Daily Struggles





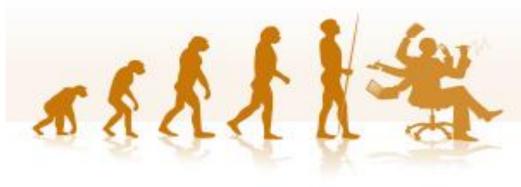


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## **EVOLUTION AND STRESS**

Let's talk about the evolution of stress(ors)!

- What Has Changed? Why is Stress such a hot topic?
- The Human Response The Nervous System
- Stressors The Evolution



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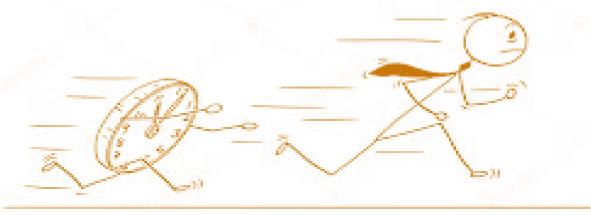
## WHAT CAUSES US STRESS? IT DEPENDS!

- Generational Impacts Let's Talk: Generation Stress!
- Statistics: 23% of Canadians report their days as being quite or extremely stressful
- 90% of young adults say they are stressed out



# WHAT FACTORS INTO OUR STRESSORS?

- We know that STRESSORS are what cause us stress, but what are some other factors to consider?
  - Situational
  - Cultural
  - Environment
  - Expectations
  - Feelings



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## **Impacts at Work**

At work, Stress may contribute up to:

- 19% of absenteeism
- COSTS
  - 40% of turnover costs
  - 55% of EAP costs
  - 10% of drug plan costs
  - 78% of short term disability claims
  - 67% of long term disability claims
- 60% workplace safety incidents
- Workplace stress and the WSIB
- Conflict and Productivity
- How else can it affect your team?

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## **STOP SURVIVING....START THRIVING!**

- 10) EXERCISE
- 9) RELAX YOUR MUSCLES
- 8) DEEP BREATHING
- 7) EAT WELL
- 6) SLOW DOWN!
- 5) TAKE A BREAK
- 4) MAKE TIME FOR HOBBIES
- 3) TALK ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS
- 2) GO EASY ON YOURSELF
- 1) KNOW YOUR TRIGGERS ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THEM

## **TAKE AWAYS**

- WE ONLY HAVE ONE STRESS REACTION
- UNDERSTAND YOUR STRESSORS
- KNOW YOUR RESOURCES
- CREATE AWARENESS
- MAKE A CHANGE AND ENCOURAGE CHANGE AT WORK AND AT HOME

## **RESULTS – STRESS TEST**

#### 1-30 STRESS MASTER

You are doing a great job managing your stress. Congratulations! Coaching may help you achieve even higher levels of performance.

#### • 31-50 LEARNING

You are managing stress to a considerable extent. There is still room for improvement. You will benefit from better understanding your triggers and learning new strategies to manage your stress. Consider coaching to help you further develop your skills and learn new strategies.

#### 51-100 RED ALERT!

Things may be spinning out of control. You need to change certain behaviors and learn new skills; don't be afraid to seek help from resources that are available to you.

## QUESTIONS

## **Resource information**

- <u>StressAssess free online survey tool, smartphone app</u> Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW)
- <u>Taking Action on Workplace Stress Infographic</u> Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)
- <u>Training courses</u> Workplace Safety North (WSN)





Thank you for attending today and helping make workplaces safer.

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