

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Distress Tolerance During the Holidays

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The holidays can be a stressful time for everyone. Whether it be work to catch up on, seeing family you don't get along with or having to deal with the never ending to-do list. When we feel overwhelmed and stressed, sometimes we can end up having a crisis. A crisis is described as a period of time where someone experiences intense emotions (anxious, stressed, sad, overwhelmed, worried, etc.) to the point where thoughts begin to spiral downwards. A crisis is short lived and can fee that it goes on for a long period of time. Here are some ways to distract yourself during a crisis in a healthy way:

A-ACTIVITIES

Find some activities you enjoy to distract yourself. This could be walking the dog, baking cookies, journaling, reading a book, going to the mall.

C-COMPARISON

Think of times you handled a situation well and compare it to the current time. Think of ways you handled a past crisis and follow the steps again.

C-CONTRIBUTE

Think of ways to contribute to family, friends or the community. This could be volunteering at the animal shelter, helping a loved one with homework, helping someone with their chores.

E-EMOTIONS

Identify the emotions you are feeling in a crisis and find things that can help bring out other emotions. This could be watching a funny video, watching a funny movie, watching a comforting TV show, watching animal videos, looking up jokes on the internet

P-PUSHING AWAY

Sometimes we need a break from our emotions. Push away the emotions and thoughts until you are in a place where you can deal with the situation in a healthy way. Make sure you always come back to dealing with the situation that put you in a crisis in the first place or else this becomes avoidance.

T-THOUGHTS

Find things to distract your thoughts. This can be a puzzle, reading, Sudoku, crossword puzzles, word searches, etc.

S-SENSATIONS

Find things that bring comfort to your 5 senses. Smell essential oils, listening to rain falling, feel a soft blanket, eat something sour to help ground yourself.

These are some strategies to help bring you from a level 10 crisis down to a manageable level to help deal with the situation you are experiencing. The holidays can be difficult and remember,

You can do hard things!!

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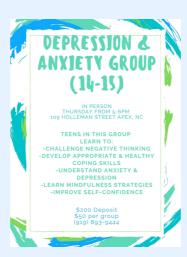
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GROUP THERAPY:

- We are currently offering numerous Groups for children, teens, and adults, including:
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- Teen Anxiety & Depression Group (14-15)
- Teen Anxiety & Depression Group (16-18)
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- Teen Social Club
- Parenting Teens Support Group
- Young Adult Anxiety & Depression Group







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