

## STRESS EXPLORATION

### Factors that contribute to stress:

Describe your biggest stressors in each of the following categories and rate them on a scale of 1-10, where 1 is “a little stressful” and 10 is “extremely stressful.”

### Daily Hassles

Common annoyances or strains of daily life.

*Examples: traffic, work problems, lack of sleep, homework, limited free time, argument with partner*

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### Major Life Changes

Important events, both positive and negative, require significant adjustment.

*Examples: birth of a child, separation or divorce, new job, death of a loved one, moving, major illness / injury*

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### Life Circumstances

Permanent or long-term circumstances that make life more difficult.

*Examples: poverty or financial problems, disability, chronic illness, conflictual relationships, values that conflict with culture, discrimination, job dissatisfaction, living somewhere unsafe*

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**Factors that Protect Against Stress**

Describe the things in your life that counteract stress.

**Daily Uplifts**

Positive experiences that make you happy.

*Examples: eating a good meal, spending time with friends, leisure activities, spending time in nature*

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**Healthy Coping Strategies**

Positive actions that help to reduce or manage stress and other uncomfortable emotions.

*Examples: exercise, talking about problems, self-care, journaling, relaxation techniques*

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**Protective Factors**

Individual characteristics or life circumstances that protect you from stress

*Examples: financial stability, good physical health, supportive family, motivation to succeed, education*

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