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### SWIPE RIGHT:USING THE MATRIX TO ENHANCE TEEN & FAMILY WORK

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### Disclosure

### The presenters have a pitifully small financial interest in four books

the mindfulness & acceptance workbook for teen anxiety

> activities to help you overcome fears & worries using acceptance & commitment therapy

> > \* cope with stress

\* deal with difficult thoughts & emotions

\* build resilience

#### WORKING WITH PARENTS OF ANXIOUS CHILDREN



for Encouraging Communication, Coping, & Change

A Senten by Sensian Transdiagnastic Guide for Clinician

#### ACT for Adolescents

and Group Therapy

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Parenting Your Anxious Child with Mindfulness and Acceptance



Christopher McCurry, Ph.D. Foreword by Steven C. Haves, Ph.D.

#### **Introductions & Audience Poll**

Knowledge of matrix

Experience with teens

Experience with families



#### Swipe Right Agenda – The Matrix in Many Contexts

Section 1 Young adults – Group Based

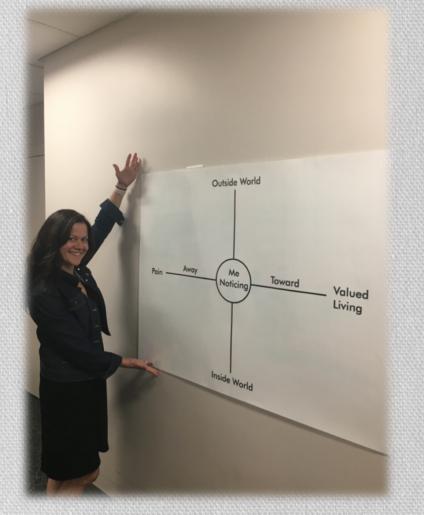
Section 2 Adolescent - Individual Therapy

#### **Section 3**

Parents – Group Based Family Matrix - Video

## Section 1 - Erin







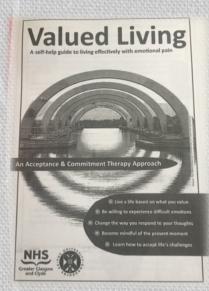
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#### ACT for Adolescents

Treating Teens and Adolescents in Individual and Group Therapy

Includes 83-downloadable paided meditarious to and with classic

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#### "Leaving home in a sense involves a kind of second birth in which we give birth to ourselves" ~ Robert Neelly Bellah



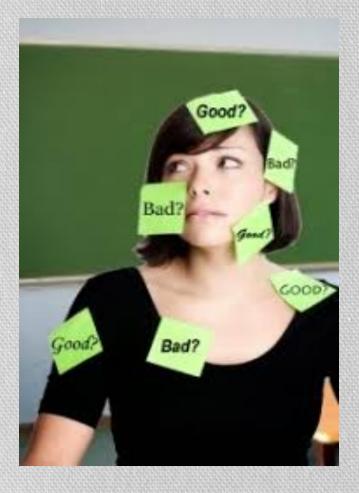


#### **Experiences Impacting Self-As-Content**



#### Experiential

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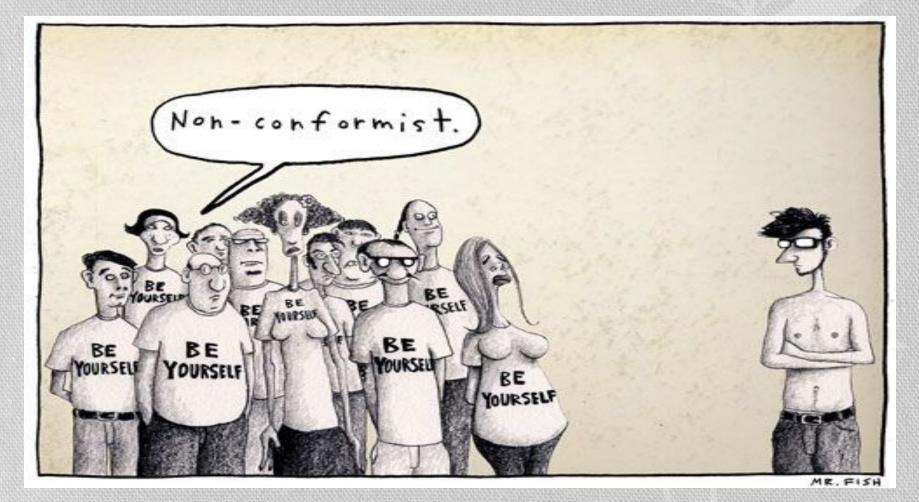
- •Good Student vs. Bad Student
- •Capable vs. Incapable
- •Popular vs. Loner
- •Proud vs. Disappoint Parents
- •Autonomous vs. Conformity
- Problem-Solver
- •Listener
- Saviour
- Caring one
- •"Too much"

#### Eyes Closed

#### Bringing the Pieces Together: Group Dynamics



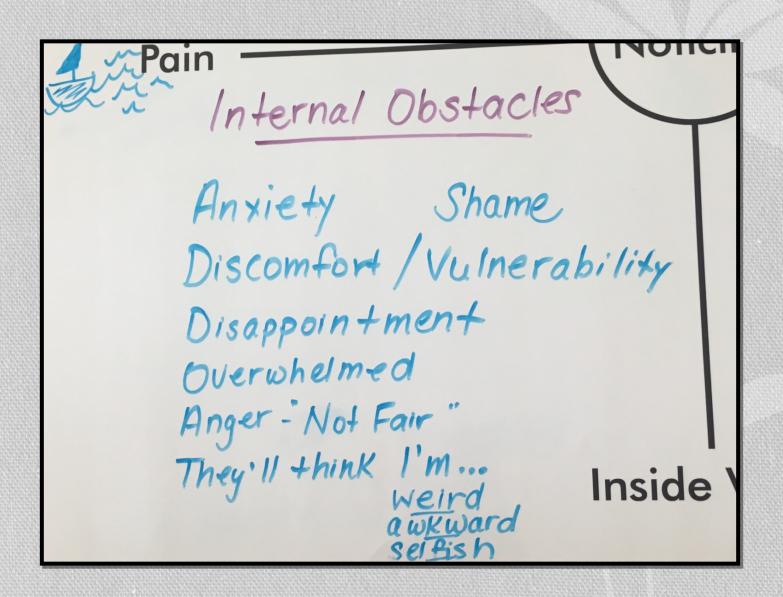
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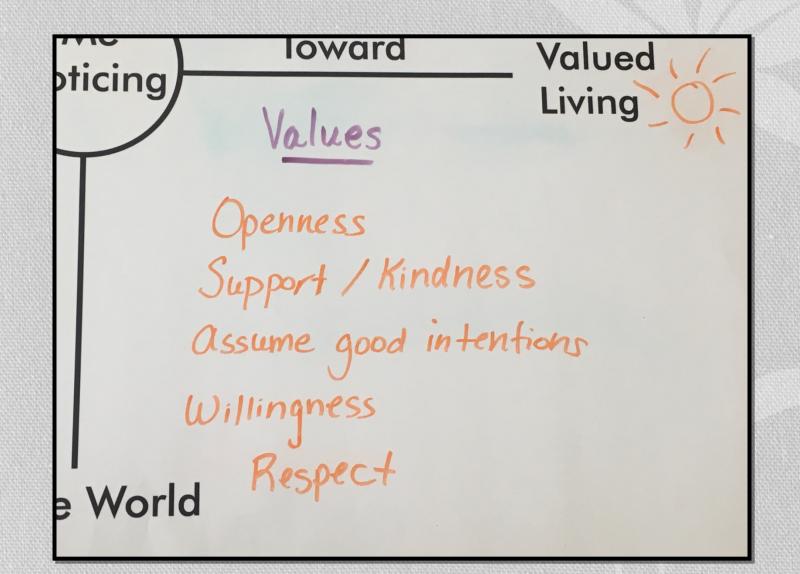
#### Using the Matrix as a Tool to Support Autonomy and Group Learning

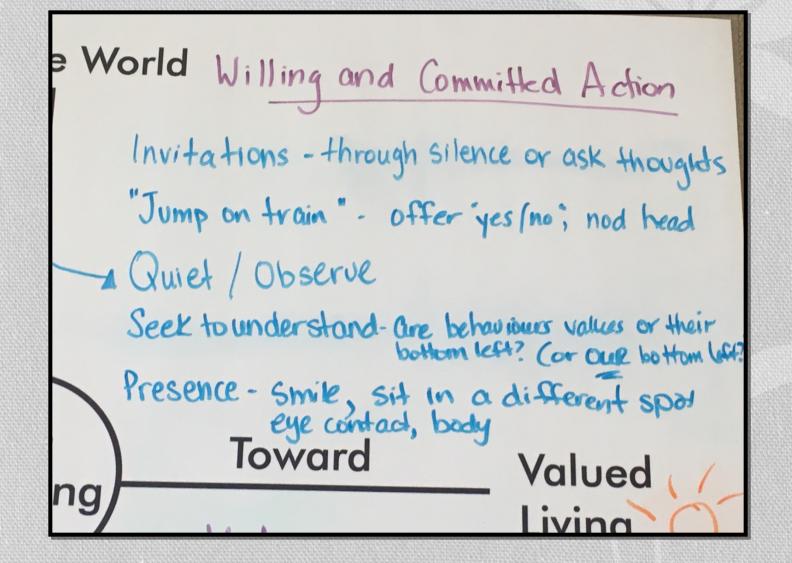
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| Sector Internal Obstacles   | Values   |
| Anxiety Shame   | Openness   |
| Discomfort / Vulnerability  | Support / Kindness   |
| Disappointment  | Assume good intentions   |
| Overwhelmed<br>Anger - Not Fair "   | Willingness  |
| They'll + hink I'm<br>Weird<br>awkward<br>set Bish Inside World Respect                         |  |

#### Acknowledging What is in the Room



External Obstacles Outside Wo 1- phone, snacks, Washroom fidget . Quiet, jump In, Call out others Veye contact or "RBF; sit at closed body language back not come back??? - Zone out





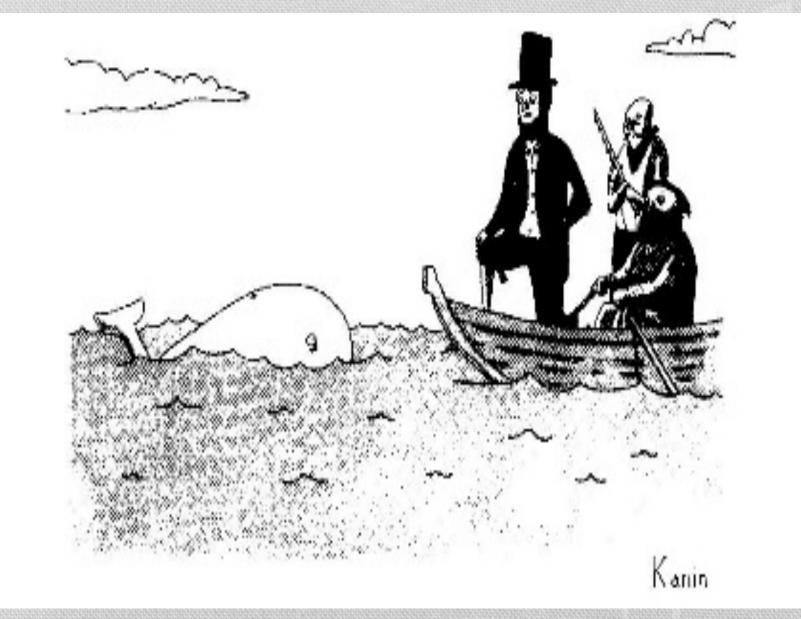
Section 2 - Chris

## The Teen/Family Dialectic

Encouraging autonomy and independence whilst operating holistically as a family to get stuff accomplished

"Life's truly important problems cannot be solved, they can only be outgrown"

Carl Jung



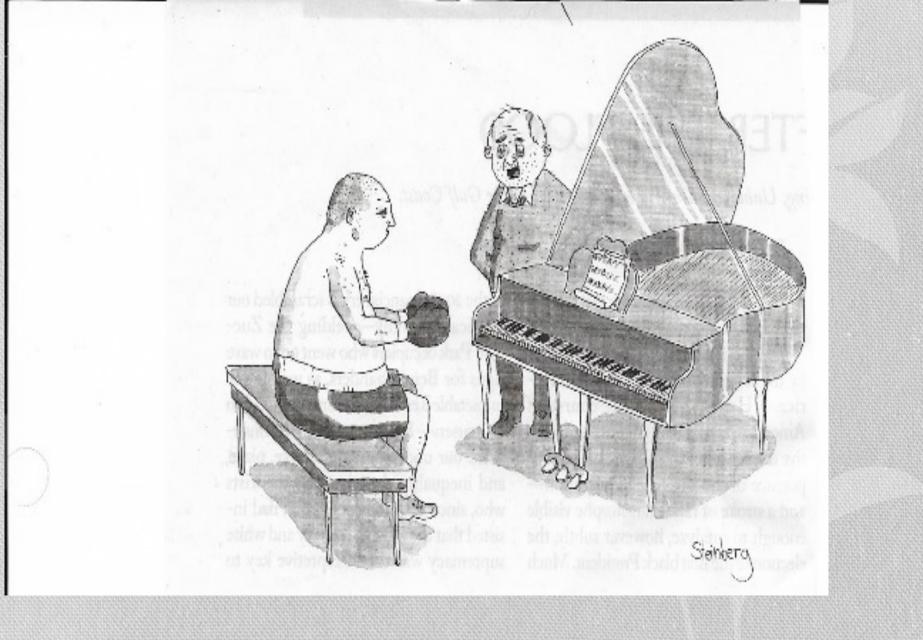
"Huh. In my memory he was a lot bigger."



# Problems &

Conditions

# Choices & Decisions



"Kid, you're gonna have to make a choice."

## "Wanting-ness" vs Willingness

### The Matrix

- Distractions
- Avoiding tasks
- Not adjusting

- Decisions
- Tasks and Adjustments



Willing to HaveConditions

Wanting
Choices
(may contain problems)

### Max's Matrix

- Avoiding school work; e.g., not using planner, playing video games
- Avoiding friends
- Punishing parents for nagging him

- Stay focused and intentional with school work
- Maintain contact with friends and do stuff with them
- Solve problems
- Chill (operationally defined)



- "If the work is hard then I must be stupid"
- "I can't do work for teachers who don't 'get' me"
- The condition of teachers who don't get you
- Embarrassment
- Resentment
- Anxiety

- To be a good student (vs "to be smart")
- To be a good friend

# Tolerance as a form of Context Sensitivity



"Let me help you, Dear"

# What I do to 'get rid of' what's inside

### What I do when I ACT to be the parent I want to be



Thoughts, Emotions, Physical feelings, Urges

My "job" as a parent, here and now

## Section 3 – Mary & Sheri

## Parent Group

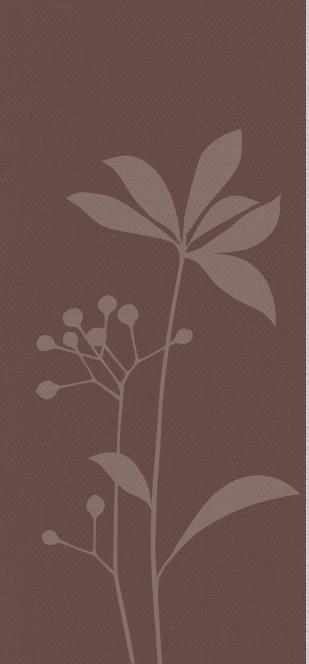


### Video of "Double Matrix"

### **Family Matrix**

### Video





#### Last Questions, Comments,

#### & Appreciations

