

# Empowerment

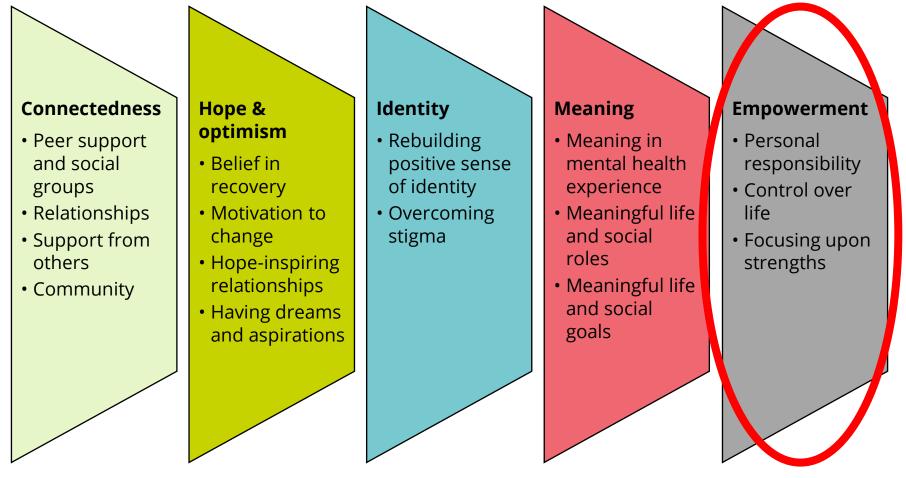
"Incredible change happens in your life when you decide to take control of what you do have power over instead of craving control over what you don't."

Steve Maraboli

### CHIME

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#### The CHIME framework for personal recovery



Leamy et al. 2011

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#### in a recovery context

- It's about *choice* and *control*.
- It's about having a feeling of being in control and being to get on with day-to-day life, taking responsibility for personal health and wellbeing but knowing when to ask for support.

## Meaning

- It's a choice to start every morning with 25 push-ups.
- It's a choice to control what information you let in your life (and how often).
- It's a choice to turn off the TV and go to bed on time.
- It's a choice to stop using the excuse "I'm not in the right mood."
- It's a choice to embrace challenge and change.

#### The difficulty in life is making the choice.

"As one goes through life, one learns that if you don't paddle your own canoe, you don't move."

Katharine Hepburn

## Control

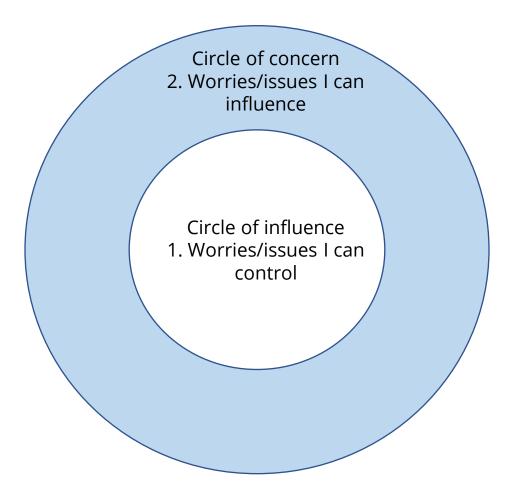
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- What can make you feel out of control? (make a list) Examples of what we might feel out of control about include; debt, housing, drugs and alcohol, children, partners, friends.
- Look at the list which ones can you do anything about. Focus on this list.
- What might we do when we feel out of control?
- What might help us to feel more in control?

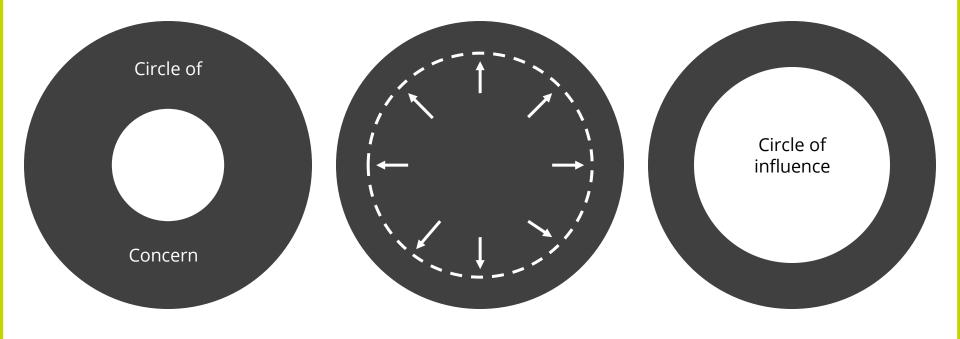
#### **Circle of influence**



Area of concern 3. Worries/issues I cannot control or influence



## Adopting a positive focus V RecoveryCollege



<u>Reactive Focus</u> You focus the majority of your time and energy on your concerns and problems. Changing Your Focus

You choose to redirect your time and energy. You begin focusing on those things within your control. <u>Proactive Focus</u> You take responsibility for changing what is in your control

## self-management

management of or by oneself; the taking of responsibility for one's own behaviour and well-being.



#### Definition

#### What do we mean by self-management?:

It combines the two words **management** and **self**.

**Management** deals with motivation, planning, goalsetting, calculating resources, controlling, regulation etc. according to a task.

**Self** has a double meaning: the self as autonomous actor or manager (not somebody else outside) and as the target of the management. At some point most people who recover realise that noone else can do it for them, that they have to take charge of their recoveries.

Taking one's own risks, setting one's own goals and path, and learning one's own lessons are essential parts of recovery.

Nobody is going to be as interested in what happens to you as yourself. Ultimately it is down to you to make things happen.



#### Sentence completion exercise

If I treat my life as unimportant...

If I avoid responsibility for my life and wellbeing...

If I take 15% more responsibility for my choices and actions...

If I am more accepting of my emotions today...

If I boost my energy level by 15% more today...

OCUS OF CONTROL ? YOUR WHICH IS Athing Can do about look what I can do! determine my future. Internal locus External locus of control of control You make things happen. Things happen to you.

## Accepting responsibility



ACCEPT SELF-RESPONSIBILITY	DO NOT
Seeing yourself as the primary cause of your outcomes and experiences.	See yourself as a victim, believing that what happens to you is determined primarily by external forces, fate and luck.
Taking responsibility does not mean excusing or taking the blame for somebody else's actions. It means moving beyond the 'blame' to find the most constructive outcome possible.	
Healing is your responsibility.	

### **Personal power**

How do you increase your power? By doing things that empower you! List 5-10 things that you would like your powerful self to have.

1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6) 7) 8) 9) 10)

Step into your own power and make change.

#### THE FIRST STEP IS YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU CAN.

WILL SMITH

## 66 I will:

- love myself first.
- Appriciate myself more.
- Always speak kindly to myself.
- Be honest with myself.
- Not affraid from a challenge.
- Invest in myself.
- Get what I want.

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IT TAKES COVRAGE TO GROW UP AND BECOME WHO YOU REALLYARE -e.e.cummings-



You are the most influential person you will talk to all day. Zig Ziglar Inc.