

Welcome to *BounceBack*

Here's a sample of what you'll find in "Being Different in North America".

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Before You Begin

Know Your Purpose:

-If it is to encourage empathy towards and understanding of others, ask players to assume the point of view stated on the card even if (especially if) it is not their own. It's a chance to walk in the shoes of another and discover how you might respond were you faced with the challenge.

-If your goal is to teach others to coach individuals in crisis, you may want to approach the exercise differently. Have participants select Skills & Attitudes that they might suggest for use by the individual in crisis.

-If your mission is crisis prevention, try applying the Skills & Attitudes to the challenges in a proactive manner to see how situations might be preventable.

Such groups might be: healthcare providers and their patients, police officers and immigrants or baby boomers and millennials. Using healthcare for example, bring providers and patients together. Have the providers select challenges from the Healthcare Dilemma deck and patients draw from the Healthcare Professional deck. Have the group pair off (i.e. one healthcare provider and one patient). The pairs are charged with coaching one another to face challenges that may be unfamiliar to them. It is helpful to ask that they assume the point of view on the card in order to encourage empathy and understanding.

Once you know your Purpose and your Participants...begin.

BounceBack is a serious game, a tool that may help build mental toughness by asking people to respond to real world challenges using the Skills & Attitudes of resilience.

The goal is to bring people together to share thoughts and perspectives on how to respond to the many challenges life puts forth. We offer some coaching and game play suggestions, but how you choose to use these cards is really up to you.

Know your Participants:

-Are you coaching an individual in transition? Is the transition specific to a particular issue such as Divorce/Finance or Disability? Select and use those decks that best relate to the transition/s being experienced.

-Are the participants looking to build a broader sense of resilience Skills & Attitudes that relate to their particular vocation? Select from our bundles or choose individual decks that relate best to the needs of the group you are working with.

-Do you have populations that could build resilience through a better understanding of the challenges faced by each?

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The Basic Concept:

You're presented with a Challenge Card. Spread the ten Skills & Attitudes cards out so that they can be seen. Read the challenge on the face of your card. Using the ten cards in front of you, select the cards having the Skills & Attitudes you wish to apply in order to manage the challenge at hand. Turn over your Challenge card to see the Skills & Attitudes (indicated by a red* asterisk) that we suggest might be most helpful in managing the situation. Repeat this process, in turn, for each participant. And please, don't forget the discussion. Adapt this basic concept as you will to fit the needs of you and/or your participants.

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BounceBack was developed as a tool to practice responding to life's challenges. Challenges are presented and the user chooses skills and attitudes that he or she wishes to apply in order to respond to that challenge. It's very simple. It's practice. With >36 decks and >720 challenge questions, it's a lot of practice.

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Unlike, dissimilar, incompatible, unfamiliar and conflicting are all synonyms for different. But so are original, distinct, individual and independent. It's all a matter of perspective. We vary from the basics of color, shape, and size to the more complicated like religious belief, sexual preference, and physical/cognitive development. Many diverse people came to North America bringing their determination and skills to build the cities and communities that we now occupy. Our differences can challenge those of us who are different and those trying to understand and accept differences in others. Our response to differences will decide if North America is to be a melting pot or a mosaic?

This deck was created to stimulate thought and discussion about our differences. Work through the decks alone to practice applying the Skills & Attitudes of resilience to the challenges presented as well as those you may have encountered. Use in small groups at school, at recreational and church programs to teach methods of connecting and communicating despite differences. Use it in support groups to encourage sharing and to problem solve together. Use it to educate our future public service personnel

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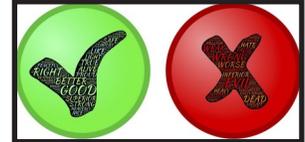
I have brown skin. I was adopted from Latin-America many years ago and brought to the U.S. state where I now live. I am very much an American. But other people treat me as if I don't belong. Recently, I was asked by a stranger if I spoke English.

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Justin was diagnosed with manic-depressive disorder two years ago. He has been hospitalized a number of times. Many of our mutual friends no longer spend time with him. It seems they are creeped out by what's happening to him... but nobody talks about it. I don't understand why nobody talks about it.

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I'm gay. I came out a number of years ago. My co-workers appear to accept me as I am, but I'm not always sure. Nothing has been said or done to make me feel this way. It's just a feeling I get. Is it me?

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 - Be Flexible
 - Problem Solve
- * Manage Strong Feelings
 - Self-Confidence
- * Find the purpose/meaning in life
 - * See the Big Picture
- Appreciate and use humor
- Care for Yourself
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