

Welcome to *BounceBack*

Here's a sample of what you'll find in "Caregiver at Heart".

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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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-Caregivers at Heart are those concerned and committed to the wellbeing of others, particularly their loved ones. It's about more than just the act of caregiving, it's about the desire/need to do so. Are we our brother's keeper? They would answer, "Yes." But the heart of a caregiver knows the many challenges that come along with that role. What is the right balance between one's own needs and the needs of another? How much is too much? When do I step in and when do I leave well enough alone? The Caregiver at Heart is both kind, compassionate and often exhausted.

-This deck was created to bring to light the challenges faced by those who have the heart of a caregiver. Use this deck individually to begin responding to challenges using the Skills & Attitudes of resilience. Have family discussions and establish the balance that may be absent. Use it in support groups to build resilience against caregiver burnout. Teach newly trained caregivers to build resilience and avoid future burnout.

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Sam was injured in a car accident after 29 years of marriage. He suffered broken bones and a significant head injury. Dr. Thomas says to expect some changes, "Unstable emotions are common". I already see mounting frustration from the man who has always been very physically active and the master of emotional stability. He's always been my rock.

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Mom just turned 82. She's been a hypochondriac since I was a child; always seeking pills or treatment for something. The only thing she would never treat is her very real anxiety. Instead, she seeks meds. for her 'terrible pain'. During a weekend visit, I check the prescriptions she left on the counter and learn that she is taking far more pain medication than prescribed.

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Freddy just turned 18. He has downs syndrome and other developmental delays. On his birthday he shares his desire to: find a girlfriend, get a house, have lots of babies and "Oh yea... drink beer." My wife and I are discussing guardianship and a group home placement. Freddy functions, developmentally, at a five-year-old level. He just doesn't realize his own limitations.

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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
 - Care for Others

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