

Welcome to *BounceBack*

Here's a sample of what you'll find in "Veterans".

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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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-Challenges from enlistment through discharge and beyond. In service to our country, veterans face life-altering challenges that are often difficult for civilians to understand. Connecting...communicating becomes difficult. Resilience on the battlefield and resilience at home may require the same Skills & Attitudes applied very differently given the milieu.

-Review the challenges in this deck alone, with a trusted friend, family member, a therapist or in small groups of veterans. Practice applying the Skills & Attitudes of resilience to the challenges of civilian life. Recognize the role environmental factors play in the selection and application of those Skills & Attitudes.

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My relationship has changed with my two daughters, Emma (age eight) and Abby (age four). After reprimanding Abby for a minor infraction of the house rules, Emma announces, "You are not the boss of her. Mommy is!" She grabs Abby's hand and stomps off.

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I was deployed to Iraq twice. On my second tour, I commanded an infantry company that fought in the siege of Fallujah. I have been fine for a number of years (or so I thought). Now that Mosul and Fallujah have fallen to ISIS, I'm not sleeping. I'm patrolling my home with my gun and drinking more than usual.



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After Ranger School, I completed three combat terms in Iraq. The myth is that Rangers never show emotions. But now that the war is behind me, I find that I have huge shifts in emotions, particularly anger.



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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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