## AGLP Leadership Development Curriculum

# Health & Well Being: Experiential Learning & Reflections Preview

#### AGLP Leadership Development Sequence

Leading-Self Competency: Health & Well Being

Reflection Learn Experience Mentorship September: Practicum October: Post -August: Seminar (completed in your life-environment) Practicum & (self-paced) Reference Review Session

Emotional Intelligence: Understanding Emotions
September October

November

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Health & Well Being: Review

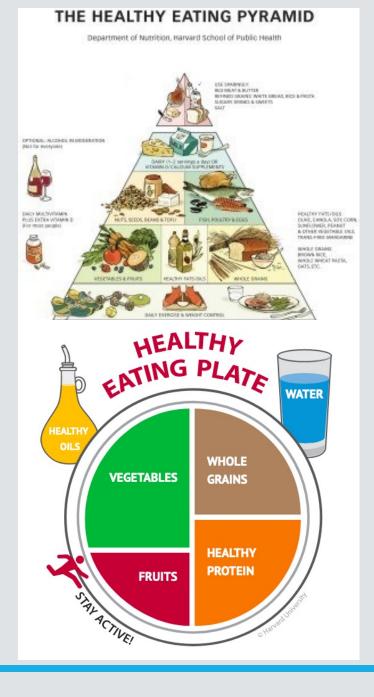
#### Health & Well Being - Outline

Leaders maintain personal health and well being and assists others maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- Medical, physical, and environmental health
- Mental health & stress, social health, spiritual health & mindfulness, and emotional health
- Leadership & well being
- Next Steps



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#### Physical Health



#### Sleep helps:

- cleanse out toxins
- rest and recovery
- consolidation of memories
- information processing
- learning

#### Better sleep is linked to:

- better physical health
- productivity
- creativity
- concentration
- optimism
- frustration tolerance

#### Exercise helps:

- improve coping & problem-solving skills
- strengthen performance
- increases alertness & productivity
- strengthens ability to ACT in response to thoughts and feeling, not REACT
- handle stress better
- sleep better
- improves self-esteem, stamina & physical health

#### Mental Health

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academic stress

adjustment difficulties

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competition concerns

compulsions

depression

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sexual orientation and

identity

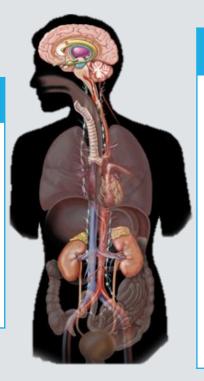
traumatic experiences

Student Guide to Mental Health & Counseling Yale HEALTH call 203 432 0290

#### The Physiology of Stress

#### Mind

- ✓ Focus narrows
- ✓ Senses sharpen & alertness sharpens
- ✓ Brain processes information faster



#### Body

- ✓ Stress hormones released
- ✓ Blood redirected to muscles
- ✓ Heart rate & blood pressure increases
- ✓ Energy is used more efficiently

Yale Health Guide

#### Stress Resilience Skills

#### Mindfulness:

- using the mind & body to work together to help you achieve optimal performance under stress
- optimize your rest and recovery
- recognizing stress before it become a problem

#### **Healthy Behaviors:**

- getting enough sleep
- eating nutritious foods
- staying physically fit & taking care of injuries & illnesses

#### **Problem Solving:**

 building healthy coping skills, recognizing problems and breaking them down to identify potential solutions can make problems less overwhelming & reduce stress

> <u>USCG Stress</u> <u>& Resilience</u>

#### Mindfulness

A mental state achieved by intentionally focusing one's **awareness on the present moment without judgment**. It is an attitude of being aware & remaining present to what is happening without becoming involved with feelings.

silent walking	diaphragmatic breathing (breath awareness, calming breath, paced breath)	guided relaxation
mindful eating	body scans	mantra repetition
meditation	progressive muscle relaxation	imagery & visualization

USCG Mindfulness Guidebook

#### Social Health

#### Make connections



Social connections might help protect health and lengthen life. Scientists are finding that our links to others can have powerful effects on our health. Whether with family, friends, neighbors, romantic partners, or others, social connections can influence our biology and well-being. Look for ways to get involved with others.

#### Spiritual Health

Spirituality is the belief in something beyond yourself.



#### **Emotional Health**

#### Brighten your outlook



People who are emotionally well, experts say, have fewer negative emotions and are able to bounce back from difficulties faster. This quality is called resilience. Another sign of emotional wellness is being able to hold onto positive emotions longer and appreciate the good times.

#### Well Being (Well-Being)



#### August is National Wellness Month:

#### Let's Make Well-Being a Priority All Year Long





"An ongoing practice of small, daily acts that allow you to manage stress, be more productive, and feel happier and healthier."

Web MD

Health & Well Being References

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  - Leaders impact employee well-being
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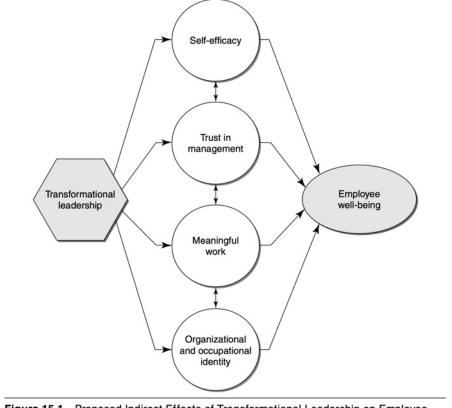


Figure 15.1 Proposed Indirect Effects of Transformational Leadership on Employee Well-Being

• More on a leader's impact on employee well being, including creating stress points, managing return to work issues following a health absence (i.e. pandemic) and engaging employees in the workplace

#### Health & Well Being References

- "How to Shine at Your Brightest and Give People the Best of You" Jamie Shapiro (Executive Leadership & Wellbeing Coach), *podcast* (<u>available online</u>)
  - A discussion that connects well being to leadership, stressing that leaders need to take care of their own self first, and then others, modeling the way (i.e. Kouzes & Posner) for healthy/sustainable life behaviors
- Supplementary material: <u>How to Make Stress Your Friend (video)</u> Kelly McGonigal, Ph.D.
  - 14-minute video of understanding the physiology of stress, recognizing how you feel stress, and using this awareness to your advantage

### Health and Well Being

# Practicum: Experiential Learning & Reflection

#### Followership: Experiential Learning Scenarios

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Lab work
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Prepare to assist a co-worker with mental health needs using Yale Health resources



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• Research publication process – Practice some form of mindfulness to reduce stress

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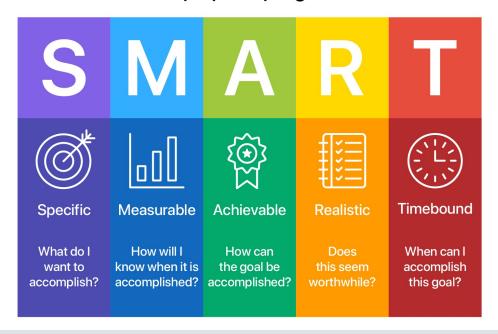
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• Teaching Fellow environment – Plan a creative mechanism to make connections in the teaching environment

• Home environment –
Develop and implement
a SMART plan for
what/how you eat, sleep
or exercise during the
month of September

## **Exercise SMART to reach long-term fitness goals.**

Use small, measured steps to stay committed and keep up the progress.



SMART program details

#### Health & Well Being: VW Experiential Learning



• Vacate to reduce stress – Punch out of Yale for a bit to recharge/renew/relax, knowing that there is a long road ahead this year

• SMART exercise/flexibility plan – Add exercise variety & stretching to our team's exercise routine



#### Next Steps

EL & R – Using Emotions– all August



Seminar – Understanding
 Emotions – September 13
 (note later date)



• EL & R – Health & Well Being - all September



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