

IT'S TIME TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF OURSELVES!



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**TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF,
ON THE GOOD DAYS
AND THE BAD DAYS**



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**ALWAYS HAVE A PLAN B -
AND OTHER SURVIVAL SKILLS
WE NEED TODAY!**



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**IT'S TIME TO HANDLE
COMPASSION FATIGUE
AND BURNOUT!**



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About Today:

- Who are you and who am I?
- Schedule and handouts
- Purpose of the workshop

***Why talk about Compassion
Fatigue first?***

1. Because it is a danger to all caring people.
2. Because if we aren't ready, and don't recognize the possibility, we will pay a big price.
3. Because it is a core reality in talking about stress management.

***What's the big deal about
stress anyway???***

It is never going to leave us - and if we don't manage it, it is going to manage us!

Some truths we need to know:

- There is no such thing as a stress free life.
- Stress effects every part of us - and not in a good way.

However, there is good news:

- We absolutely can take control.

- It just takes a little understanding and effort.

What about FUN?

***Is there one dragon
that is the most evil?***

Some hints to take home:

- Do you know your “life goals?”

Plus:

- Are you having enough fun?
- Who are you hanging around with?

And more:

- Are you afraid of failing? (Don't be!)
- Do you own at least an hour a day, four times a week?
- Can you say “Yes” and “No?”

• Are you a person with the mind set that you are ready and able to come up with a Plan B whenever you need one?

• Do you believe in yourself enough?

If not, it is **definitely** time!!

*Lastly, a word about
"Thank you"*

.....those words that are never heard enough!
