



What is Health & Wellness Coaching?

Discovering what optimum health looks like for you



Why now?



Data says...

The United States is among the wealthiest nations in the world, but it is far from the healthiest...Americans live shorter lives and experience more injuries and illnesses than people in other high-income countries. The U.S. health disadvantage cannot be attributed solely to the adverse health status of racial or ethnic minorities or poor people: **even highly advantaged Americans are in worse health** than their counterparts in other, "peer" countries.

National Research Council (US); Institute of Medicine (US), Woolf SH, Aron L, eds. U.S. Health in International Perspective: Shorter Lives, Poorer Health. Washington (DC): National Academies Press (US); 2013.



Experts say...

"80% of all disease stems either directly or indirectly from **stress** and its impact on the body, mind and spirit."

-Dr. Jim Gordon, Center for Mind Body Medicine



Impact of Chronic stress

- Immune system dysfunction
- Chronic+ sympathetic NS
 - Sustained high cortisol
 - Anxiety, depression, insomnia
- Chronic inflammation
- Telomeres shortening
- Microbiome imbalance
- Oxidative stress, cellular metabolism, and apoptosis
- Changes in genetic expression





Ornish, Dean and Ornish, Anne. *Undo It: How Simple Lifestyle Changes can Reverse Most Chronic Diseases*. 2019



Research says...

Working with a Health & Wellness coach leads to improvements in:

Diabetes

Heart Disease

Obesity

Cancer survivors

Weight and Nutrition management ncreased physical activity

Chronic pain

Hypertension

High Cholesterol

COPD



Whole Person Health



Focus is on the whole "unified" health



"Build health to treat disease"



Options rather than surgery, medications



Accountability for behavior changes



American Medical Association Endorses Health Coaches

- Improve clinical outcomes and prevention strategies to build health
- Increase patient satisfaction and engagement

Reduce MD stress and burnout











Diet: Whole foods, plant-based diet



Moderate exercise



Stress management



Love, social support and intimacy



Benefits of Lifestyle Medicine

Reversals in:

- (even) Severe coronary heart disease
- Type 2 diabetes
- Reverse, slow, or stop progression of early-stage (nonaggressive) prostate cancer
- High blood pressure
- Elevated cholesterol levels
- Obesity
- Some types of early stage dementia
- Some autoimmune conditions
- Emotional depression

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Mindful Mind



MEDITATION IS GOOD FOR:



MOOD MOOD



POSITIVE EMOTIONS



DECREASINGOUR **ANXIETY**





JOB BURNOUT



Mindful Body



MEDITATION BENEFITS OUR:



HEARTS-TO TREAT CAD AND PREVENT IT



BRAINS-MAY MITIGATE COGNITIVE DECLINE



IMMUNE SYSTEM-DECREASED INFLAMMATORY MARKERS AND CELL DEATH



AGING-TELOMERE LENGTHENING IN MEDITATORS



My Coaching Process









REFERRAL

ASSESSMENT

INITIAL SESSION

CREATE HEALTH VISION





SET GOALS

SMART GOALS



Elements of coaching psychology

Building Self-determination

The role of neuroscience in building new behaviors

How positive psychology helps

The role of non-judgmental appreciative inquiry

How to communicate non-violently

Using client-specific measurement tools



Transtheoretical Model Stages of Change

- No, I can't or I won't
- Maybe I will
- Prepare, plan
- Just do it
- You've got this

Pre-contemplation

Contemplation

Preparation

Action

Maintenance





A GROWTH-PROMOTING RELATIONSHIP



WE USE A STRENGTH-BASED APPROACH



YOU HAVE POTENTIAL TO BE CREATIVE, RESOURCEFUL, RESILIENT



YOU HAVE CAPACITY
TO SELF-REGULATE AND
OPTIMIZE HEALTH AND
PERFORMANCE IN LIFE
AND WORK



YOU ARE NOT BROKEN, NEEDING TO BE FIXED



WE CLARIFY GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS



We find the intrinsic, biological drive such as help others, be a role model, live with meaning



Elicit Self-Motivation



Support you to get to the "why behind the why", to shift beyond short-term change to longterm benefit



We create clarity around external or autonomous motivation



We create futureoriented and desired identityoriented autonomous motivation to achieve lasting change









WE CREATE SMALL SUCCESSES TO BUILD YOUR BELIEF THAT YOU CAN MAKE SUSTAINABLE CHANGE



POSITIVE EMOTIONS
LEVERAGE
CONFIDENCE BY
LOOKING THROUGH A
GLASS-HALF-FULL



WE SPARK AUTHENTIC
POSITIVITY AS A
RESOURCE FOR
CREATIVE
BRAINSTORMING TO
OVERCOME
SETBACKS/CHALLENGE
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WE TAP THE COMPETENCE FROM ONE AREA OF LIFE TO USE IT IN AN AREA OF CHANGE



WE APPLY VALUES, STRENGTHS AND TALENTS TO BEHAVIOR CHANGE USING A POSITIVE APPROACH





Process of Change



Create a vision for your optimal self



Design experiments, goals and action plans to move you toward actualizing your vision



Create specific behaviors to cultivate and hold you accountable; measure success



YOU determine how you want to be accountable



Create relational flow-where you shift perspective, gain insights and new ideas



We Grow Compassion

Self-compassion: how to calm the inner critic

Self-compassion leads to Selfdetermination, better health outcomes

Self-compassion Scale (Kristin Neff)

Self-compassion to overcome shame (Brené Brown)

leading change mindfully

Mindful Communication



Make observations, not evaluations



Express feelings, not thoughts



Identify needs, not strategies



Make requests, not demands





FLOURISHING

A state where people experience positive emotions, positive psychological functioning and positive social functioning, most of the time, living within an optimal range of human functioning.



Questions? Comments?

THANK YOU

