

Inner resource map



What is an inner resource map?

An inner resource map is a visual representation of the resources – psychological assets, capabilities, characteristics – that you hold. Inner resource mapping is a helpful exercise to support you in responding to periods of stress, change or trauma.

Throughout the session, we invite you to reflect on and identify the tools, values and connections that help you in challenging moments. Be intentional in creating your inner resource map that responds to your needs.

We hope completing this activity helps you reflect on your wellbeing and identify practical steps to prevent burnout.

Creating your own inner resource map

1 Find what motivates you

Think about your core motivation or reason you're working in this role or industry. What drew you into this role or industry? Who are you doing this for? What keeps you going?

E.g. When I am feeling good, I sleep well and I maintain a routine that I enjoy. When I am not feeling good, I sleep poorly, and I avoid the things I usually love doing.

Make a list of actions you will do when you are not feeling good.

2 Identify your safety network

Who are the people you can rely on for help? Reflect on times when life has been hard – who were the people who stood by you or helped you? They can be family members, friends, colleagues, acquaintances, etc.

E.g. When I start to talk negatively about myself, I will pause and take a short break. I will do some breathing exercises to calm myself down, go for a short walk, or call a friend for a chat.

3 List your support services

Add any support services or numbers that you think are helpful to you during periods of stress, change or trauma. This might include the number of your Employee Assistance Program or your clinical supervisor.

5 List your self-care strategies

What are some tools, ways and safe spaces that help you navigate stress, change or trauma? Think of strategies that will help your body, mind and behaviours.

E.g. Go for a walk, read a book or confide in a trusted person outside of work.

4 Identify your indicators/signals of when things are not going well

What do you notice about your body, mind and behaviours in times when:

- You are feeling good?
- You are not feeling good?

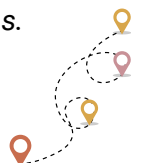
What changes do you notice during these times? How does your body feel and move?

What do you do?

6 Create a routine or plan

Create a routine or make a plan for how you will approach stress, change and trauma.

E.g. When I am experiencing stress, after work I will silence my phone and go for a 30-minute walk to clear my mind and reduce stress.



Inner resource map template

WHAT KEEPS YOU MOTIVATED

SAFETY NETWORK

SUPPORT SERVICES

1800RESPECT – Call 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or visit 1800respect.org.au for online chat and video call services.

Lifeline – Call 13 11 14, text 0477 131 114 or visit lifeline.org.au for their online chat service.

IDENTIFY YOUR INDICATORS/SIGNALS

SELF-CARE STRATEGIES

MAKE A ROUTINE OR PLAN

When I am experiencing stress, I will...

When I am experiencing uncomfortable change or uncertainty, I will...

When I am experiencing trauma, I will...

About ANROWS

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ANROWS delivers targeted evidence to inform practice, policy, and systems reform. We engage closely with victim-survivors, communities, service providers, governments and researchers to ensure our work reflects lived experience and supports collective action.

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Reference

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