State approach on **Mental Health** promotion -AME's aspect.

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### Introduction

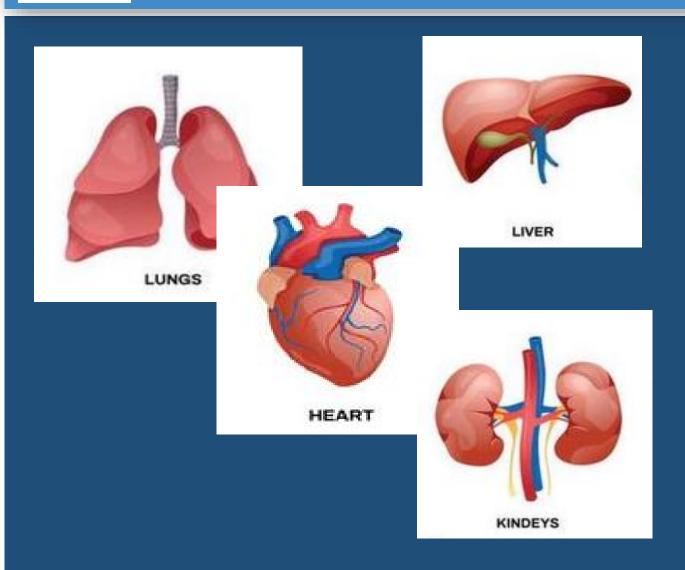
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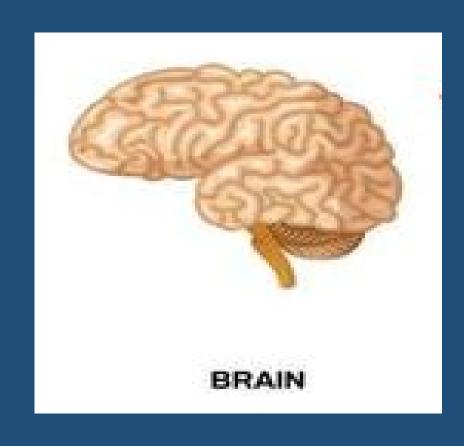






### Introduction







### How to detect mental illness early

Changes in Mood

Persistent sadness
Irritability
Mood swings



Altered sleep patterns

Insomnia
Hypersomnia
Disrupted sleep



# Loss of interest

Disinterest in activities once enjoyed, including social interactions





## Changes in appetite

Significant weight loss or gain Changes in eating habits





Withdrawal

Avoiding social situations or isolating oneself from friends and family



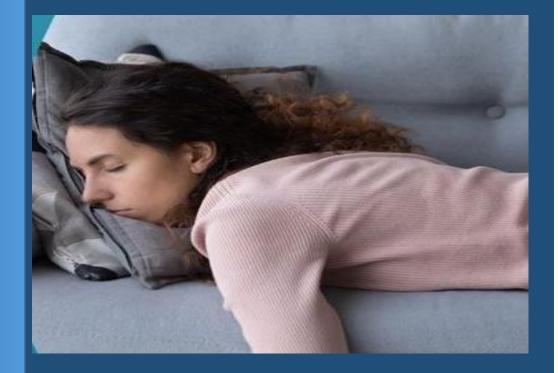
Difficulty in concentration

Trouble focusing, making decisions or remembering things



**Fatigue** 

Constant low energy or feeling of exhaustion





Feeling of hopelessness

Thoughts of worthlessness or helplessness



## Increased anxiety

Persistent worry
Restlessness or
panic attacks



### Substance abuse

Increased reliance on alcohol or drugs



## Irrational thoughts

Delusions,
hallucinations or
disorganized
thinking





### Understanding the main problems

### **STIGMA**

Set of unfair, negative beliefs that society or group have on mental health issues.

### Fear of losing the livelihood

### prevalence of mental health conditions

- Accident investigations
- Medical examinations
- Regulatory records



### Relationship skills

### Studies tell 70% of our communication efforts

- Misunderstood
- Misinterpreted
- Rejected
- Distorted
- Not heard

Before you talk to someone, you should build something important by yourself.

Relationship skills



### Relationship skills

Intensity of the mental space between two humans or group where any individual can freely share their thoughts, feelings, experiences and psychological needs without being judged or humiliated.

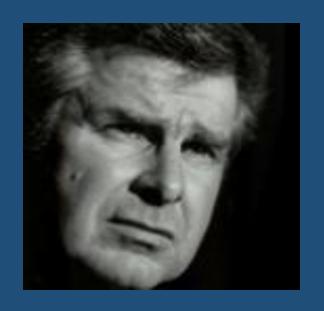
The platform to share – good relationship

TRUST

RESPECT



Robert R Carkhuff Ph.D
World renowned social scientist



He talk about 7 relationship skills needs to be developed for development of good human relationship.



### Relationship skills

- 1. Accurate empathy perceive and understand the emotions of another.
- 2. Respect showing regard for their abilities and worth valuing their feelings and their views, even if vou don't necessarily agree with them
- 3. Genuineness b
- 4. Specificity Beir

You will be a favorite AME

xactly what you mean.

- 5. Self disclosure sharing personal thoughts, feelings, experiences, or beliefs
- 6. Confrontation addressing a problem or issue directly with someone especially when something is bothering you or needs to change.
- 7. Immediacy being emotionally present and responsive in the moment



### **Health promotion on Mental Health**

- Train & aware Instructors & Examiners
- Awareness amongst separate communities.
- Confidential reporting system
- access to qualified psychologists/mental health experts
- Peer support programs



