



# The Plan ▲ Topic area: Evoking Motivation ▲ Exploring Motivation ▲ Evoking Motivation ▲ Building Motivation

### **Defining Motivation** • The reason or reasons one has for acting or behaving in a particular way. • The general desire or willingness of someone to do something. • The process that initiates, guides, and maintains goal-oriented behaviors. Motivation is what causes

us to act.

• Motives are the "whys" of behaviors – the needs or wants that drive behavior and explain what we do.









# Change is Hard Habits Environment Triggers Challenges







### Motivation...What Does it Sound Like?

- Increasing fruits and vegetables:
  - "I have been adding veggies in hot dishes."
  - "I wish that they would eat more veggies."
  - "I know I don't eat enough fruits and vegetables, but I've been trying to include them more in my snacks."
  - "Mikey spits out vegetables and I want to have them as part of his meal."



### Motivation...What Does it Sound Like?

- Bottle / sippy cup use:
  - "I really want him to get off the bottle, but he cries so much that it's hard."
  - —"I know that he/she shouldn't be taking a sippy cup to bed with them but it is hard when we live in a apartment and I don't want the neighbors to get mad."
  - "I know she's too old for a bottle."
  - "I started offering a sippy cup during the day."



### Motivation...What Does it Sound Like?

- · Breastfeeding:
  - "I don't want to use formula this time around."
  - "I hope I can breastfeed."
  - "I've heard breastfeeding is healthier."
- Water:
  - "We are trying to drink more water."
  - "I would like our family to drink more water".
- Smoking:
  - "I've cut back."
  - "I wish I could quit."



### **Asking about Values, Motivators**

- What is the most important thing to you when feeding your family?
- What are you proud of when it comes to you/your family's eating?
- What are the most important aspects of health to you?



### **Evoking Change Talk**





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- If you lived in a perfect world, what would you want to be different?
- What healthy habits are you working on to improve in your child or family?
- What changes would you like to make for your family to be healthier?
- If you could wave a magic wand, what would you change?



### **Exploring During Assessment**



- When you hear change talk, explore the importance to build their motivation and increase your understanding.
- What's the most important reason for you to \_\_\_\_?





### **Building Motivation**

- · Looking over the fence
- · Measuring it...the ruler
- · Reflecting motivation
- · Affirming motivation





### **Looking Over the Fence**

- · What would that change look like for you?
- Could you tell me more about that? How would your life/week, etc. be different if you made this change?
- · What would it look like if you ...?
- How will you feel when you...?
- What will be the positive things that happen when you...?



### **Building Motivation...The Ruler**

- How strongly do you feel about wanting to get more exercise? On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all and 10 is very much.
- Why did you choose \_\_\_\_and not a lower number?
- · What would it take to move you to a higher number?





### **Building Motivation...Reflecting**





### **Reflecting Motivation**

- I may also reflect on what I heard then add "Is there any thing more you have to share about this?"
- Reflect the change talk and offer suggestions from other Moms – "You said you really want him off the bottle, but find it hard at times - would you like some suggestions that other Moms have to make it easier?"
- Reflecting back anything you hear them say that is positive about breastfeeding and asking them to tell you more of their thoughts and feelings about it.
- Evoke their efforts and strengths that will help them be successful and reflect these back to the client.



## Motivation Mixed with Arguments Against Change



- I want to drink more milk but I don't like the taste.
- I wish he ate more vegetables, but he just refuses and pushes them around his plate.
- I know breastfeeding is healthy, but with my job it would be too hard.



### **Poll Question: Reflecting Motivation**



"I don't know where I would find the time to exercise. I think walking would make me feel healthier but my days are full already. You can't create time. I have to pick the kids up and then it's time to make dinner. There's not a minute for me."



### **Building Motivation: Affirming It**





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- · Affirm, affirm, affirm
- Compliment and add additional information if client is open to learn more.
- · Accentuate what is already being done.
- Praise the motivation
- "You have very good knowledge about breastfeeding.
   You really want to give your baby a very healthy start in life."

### **Motivation to Action**

- What is your plan for this? What has worked in the past?
- What have you tried?
- What are your plans concerning...?
- How do you see this working in the future?
- Tell me more how would that work out, how would you start, what would it take?
- Give them additional ideas and ask if any of them would work for them.
- If the client is open to education, knowing what to expect can help them feel like it is possible within their situation.







