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#### Psychology and Neuroscience of "Mental Fitness"







#### AGENDA

- The impact of mental health on energy and performance
- Neuroscience of stress
- Personal accountability
- Recognise limiting beliefs and how they form

### WHY?

- Increase your productivity and profitability
- Build a high performance team and culture for better client experience
- Less sickness, burnout, staff turnover
- Prevent mental health issues

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

- A state of well-being
- Realise your own potential
- Can cope with normal stresses of life
- Can work productively and fruitfully
- Able to make a contribution to your community

### NEURAL, MENTAL, PHYSICAL



### **OPTIMAL STRESS**



STRESS LEVEL



### MINDSET

- Personal accountability
- Jump in the "CAR"
- Goals vs beliefs



#### **PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

Taking conscious control of your responses to the events and circumstances in your life – being positive and solution driven

Blame, victim mentality, negative, problem driven – not taking responsibility



# JUMP IN THE "CAR"

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- Change
- Accept
- Remove

#### **GOALS vs BELIEFS**

- GOAL Desired result
- BELIEF Acceptance that something is true especially without proof

#### SUCCESS REQUIRES THESE TO BE ALIGNED



### CHANGING BELIEFS

- What beliefs do you currently have around your goals?
- How is this serving you?
- Is this really true?
- What's possible if this belief were different?
- Look for evidence to the contrary
- Actively choose to change your belief
- Act as if it's already true





### DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU THINK!

 Neuroscience says you can't undo your existing wiring – you need to create new wiring so be careful with your thoughts as they become new wiring





### TOOLS

- Understand the neuro-science of stress
- Breathing techniques
- Ensure "above the line" culture
- Gratitude / "What went well"
- Movement, nutrition, sleep

#### **ACTION PLAN**

- Name one change you are going to make in the next two weeks to improve your mindset.
- Name one change you are going to make in the next two months to improve your mindset.
- How can you implement these tools with your broader team?

## CONCLUSION

- Mindset is the key to success
- Personal accountability is required
- Understanding limiting beliefs and how to change them is crucial



# **FINAL THOUGHTS** You can have RESULTS or EXCUSES. NOT BOTH!

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