





#### **Promoting Resilience among Families**

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- To explore what resilience is and how it develops
- To enhance confidence and knowledge about what you can do to build resilience among your own children
- To consider the importance of your own resilience while supporting your child to develop theirs
- To take away at least one thing/task you can go on to do in terms of supporting your own child's Resilience



#### But first...a game









# What is it like to transition to High School



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PakdYTJxu-I





#### What is resilience?



 <u>https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=what+is+resilien</u> <u>ce+harvard&&view=detail&mid=58BC1A86A4832246C7</u> 0358BC1A86A4832246C703&&FORM=VRDGAR



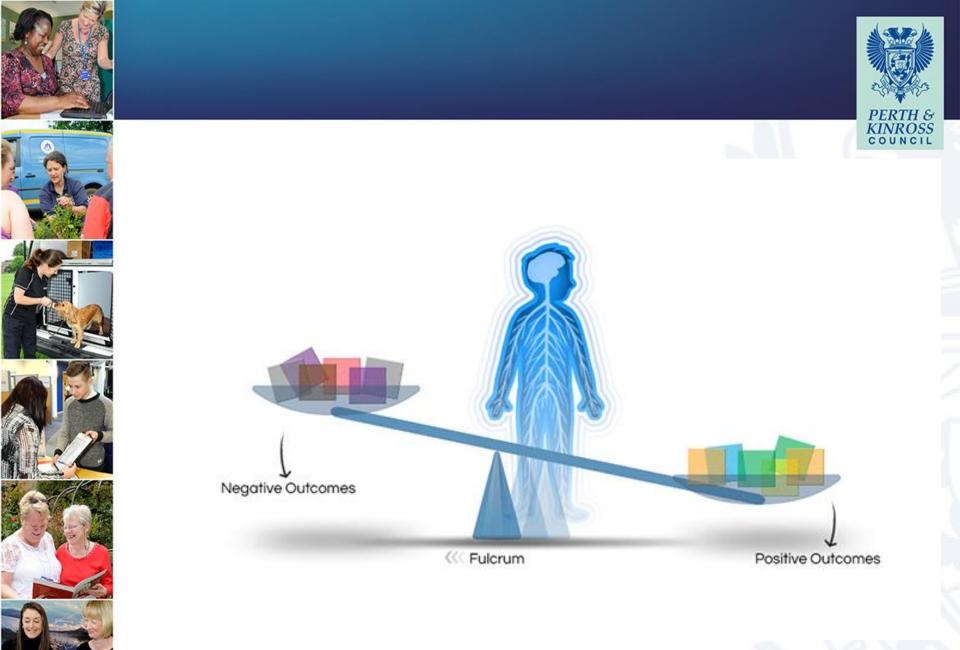






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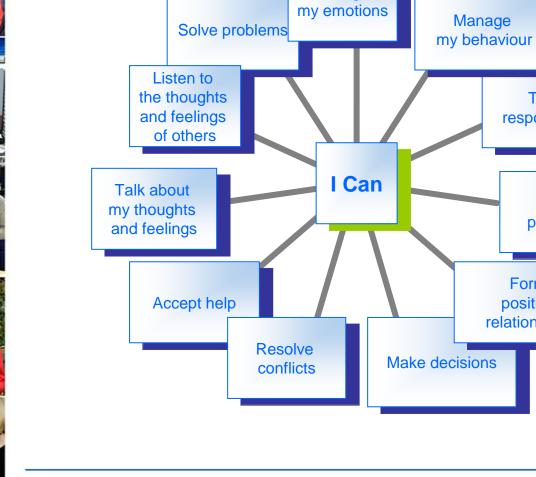
#### Framework of Assessment and Intervention for Resilience (South Lanarkshire EPS)











Manage

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Take

responsibility

Form

positive relationships

See other

perspectives

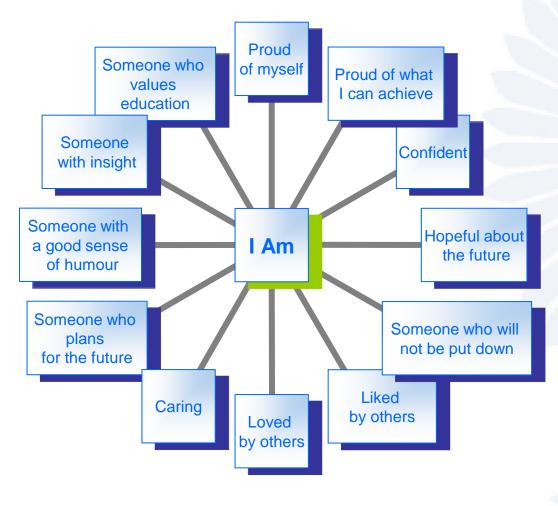










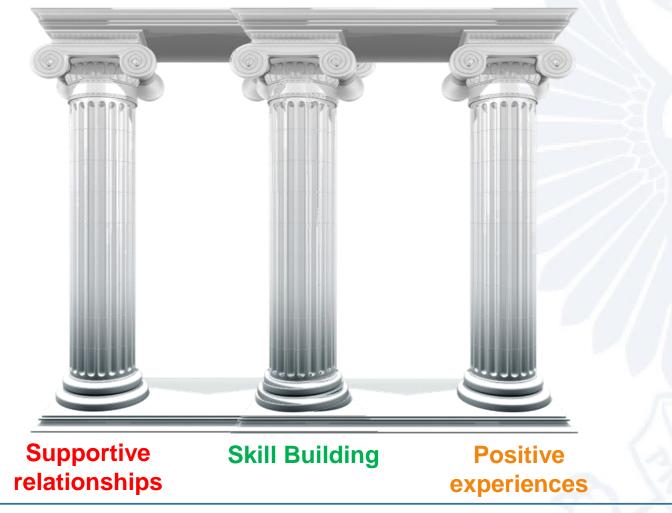




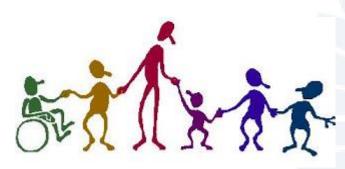
#### **Foundations of Resilience**



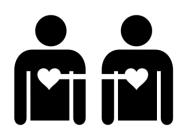
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#### **Resilience needs relationships**

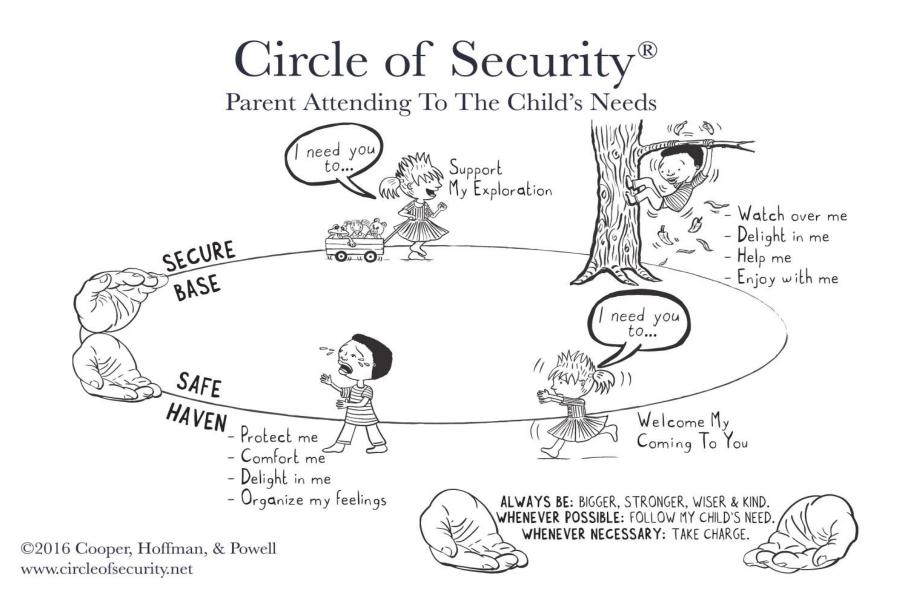






https://www.circleofsecurityinternational.com/







## **Building Coping Skills**







Bad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.

- Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
- Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.
- Nobody is perfect-not you or others.
- Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.
- Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setback sometimes. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.



Blame fairly- how much of what happened was because of you, how much was because of others and how much was because of bad luck or circumstances?

Accept the things you can't change, but try to change what you can first.

Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.

Keep things in perspective. It's only one part of your life.



### **How Adults Support Resilience**



 $\circ$   $\,$  Increase exposure to people who care about them  $\,$ 

'I told Grandma how brave you were. She's so proud of you.'

- Model resilience
  - o It's ok to ask for help
  - Model and Nurture Optimism
  - Teach them to reframe





## **How Adults Support Resilience**



- Face fear with support
- Encourage to take risks
- Nurture growth mind set
- Trust their capacity to cope
- Build their problem solving toolbox
- Feelings of competence/mastery



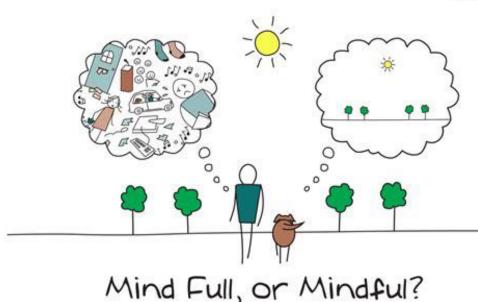
https://www.heysigmund.com/building-resilience-children/



## **Supporting Resilience**



- Relaxation/Mindfulness
- Exercise





# The role of families in supporting transition



- Warmth and Sensitivity goes along way in supporting the move to High School
- Supporting Homework
- Supporting Friendships (both old and new)



#### The big question....



- As a result of today...
  - What will you be able to implement in terms of supporting your own child's resilience ?



