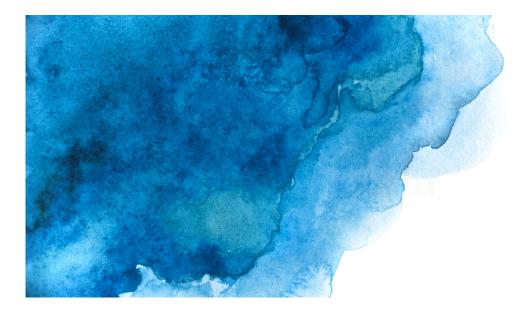
# MAINTAINING MOTIVATION IN OCD TREATMENT

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#### WHY IS MOTIVATION IMPORTANT IN OCD TREATMENT?

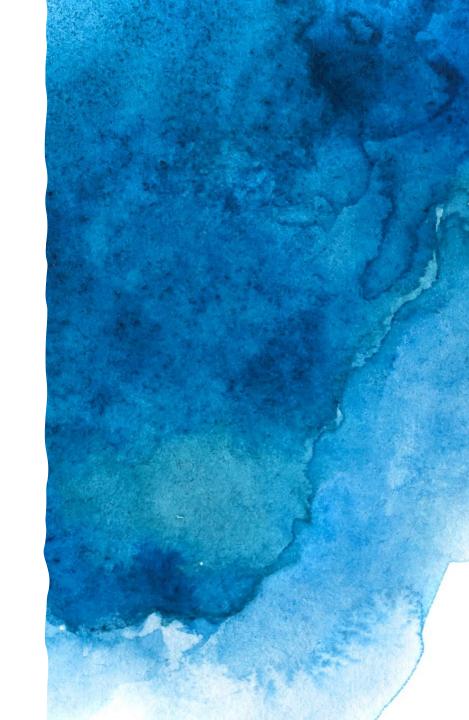
Consistency and follow through are vital in treatment

Reaching treatment goals is important

Becoming your own ERP coach

## HOW TO STAY MOTIVATED IN TREATMENT:

- LEAD WITH BEHAVIOR. MOTIVATION COMES FROM CONSISTENCY AND SUCCESS, IT DOES NOT JUST APPEAR
- HAVE CLEAR AND REACHABLE GOALS TO GUIDE YOU
- BE ACTIVE IN YOUR DECISION MAKING INSTEAD OF PASSIVE
- o TRACK YOUR EXPOSURES
- REWARD YOUR SUCCESSES. GAMIFICATION / CHART

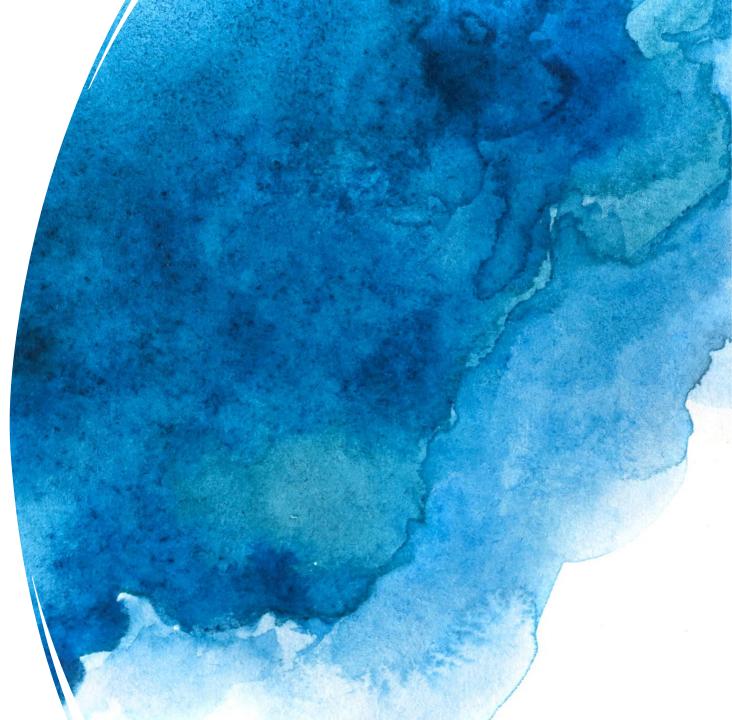


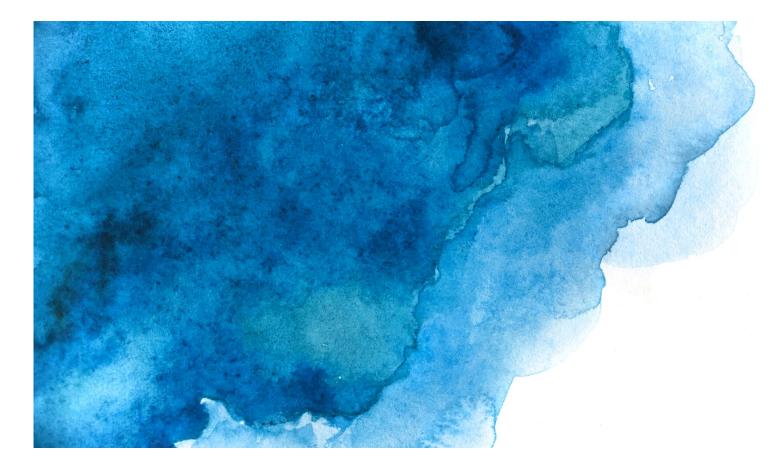
## HOW TO STAY MOTIVATED IN TREATMENT CONTINUED

- FIGURING OUT YOUR TREATMENT "WHY" VALUES
- REMINDING YOURSELF WHAT OCD HAS TAKEN FROM YOU AND WHAT YOUR LIFE COULD LOOK LIKE WITHOUT COMPULSIONS
- CREATE A SPECIFIC PLAN TO SCHEDULE IN YOUR EXPOSURES (TIME OF DAY / LENGTH)
- O HABIT STACKING
- PROS AND CONS OF MAKING A CHANGE

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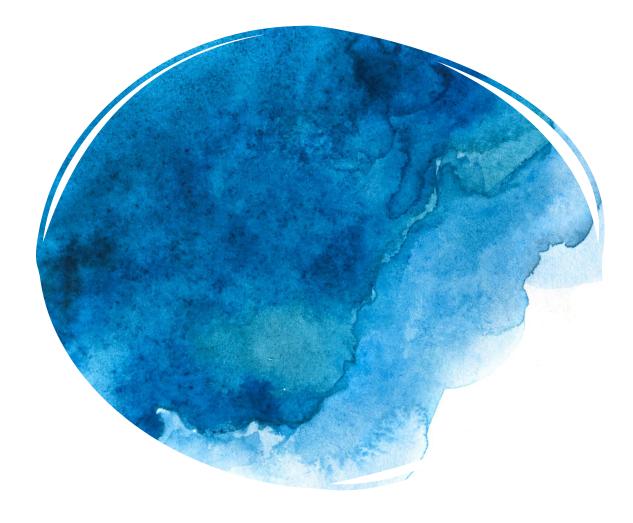
- $\circ\,$  Support groups and 'erp buddles'
- SELF COMPASSION / NOT BEATING YOURSELF UP
- IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL MOTIVATION BARRIERS
- NCORPERATING FAMILY AND LOVED ONE'S
  DANCING AND SUPERHERO POSES
  EXTERNALIZING THE OCD (#TEAMCHRIS)





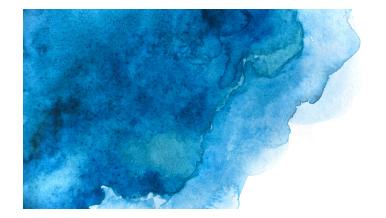
#### WHAT DOES NOT WORK

- o BEATING YOURSELF UP
- o LACK OF FAMILY SUPPORT
- o DISCOUNTING SUCCESSES
- o FOCUSING ON SETBACKS
- o STIGMA
- o THE 75% PHENOMENON
- 0 COMPARING
- o TRYING TO DO IT BY YOURSELF



## FINAL THOUGHTS

<u>ANDREW:</u> "YOU CAN ALWAYS RECOMMIT" <u>SHANNON:</u> "BELIEVE IN YOURSELF" CHRIS: "BREAK IT DOWN ONE STEP AT A TIME"



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