Resiliency in Nursing Leadership

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Objectives

* Defining resiliency in the scope of nursing leadership
* Discuss strategies, processes and programs that assist nurse leaders to develop resiliency
* Explore opportunities to develop resiliency that can impact professional practice outcomes
My leadership Journey...
How do you define resiliency?
Defining Resilience

* The ability to survive and thrive in the face of adversity
* The capacity to keep functioning physically and psychologically in the face of stress, adversity, trauma or tragedy.
* Resilience has been noted as a key attribute of transformational leadership and employee engagement
* It has also been shown to impact the retention of nurse leaders in their roles and well as with direct care staff
What is Resilience?

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Why focus on resilience?

* Stress inducing environment of our work...
* Increase in crisis with reduction or limited availability of resources
* Information Overload- data saturation
  * How much data do we need?
* Overwhelming demands of Nurse Leaders (NL)
  * Patient Centered, quality, safety and fiscally responsible
  * Who wants to be the NL these days?
The reality of the NL position...

- Stressors of doing the job which may cause...
  - Frustration
  - Anxiety
  - Emotional distress
  - Apprehension
  - Reduced personal and organizational outcomes
  - Decrease recruitment and retention
Effects of Stress on Nurse Leaders

* Psychosocial health effects
  * Anxiety
  * Depression
  * Shame
  * Vulnerability
* Work satisfaction
* Poor patient outcomes
* Turnover or attrition of staff
The question is not whether stress will appear and take a toll on those in healthcare, but the steps we must take to appreciate, learn from and develop strategies to deal with the stress... and become resilient.
Qualities of a Resilient Nurse Leader

- Honesty and Integrity
- Accountability
- Authenticity
- Hope
- Optimism
- Inspiration
- Considerate
- Courage
- Self Reliance
- Perseverance
Interventions to impact Nurse Leader Resiliency

* Determine how you define your success
* Collaboration within the organization and community
* Regulate your mood and affect
* Balance yourself
* Know your triggers
* “KNOW” who you are and what you stand for...
* Be vulnerable, acknowledge lessons and be willing to try again
* Innovation and Creativity
Factors for Resiliency

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* Bounce Forward: The Extraordinary Resilience of Nurse Leadership
* Real Life stories
* What it takes?
* How to put into practice.
* How to foster for your organization.
* Seven Key things resilience produces.

Elements to develop resilience

- Connectedness and support - home or work
- Intentionality-purpose - connecting the dots to the “WHY”
- Self Validated care giving - feel good about the work you are doing
- Self efficacy - capability to achieve goals
- Self regulation - ability to keep calm in a stressful situation
- Self Care - healthy lifestyle and care of oneself
- Positivity - optimism
Competencies of Resiliency

- Building positive relationships
- Maintaining positivity
- Developing emotional insight
- Creating work life balance
- Reflection on successes and challenges
What YOU can do…

* Avoid perfectionism
* Workaholics BEWARE…
* Self Care
  * What is it?
  * Who me?
* Self Reflection
  * Mindfulness…
  * Journaling
* Ask for what you need, clarify expectations

Self-Care is a priority and necessity - not a luxury - in the work that we do.
How do we impart Resiliency with our staff?

- Remove barriers that prevent the direct care staff and leaders from being able to do the best job possible
- Professional Development
- Five Practices of Exemplary Leadership
  - Inspire a Shared Vision
  - Model the Way
    - Follow values
    - Keep commitments
  - Encourage the Heart
    - Employee and Patient Rounding
Imparting Resiliency Continued...

- Reinforce positive behaviors
- DON’T Tolerate low performers
- Empower shared decision making and encourage innovation and creativity with your staff
- Provide opportunity for constructive dialogue to promote staff to talk to one another about their practice
  - It’s not about them as a person….it’s about their practice
- Reward and recognize
- Show personal concern and empathy
- Advocate for your staff and patients
  - If you DON’T there isn't anyone who will...
How do you foster Resiliency with your staff or teams?
So why does resiliency matter

- If you are intentional in cultivating and applying resilience you will find that your relationships and leadership capabilities are enhanced and strengthened during challenging times.
- Stress costs the American workforce 300 Billion dollars per year.
- The average cost of turnover ranges from $37,700-$58,400. Hospitals can lose up to 8.1 Million dollars annually as the nurse turnover rate continues to rise.

Benefits of developing personal resilience

- Increase longevity and satisfaction
- Improved employee engagement
- Reduced staff turnover
- Improved quality outcomes
Using the Art of Nursing to impact resilience

- Intentional creative use of oneself based upon skill and expertise
- Transmit emotion and meaning to other staff as well as colleagues
- It is a process that requires investment and dedication to sensitivity, imagination and active participation
- Be a nurse leader who not only thrives in relation to the sciences but is also able to tap into the practice of the Art of Nursing.
Back to our roots...

* Be present with staff and patients
* Sensitives to oneself and mindful of surroundings to impact the needs of patients and colleagues
* Be intentional
  * Fully connected to oneself to ENJOY the practice of nursing therefore becoming resilient
  * Pause and reflect upon meeting goals, objectives and successes

_Nursing had at last developed roots, purpose, direction and leadership!_
Let’s dance!


References


