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Session 3: Mindful Mondays Trainer: Anne Contreras, Director of Programs

#### Getting Started:

- 1. If you have any questions, please type them into the Q&A box.
- 2. Remember to also sign up and register in your respective district/agency's system in order to receive credit if needed.
- 3. Since this is an **experiential activity**, please wear comfortable clothing to move in and arrange your space to allow for movement. Also, please have a four-legged chair with no wheels, close by.
- 4. After this session ends, Zoom pops up a link to a feedback survey. Please complete this, as this helps us further support you.



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Respond to the poll to share your response with our group.

#### **Describe Your Mood Today**

# Sunshine Rainy Thundery Cloudy Rainbow





### Who We Are

**Pure Edge, Inc. (PEI)** is a private operating foundation that provides direct service to organizations through professional development & strategy thought partnership.

PEI also provides grants to national organizations that advance the work of whole child development & SEL.





#### Introductions

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# Engaging Activity: One Minute Reflection





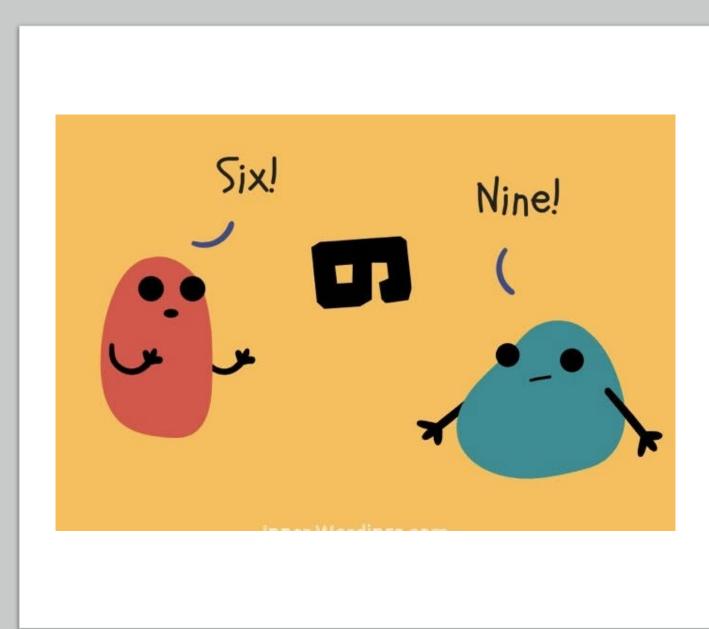


### Session Objectives

- Touch upon Bias > Negativity Bias
- Experience a brief self-care practice.
- Practice: What Am I Grateful For?





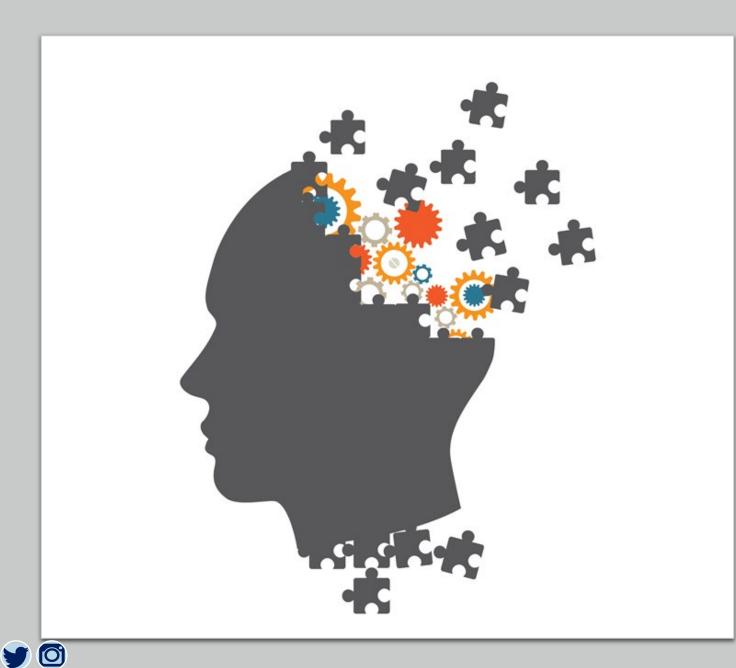


#### Bias

An inherent or learned prejudice against a thing, person, or group when compared with another.<sup>1</sup>

Nearly all humans share a **negativity bias**, that is our tendency to hold on to or collect negative information in the form of **memories** or **impressions**.





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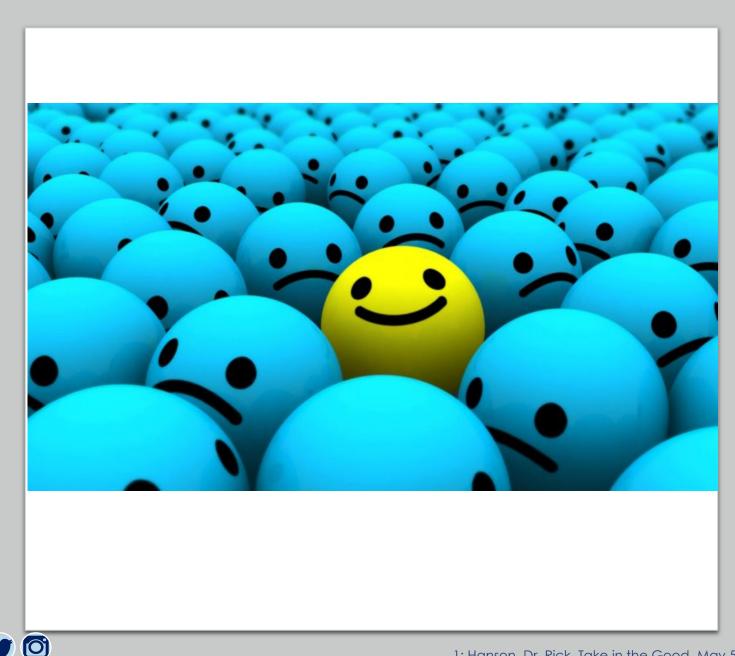
#### Negativity Bias

Negativity bias can take the shape of:

- Excessive worry
- Anxiety
- Frustration
- Aggression
- Judgement

Sometimes it leads us to look for or expect danger.





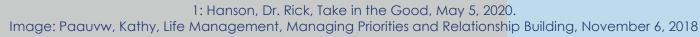
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#### Negativity Bias

Example, studies have found that:

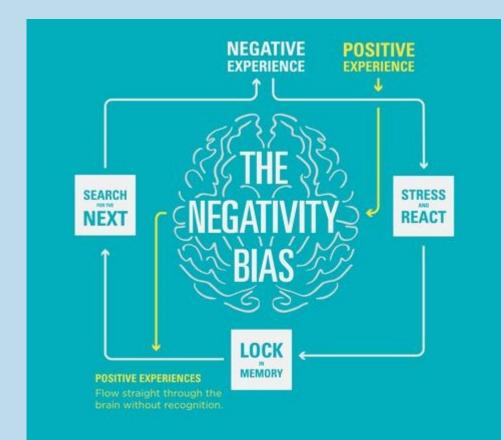
- In a relationship, it typically takes five good interactions to make-up for a single bad one.
- People will work much harder to **avoid losing \$100** than they will work to gain the same amount of money.
- Painful experiences are much more memorable than pleasurable ones.<sup>1</sup>





#### Taking In the Good

"The brain is like Velcro for negative experiences and like Teflon for positive ones."



- Meaning, unpleasant experiences stick to the brain's longer-term memory.
- While pleasant experiences are less likely to stay put.
  - It takes <u>2-3</u> seconds for one's brain to remember something unpleasant.

It takes <u>20-30</u> seconds for your brain to remember something pleasant.









# Engaging Activity: Belly-Heart Breathing









## Engaging Activity: Chair Sunrise Twist

















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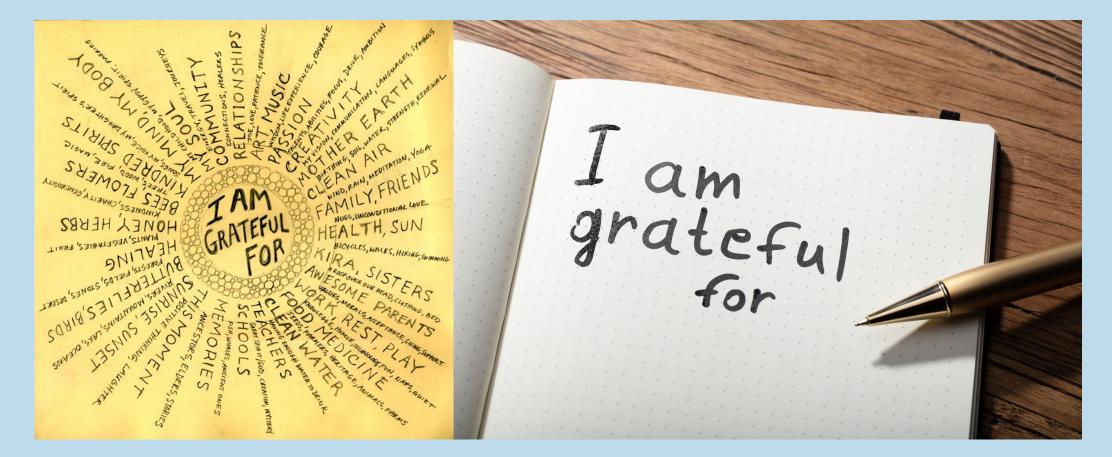
Engaging Activity: Guided Rest







#### **Optimistic Closure:** List <u>5</u> things you are Grateful





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