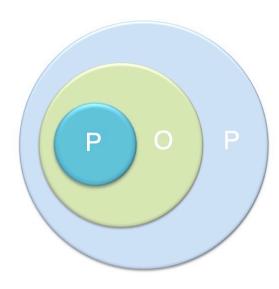


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# Mindful Stress Management Toolbox

#### **POP Stress Now**™



### Pause

- Take a break from the action
- Take 3+ conscious breaths
- · Follow the breath in and out

### Observe

- · Notice body, emotions, thoughts
- · Allow. Open. Be curious. Be kind.
- · Awareness of safety in moment

### Proceed

- · With intention, take the next step
- · Be responsive rather than reactive
- Show up

## **Interrupting the Stress Response**

POP: Pause, Observe, Proceed	Extend kindness
Paced Breathing (4:4+)	Express gratitude
Savor a pleasant experience	Connect with nature
Mindful breathing	Connect with a friend
Shift posture	Play with kids, pets
Stretch, move the body	Read something inspiring
Aromatherapy	Music: dance, sing, listen, play
Laugh, find humor	Art, theater, movies
Daydream	Shift negative self-talk
Hum	Other