

# Break the Urgency Cycle Through Mindfulness Practices

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### Covey's Time Matrix

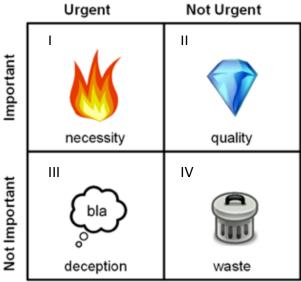


Figure 1

### The Amygdala and Related Brain Structures

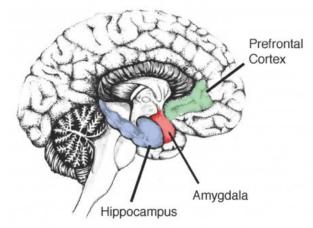
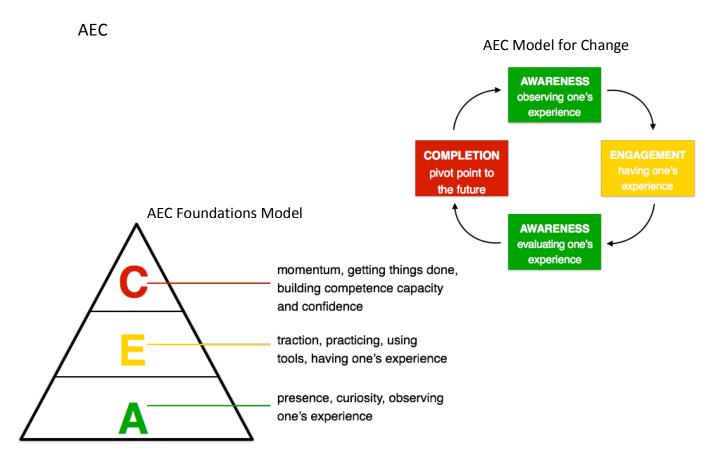


Figure 2





Rope Bridge Exercise - Heightening A and C



One client, coach and observer

Client comes focused on a particular engagement (E) where they are feeling a sense of urgency.

Agreement: Coach and client are practicing mindfulness, creating awareness and educating about AEC

Coaching objective: Build A and C with your client using the AEC process and the following coaching skills-

Educate Model Cue Listen Articulate



## ABROS™ Exercise - Reengage the E in a Mindful way with your client

	Example	Practice
Actions Committed  Clear, specific and measurable action(s) the client commits to take by a certain deadline; commitment includes sharing the experience with the coach	Committed to exercise program: going to the gym four mornings a week	
Benefits of Outcome  The positive outcome the client will receive after completing the action(s)	<ul> <li>Decrease stress, which is an obstacle</li> <li>Set a good tone for the day</li> <li>Increase energy</li> </ul>	
Resources to Tap  The client's resources Expectations, Time, Roles Strengths, skills, talents, past experiences and successes, supportive people and tools	<ul> <li>There's a gym on-site</li> <li>Has coworkers who work out in the morning</li> <li>Is former athlete; knows value of exercise</li> </ul>	
Obstacles to Overcome  The potential challenges that may get in the way of completing the actions	<ul> <li>Forgets in moment</li> <li>Logistics difficult due children school drop-off</li> <li>Too much on plate</li> </ul>	
Support Engaged Now  The coach's accountability support: "What support do you have or want here?"	<ul> <li>Wife will take kids 1 day</li> <li>Will make plans to meet a specific coworker at gym</li> <li>Willing to review w/coach</li> </ul>	



Resources - An extended resource page can be found at http://wp.me/P70ffu-wT Pw: mindful

Figure 1 Covey's Time Management Matrix. Retrieved from http://onewomanshop.com/2014/experiments-covey-matrix/

Figure 2 Schematic Image of Hippocampus and Amygdala. Retrieved from <a href="http://guardianlv.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Image-showing-the-Hippocampus-in-the-human-brain-450x348.jpg">http://guardianlv.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Image-showing-the-Hippocampus-in-the-human-brain-450x348.jpg</a>

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