

## **TIPS FOR SELF-CARE**

- 1. Be gentle with yourself.
- 2. Establish a network of support, both at work and in your personal life.
- 3. Change your routine often and tasks when possible.
- 4. Learning relaxation/calming techniques and use them routinely.
- 5. Get involved in macro-level work to influence policy or prevention.
- 6. Be good to yourself. Reward yourself for the good work you do.
- 7. Develop interests and support outside of work.
- 8. Recognize the difference between complaining that relieves stress and the complaining that reinforces negative stress.
- 9. Give support to peers and management. Learn to accept it in return.
- 10. Remember that you can only change yourself, nobody else.
- 11. Find a hermit spot and use it daily.
- 12. On the way home, focus on a good thing that happened that day.
- 13. Eat regularly and healthy.
- 14. Get enough rest and sleep.
- 15. Exercise routinely, even if it is simple and brief.
- 16. Remember to nurture all of your parts....intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and physical.
- 17. Take breaks. Schedule them into your day.
- 18. Remember to make time for fun and play.
- 19. Be grateful for what you have in life that others do not.
- 20. Nurture at least one close relationship.
- 21. Attend trainings.
- 22. Set good boundaries in your personal and professional life.
- 23. Treat yourself to something special sometimes.
- 24. Practice spiritual renewal.
- 25. Debrief.

REMEMBER THE BIG PICTURE! KEEP PERSPECTIVE!