



**Prevention of Anxiety**



Children  
Communities  
Connections 2010


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***“The very motion of  
our lives is towards  
happiness “***

**Dalai Lama**




**RESILIENCE IS THE  
ABILITY TO BOUNCE  
BACK IN THE FACE OF  
ADVERSITY.**



**Has history shown progress  
towards human happiness?**

**“Citizens of affluent countries have  
physically healthier, longer life  
spans but receive much less social  
support from friendships and  
extended families. Do these  
citizens have psychologically  
healthier lives? ”**



**What we know:**

**Obesity /early onset diabetes and  
anxiety/depressive disorders will be more  
prevalent in western countries than any  
other health problem in the next 30 years.**

(World Health Organisation conference, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

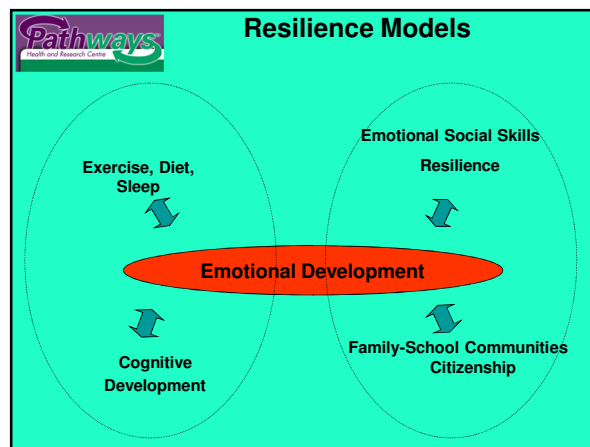
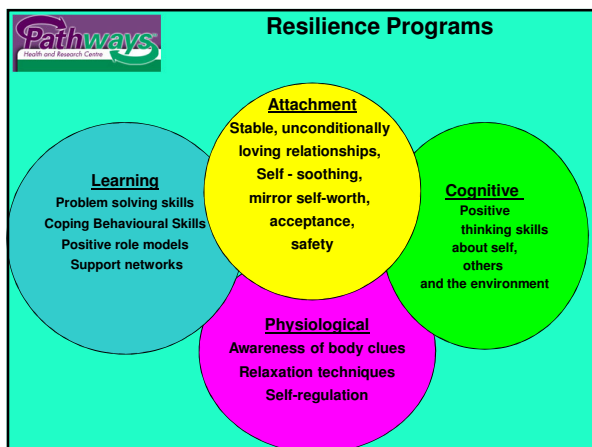
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**“We cannot always build a predictable future, but we can build ourselves for whatever the future may bring”**

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**Risk and Protective Factors for Human Development**

- Risk Factors:**
  - Temperament Physiological sensitivity – low thresholds for stress
  - Neurological/brain development
  - Attention Biases
  - Life Events traumas
- Protective Factors:**
  - Attachment
  - Cognitive style
  - Family
  - Sleep/Diet/Exercise
  - Evidence based prevention programs



OVERLOOKING MY LIFE SO FAR

In my life I had accumulated many things in my head  
Too MANY THINGS !

Memories tunes facts fears, visions, loves etc etc as many as possible

In a fertile mind such things will interbreed, mongrel visions are born hybrid memories inbred, idiot love It gets very CONFUSING

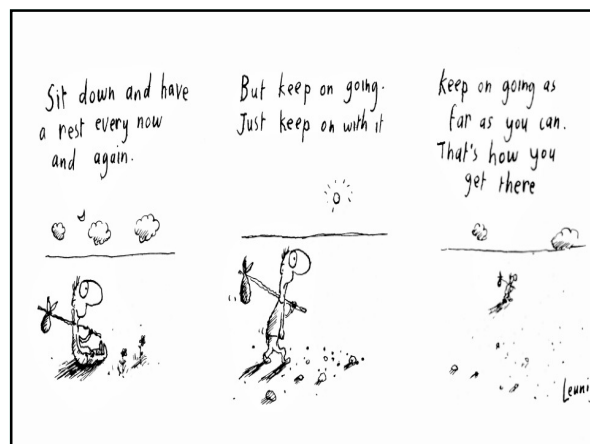
I decided it was time for a good cleanup so I emptied it all out of my head and pushed it up in a big heap to sort it out

There it was everything that was me, all in a big jumbled heap. I walked around it. What a mess!

Then suddenly I saw it in silhouette and realized what it was. IT WAS A HEAP...! A SIMPLE HEAP...! You don't sort it out you climb it, you climb it because it is there.

Excitedly I clambered to the summit and raised a flag. I was now looking beyond everything that I knew.

THE VIEW WAS SIMPLY MAGNIFICENT



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