CHANGES in our life are ...

a natural part of human experience, potentially positive, possibly negative . . .

and they always create STRESS!

The intent of this questionnaire is to increase your awareness of possible contributing factors to your personal stress. There are no norms, and there are no wrong answers; however, the more items you select, the greater your potential is for increased stress. After taking this self-evaluation, if you would like to meet with a professional counselor to discuss your current stressors and find ways to manage stress more effectively, please contact us:

Behavioral Health Services / Employee Assistance Program: (509) 376-4418

Assess your stress level by marking the changes you experienced during the past year:

marriage/reconciliation	change in eating habits	
separation/divorce	change in sleeping pattern	
death of a loved one	personal injury or illness	
personal achievement	gaining a new family member	
problems at work	move to a new residence	
job promotion	threat of job loss	
serious financial problems	new mortgage/refinance	
changed health/behavior of family member	sexual difficulties	
legal difficulties (arrests, jail time)	retirement	
child leaving home (college, marriage)	vacation	
<i>How stressed do you feel?</i> 1 2 3 (Low stress)	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (High stress)	

Since no one can completely avoid or eliminate all stress from one's life, we all must learn healthy ways to cope with the effects. Assess your use of good methods of stress management by checking all that apply:

regular exercise	share feelings with partner/friend	realistic goals
balanced diet	time for recreation/relaxation	private, quiet time
plenty of rest	limit your use of alcohol	<u>know your limits</u>

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