Emotional Health Critical Incidents

Emotional Health Critical Incident 1

Oudry and Estelle arrive in the United States with their three children, who start school. Estelle finds a job with help from the resettlement agency quickly, and is able to get health benefits for the family. After a few months, Oudry has still not found a job and is uncomfortable with his wife financially supporting the family. At times, he appears angry, and at other times, depressed.

Think about the critical incident and consider the following questions:

- How would you feel if you were Oudry?
- What could Oudry and Estelle do to help Oudry and his family?

Emotional Health Critical Incident 2

Renuka is taking English classes and practicing English in her community every chance she has, but learning English is not easy for her. Renuka's daughter, Deepa, has learned English quickly in school. Renuka schedules a doctor's appointment and arranges for an interpreter to attend the appointment with her. However, the day before the appointment, the interpreter calls to say she is unable to attend. Renuka tries to reschedule the doctor's appointment, but will not be able to get another appointment for six weeks. Renuka brings Deepa to the appointment to interpret for her.

Think about the critical incident and consider the following questions:

- How would you feel if you were Renuka? How would you feel if you were Deepa?
- What could Renuka do to help herself and her family?

Emotional Health Critical Incident 3

Zaw Min finds a full-time position quickly, and his wife starts working part-time. Their children are learning English quickly and making friends. However, Zaw Min often feels unhappy. To feel better, Zaw Min starts drinking alcohol at home regularly, and occasionally becomes violent toward his wife and children.

Think about the critical incident and consider the following questions:

- How would you feel if you were Zaw Min?
- How do you think Zaw Min's family feels?
- What could Zaw Min do to help himself and his family?
- What could Zaw Min's wife or children do to help him and their family?

Emotional Health Critical Incident 4

Lana has had trouble making friends. Her neighbors do not seem interested in talking to her, and her new colleagues seem very busy. Lana is proud of herself for being able to support her family, but she misses having friends to talk to.

Think about the critical incident and consider the following questions:

- How would you feel if you were Lana?
- What could Lana do to help herself and her family?

Emotional Health Critical Incident 5

Saif and Jannat's daughter Aya has learned English quickly, is doing well in school, and has started working for the school newspaper. Saif and Jannat feel very proud and are happy that their daughter has done well in their new community. However, Aya has started talking back to her parents.

Think about the critical incident and consider the following questions:

- How would you feel if you were Saif or Jannat?
- How do you think Aya feels?
- What could Saif and Jannat do to help Aya and improve the situation?

Emotional Health Critical Incident 6

Sabitri came to the United States with her son Bhampa, her daughter-in-law Jaya, and her three grandchildren. Sabitri's grandchildren started school, and Bhampa and Jaya were able to find jobs quickly. Sabitri is often alone at home. She does not know how to get around on her own, and she cannot ask for directions because she does not speak English.

Think about the critical incident and consider the following questions:

- How would you feel if you were Sabitri?
- How might Bhampa and Jaya feel about Sabitri's situation?
- What could Sabitri do to help herself and her family?
- What could Sabitri's family do to help her?

Emotional Health Critical Incident 7

Lionel was happy to finally come to the United States and leave his troubles behind him. But now, a few months after his arrival, he has trouble sleeping at night because of the nightmares about the war he lived through back home. Sometimes Lionel is afraid to leave the house, even during the day.

Think about the critical incident and consider the following questions:

- How would you feel if you were Lionel?
- What could Lionel do to help himself?
- How could Lionel find assistance?

Health and Hygiene Unit Vocabulary Worksheet 1

Directions: Match the words on the left to the pictures on the right. The first one is done for you.



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Health and Hygiene Unit Vocabulary Worksheet 2

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words in the puzzle below. The words are included in a word bank. The first one is done for you.

Word Bank			
ache	checkup	health	homesick
hygiene	nurse	sad	

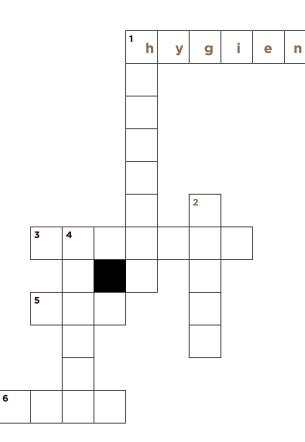
Across \leftrightarrow

(words that go from left to right):

- 1. The practice of keeping clean to stay healthy
- 3. A medical examination
- 5. Unhappy; sorrowful
- 6. A dull pain that lasts a long time

Down ‡ (words that go from top to bottom):

- 1. A feeling of wanting to be home
- 2. A person who helps the doctor and takes care of sick people
- 4. The condition of a person's body or mind



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