# **Resources**

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# "It's not the load that breaks you, it's the way you carry it!"

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-Lou Holtz

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## **Signs of Stress**

# Physical Signs:

- ➢ Low energy
- Headaches
- Upset Stomach
- Diarrhea
- Constipation
- > Nausea
- > Aches
- > Tense muscles

#### **Emotional Signs:**

- Easily Agitated
- Overwhelmed
- Difficulty relaxing
- Low Esteem
- Feelings of depression
- Procrastination
- ➢ Use of Drugs
- Nail biting, fidgeting

### **Management Techniques**

<u>Meditation</u>: allows the body and mind to be more resilient to stress.

**Breathing:** Deep breathing exercises slow the heart-rate down and decreases blood pressure.

**<u>Reach out:</u>** Seeking the help of a profession is important when symptoms progress and effect personal life.

<u>Be Present:</u> Slow down and focus on senses. This will allow the body to feel less tense.

*Tune into your body:* YOGA or any form of exercise will allow you to, decompress, and connect you mind and body.

Stress Inoculation Training (S.I.T.)

> Techniques that are used to help people cope with stress ahead of time.

# <u>Three Phases of S.I.T.</u>

*Phase I:* This phase is used to educate the person on stress, it's nature and coping methods.

**Phase II:** The second phase also known as the rehearsal phase is used to teach people how to cope with their stress in a healthy way.

*Phase III:* The implementation phase is when the person practices the coping skills taught with the use of visual exercises, role play, and repetitious behavior.