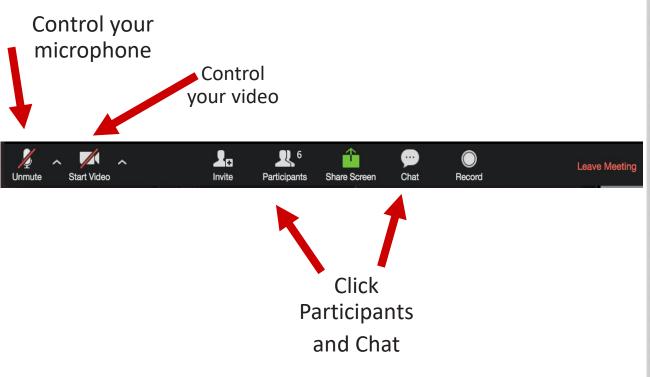
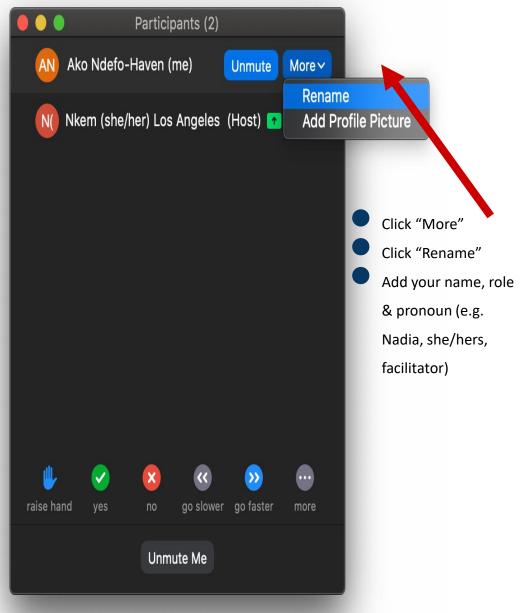
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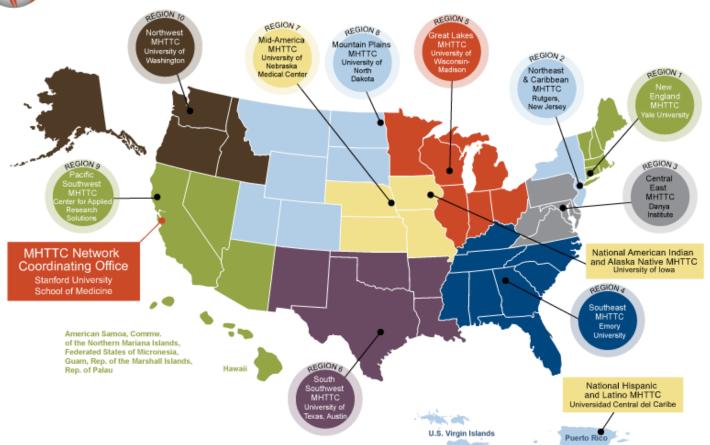
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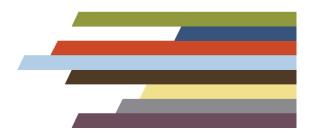




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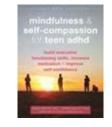


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## Experiencing Joy

Savoring, Gratitude & Self-Appreciation

Karen Bluth, PhD March 26, 2021







## What About Joy?



## **Negativity Bias**

"We are Velcro for negative experiences and Teflon for positive experiences."

- Rick Hanson, psychologist and author

## Finding Joy Through ...

- Savoring
- Gratitude
- Self-Appreciation



### Savoring

#### Moments in our lives ...











#### Gratitude

#### Research:

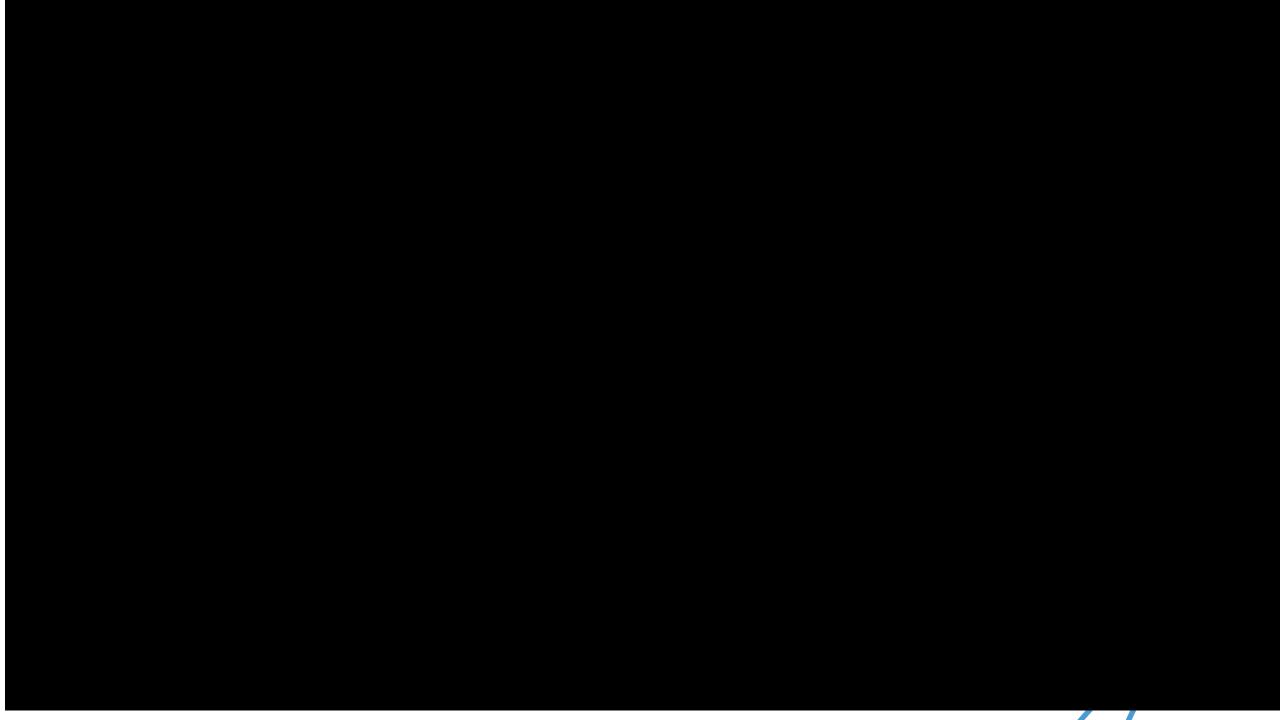
- Keeping a gratitude diary for two weeks produced reductions in stress (28%) and depression (16%) in health-care practitioners.
- Two gratitude activities (counting blessings and gratitude letter writing) reduced the risk of depression in at-risk patients by 41% over a 6-month period.
- Dietary fat intake is reduced by as much as 25% when people are keeping a gratitude journal.
- Grateful people have 16% lower diastolic blood pressure and 10% lower systolic blood pressure compared to those less grateful.

(Dickens, 2017; Emmons & McCollough, 2004; Wood, Froh, & Geraghty, 2010)

## Gratitude Practice

For one minute, write down all the *small* things that you are grateful for.





### **Self-Appreciation**

#### Appreciating our good qualities

- Common humanity we all have good qualities!
- It doesn't mean we are better than others we are more *like* others.
- Our good qualities come from influences of others.



#### **Breakout Rooms**

How can you envision bringing these practices into your life? What practices will work for you?

- Savoring
- Gratitude
- Self-appreciation

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## **EVALUATION**

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