# Coping Mechanism or Too Much of a Good Thing? Serene Carruthers, LMFT, Manager of Sharp McDonald Center

## **Healthy Coping Skills**

Movement	Connection	Self-Expression	Distraction	Mindfulness
Exercise	Play with pet	Journal	Read	Deep breathing
Yoga	Talk to a friend	Color	Music	Affirmations
Muscle relaxation		Dance	Photos	Objective observation

## 4 C's of Addiction

- Cravings
- Compulsion
- Control
- Consequences

## The Iceberg

- Guilt
- Shame
- Trauma
- Avoidance
- Learned skills
- Mental health challenges

### **Finding Balance and Health**

Thoughts	Feelings	Actions	Support
Core beliefs	Big emotions	Authenticity	Connection
Mindfulness	Feelings aren't facts	Vulnerability	Acceptance
Radical acceptance	Emotional regulation	Daily Practices	Accountability
Wise Mind		Habits	Treatment

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