MindSet Strategies

Four Step Counseling Model

<u>Step 1</u>	 *Say what you see and/or hear" Point out physical signs of anger i.e. tapping pencil, rocking in chair Be concrete and non-judgmental Focus on body language Purpose: To let the person know they have your attention in a non-judgmental way.
<u>Step 2</u>	 *Establish the feeling" Seems to me like you are Keep the communication focused. Feelings drive behavior Purpose: To connect a feeling to the behavior in an effort to establish a base or understanding for further communication.
<u>Step 3</u>	 *Connect the feeling to the source or source of distress" Ask who, what, where, when questions avoid asking WHY Use active reflective listening Purpose: To connect the feeling to the source or sources of distress.
<u>Step 4</u>	 *Plan of action" What do you want? What else can you do? What have you tried? What are you willing to do? What can you do right now to calm down? Is there anyone else that you are willing to talk with about this? What are the pros and cons? Purpose: To assist the person in crisis towards establishing a plan of action of getting their needs met in acceptable and safe ways.

Responses to Oppositional/Defiant Behaviors:

- □ stay in your CAR
- non-emotional instead of emotional requests
- □ use descriptive requests/clear directives
- do not use a question format
- □ keep a safe distance
- □ make eye contact
- □ 2 requests only
- check tone of voice
- **u** give time to comply
- □ more start requests than stop requests
- □ reinforce compliance



