## MindSet Strategies

## Four Step Counseling Model

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



