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Fireworks Up-Front........

This manual is designed to show you how tools we call "guide maps" have been used to enhance counseling sessions in a substance abuse treatment program. We'll do this by laying out a sequence of maps and providing examples of completed maps for a 4-month treatment program. Although the examples used here are based on experiences with large-group residential treatment in a criminal justice facility, the maps themselves are also appropriate for both small group and individual counseling or therapy programs in a variety of settings. Here's what's important for you to know before you begin with the maps:

* **Guide Maps give individuals more outlets for personal expression** in a large group setting. These maps are designed to help counselors and their clients
  - organize thoughts,
  - remember plans,
  - remember important parts of therapy sessions, and
  - communicate with each other.

* **Four major research projects have shown that maps have a positive impact** on the counseling process and on outcomes, especially for group counseling (see Chapter One for more on this).

* **Maps are enhancements to counseling**; they aren't intended to change or interfere with a counselor's basic approach or style.

* **Chapter One shows how we know that maps work** and give you a reference list for extra reading in case we need to convince you that maps are
worth using. *You don't have to read Chapter One*, of course, but you will know more about the scientific basis of this strategy if you do. *Leave it till last if you want!*

* Chapters Two through Six show you how to use Guide Maps by example: we have created a typical use of maps in a 4-month treatment program. Chapter Eight gives you a set of templates that you can send through a copier or a scanner to use for your own purposes.

* Maps in this manual are good but not "gospel." You can tailor to your own needs the number or sequence of maps, and the look of any map. You can even make your own maps. Ours are in Microsoft Office PowerPoint. We encourage folks to be creative!
Chapter One

Why Use a Map?

A Bedtime Story: Research on Mapping
Why use a map?

The purpose of this manual is to introduce a promising technique that can be used by counselors to help clients represent and resolve personal issues. In Chapters Two through Six we show you guide maps “in action.” We hope you are intrigued enough to be asking if there is research that validates the effectiveness of this tool in the counseling process. In this chapter, we’ll give you some background and a quick look at the major research findings on maps.

Types of maps. Node-link maps are tools that can visually portray ideas, feelings, facts, and experiences. There are three broad categories of these maps:

1. “free” or “process” maps
2. “information” maps, and
3. “guide maps” (the focus of this manual).

As you can see from the examples in this manual, the nodes in a map are drawn as enclosed boxes and represent thoughts, actions, or feelings. The map links are simple lines with arrows that are labeled to show the direction of influence and the interrelationships among the nodes.

Free or process maps are “draw as you go” maps. Using a chalkboard, flip chart, paper and pencil, or computer, client(s) and counselor can work together to create a map of the problem or issue under discussion. For
examples of the use of free mapping, see *Mapping New Roads to Recovery: Cognitive Enhancements to Counseling* (Dansereau, Dees, Chatham, Boatler, and Simpson, 1993).

**Information maps** were the starting point for the map system. They were used initially in academic settings when research showed them to be powerful study tools. These maps organize facts in a specific content area and present them in an easy-to-remember format. The first research on mapping was done with college students, who could remember more main ideas from maps than from comparable texts.

**Guide maps** are pre-structured “mini-interviews”: the fill-in-the-space format guides an individual’s thinking within a specific framework (e.g., personal strengths, goals), but allows ample freedom for self-expression. In a group setting, a guide map can be used to focus and keep a discussion on track. As an individual activity, it provides a structure for thinking about and putting some organization to otherwise nebulous personal issues. In group work, the map can provide some assurance that each group member has had a chance to visit a particular issue personally, even if there has been insufficient session time for each of them to air those issues within the group.

**Roots and rationale.** Node-link maps have an empirical base in a body of research dealing with the effects of using two dimensional visual representations. These graphic representations are frequently found to be more effective than verbal discourse or written narrative in dealing with complex problems and issues. Flow charts, organizational charts, Venn diagrams, pictures, and graphs can increase communication efficiency by making related ideas easier to locate and recognize, and, as a result, potentially more amenable to inferences and recall (Greeno, 1980; Larkin & Simon, 1987; Mayer & Gallini, 1990). Spoken language or written narrative are in physical formats that produce linear “strings” of ideas. Visual representations, on the other hand, have the capability of simultaneously clustering interrelated components to show complex multiple relationships such as parallel lines of thought and feedback loops.

Complexity often makes personal problems both difficult to analyze and solve and emotionally daunting. A visual representation such as a node-link map can capture the most important aspects of a personal issue and make
alternatives more salient for both the client and the counselor. Because this has the potential to make a problem appear more manageable and a solution more probable, it may diffuse at least some of the anxiety surrounding the issue, as well as increase motivation to work toward a solution.

**Research: maps for counseling.** In 1989, maps were first studied as personal management tools for college students in substance abuse prevention research (Tools for Improving Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention, D.F. Dansereau, Principal Investigator) sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). At the same time, again through the NIDA-sponsored DATAR (Drug Abuse Treatment for AIDS Risk Reduction) research (D. D. Simpson, Principal Investigator), maps were also being introduced to heroin-addicted clients and their counselors in three urban Texas methadone clinics. Findings from this research were quite positive. A second DATAR project (Improving Drug Abuse Treatment for AIDS-Risk Reduction) and the NIDA-sponsored CETOP project (Cognitive Enhancements for the Treatment of Probationers; D. F. Dansereau, PI) confirmed maps as useful counseling tools. The CETOP project did so with a particularly tough client pool, probation violators in a criminal justice system treatment program.

The guide maps in this manual were used primarily in the CETOP project, although several have DATAR roots. Many of the maps were drawn by Dansereau and associates initially, and then redrawn to meet counselor needs. Some of the maps were drawn by counselors and put into computer format by grant personnel.

On the following two pages is a summary of major findings from the four research projects. The research articles that support each finding are referenced here as well. A complete reference list follows this summary.
What Research Reveals About the Impact of Mapping: A Quick Summary

◆ Memory for the Session: Maps make treatment discussions more memorable.
  ◆ K. Knight, Boatler, & Simpson, 1991
  ◆ K. Knight, Simpson, & Dansereau, 1994

◆ Focus: Maps increase on-task performance in group sessions and are especially helpful for clients who have attentional problems.
  ◆ Dansereau, Dees, Greener, & Simpson, 1995
  ◆ Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1993
  ◆ D. Knight, Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1994
  ◆ Joe, Dansereau, & Simpson, 1994
  ◆ Czuchry, Dansereau, Dees, & Simpson, 1995
  ◆ Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1995

◆ Communication: Maps give clients greater confidence in their ability to communicate. This is especially so for non-Anglo clients and clients with limited education.
  ◆ Pitre, Dansereau, & Joe, 1996
  ◆ Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1996
  ◆ Blankenship, Dees, & Dansereau, 1997 in progress
  ◆ Newbern, Dansereau, & Pitre, 1999

◆ Ideas: Maps facilitate the production of insights and ideas. Maps:
  Stimulate greater session depth,
  ◆ Dansereau, Dees, Greener, & Simpson, 1995
  ◆ Newbern, Dansereau, Dees, 1997
  Identify gaps in thinking,
  ◆ Pitre, Dansereau, & Simpson, 1997
  Uncover psychological issues,
  ◆ Collier, Czuchry, Dansereau, & Pitre, submitted
  ◆ Czuchry & Dansereau, submitted
  ◆ Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1993
  Can provide greater breadth.
  ◆ Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1993

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(What Research Reveals About the Impact of Mapping, continued)

**Quality of the Client & Counselor Relationship**

- **Rapport.** Mapping facilitates the counselor-client therapeutic alliance.
  - Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1993
  - Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1996
  - Dansereau, Joe, Dees, & Simpson, 1996
  - Simpson, Joe, Rowan-Szal, & Greener, 1996

**During Treatment Outcomes** (e.g., issue resolution & more effective life skills)

- **Positive Feelings Toward Self & Treatment:** Maps facilitate self-confidence, self-efficacy & problem solving. They can foster positive feelings about personal progress in treatment and positive perceptions of treatment process.
  - Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1993
  - Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1995
  - Dansereau, Joe, Dees, & Simpson, 1996
  - Joe, Dansereau, & Simpson, 1994
  - Pitre, Dees, Dansereau, & Simpson, 1997
  - Czuchry, Dansereau, Dees, & Simpson, 1995
  - D. Knight, Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1994
  - Pitre, Dansereau, Newbern & Simpson, 1997
  - Blankenship, Dees, & Dansereau, in progress
  - Newbern, Dansereau, & Pitre, 1999

- **Show Up “Clean”:** Clients who map miss fewer sessions and have fewer positive urinalysis tests for opiates or cocaine.
  - Czuchry, Dansereau, Dees, & Simpson, 1995
  - Dansereau, Joe, Dees, & Simpson, 1996
  - Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1993
  - Joe, Dansereau, & Simpson, 1994
  - Dansereau, Joe, & Simpson, 1995
  - Dees, Dansereau, & Simpson, 1997

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“Clean” & Free: Clients who have mapped during treatment have fewer positive urinalysis tests for opiates, less needle use, and less criminal activity.

- Pitre, Dansereau, & Joe, 1996
- Joe, Dansereau, & Simpson, 1997
Map References


Chapter Two

Setting the stage....

Getting to know you! First map
Introducing Dr. C. Chapters two through six of this manual are the “treatment chapters.” They show the sequence of maps used by a fictitious Dr. John Caresalot (“Dr. C”), our “composite” counselor. Dr. C’s character is not based on any individual counselor, but he has much in common with the individuals who helped research and develop these guide maps. This help started with counselors in a methadone clinic in Corpus Christi, but was primarily provided by the counselors in the Substance Abuse Treatment Program of the Mansfield Community Corrections Facility, a branch of the Community Supervision and Corrections Department of Tarrant County (Texas).

A sequence of maps for treatment. This five-chapter example is based on a program of 4 months of residential treatment with a group of 15 substance-abusing probation violators. The maps that you see from this group are not from any one actual resident, but are (as is Dr. C) composites of maps produced by residents over a five-year period. Dr. C meets with this group for several 2-hour sessions each week. Chapters Two through Four deal with early treatment: using maps during the first 6 weeks to introduce people, introduce maps and plan for treatment. Chapter Five shows maps frequently assigned during the course of treatment, and Chapter Six shows maps used to plan for life-after-treatment.

We show what Dr. C might actually say to introduce the maps and we give you a few pointers here and there about what was done. We feel, though, that each counselor who uses guide maps will tailor them to specific needs, and we depend on your creativity for that. Some of you will not be using the maps with groups this...
large, or with groups at all. That should not be a problem since guide maps can easily be used in both small groups and individual counseling.

**Map composites.** At the beginning of Chapters Three through Six, we present reduced sketches of the pertinent (blank) guide maps, and then show filled-in examples of the completed maps as the chapter proceeds. The examples are composites, drawing on the many maps that we have seen over the past 5 years. We initially started with much larger versions of these maps, but gradually found that people were quite comfortable using the 8.5x11 size. The smaller size, it turns out, has a major advantage for the client: since there’s not enough room to elaborate extensively, thinking must be focused. What’s truly important is what goes on the map. This is a special relief to people who find paper and pencil assignments threatening. Two or three words, or even a picture, can communicate here.

**Chapter 7.** Full-sized versions of this sequence of example maps are in the first section of the last chapter of the manual. Additional maps not included in these examples are in the latter sections of that chapter. We hope that you will find them easy to copy, although we may soon have them available on the “web” for downloading into a PowerPoint program. Check www.ibr.tcu.edu if you want to go this route.
Getting to know you!

Time: 1st or 2nd group session
Participants: 15 group members & Dr. C.
Materials: 15 copies of the blank “My Self” Map, 1 overhead copy of the map, & a black marker

Dr. Caresalot, to his substance abuse treatment group (15 people):

"I'm going to use a "map" to tell you about myself, so you'll know where I'm coming from. Then we'll turn the tables and let you do the telling. First, I am a father, have 2 kids and a wife. They keep me going when dealing with the "stuff" in life gets hard. I have a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and 8 years experience in helping people who want to redirect their lives.

I've had my own personal struggles with direction and have come out okay, although it's a never-ending work to stay focused. I've come through my substance abuse era (that lasted about 5 years, starting right after I got my Bachelor's degree), had a bout with depression (following my graduate school years), and there were about 2 years that I call my "arrogant Dr. God" time. As of now, I'm happy with my self and my life. But it took some doing to get there. That's a little of my history.

What I'm handing to each of you is a blank guide map; that's for you to fill out with your own history. I'm also going to use this overhead projector to show you a map about me. It has all the info I just gave you, plus a little. Let me caution you: Don't put anything into your map that you don't want to share with the group.

The blank "My Self" Map....

On the next page is the “My Self” map that Dr. Caresalot put on the overhead projector to show his group.
Dr. C could have chosen different box topics here (e.g., instead of family or education, he might've used “people I love,” “things I like to do,” “things I hate,” and so forth) depending on his own approach to this group. He might also have let his group members choose their topics, but this is a tougher thing for some and doesn't always yield a consistent group picture.
Here (on this and the next page) are maps from 2 of the 15 people in this treatment group. They had about 15-20 minutes at the end of a 2-hour session to complete them. There was no introduction to maps beyond the map filled in by Dr. C.

[Kenny added this node to the map himself.]

**MY SELF**

**Kenny**

- **Family**
  - My parents and my sister. Maybe my girlfriend.

- **Physical health**
  - I get a lot of colds and sometimes I’m real tired. Then I have lots of energy for a while.

- **Emotional**
  - I get angry a lot.

- **Education**
  - Finished high school 6 years ago. I took 2 jr. college classes in air conditioning. I want to take more.

- **Friends**
  - My girlfriend is my best friend. I have some other people I don’t trust very much.

- **Fun**
  - It used to be drinking beer. Now I don’t know what it is.

- **Work**
  - I hate work. I’m a construction worker. It’s like a chain gang.
After this session, Dr. C quickly looked through the maps for problems and “trends” in the group. He looked for:

- ability level
- potential social support (family, friends)
- potential financial prospects
- potential motivators (children, job, relationships)
- intense expressions of anger and depression, and
- intense expressions of determination and strength.

This gave him some clues about who in his group might be leaders, who might have more intense problems and need some individual time, and a rough idea of how easily the group might be able to deal with homework assignments. Since he had in-depth background information on only a few of these individuals at this point, these thumbnail sketches gave him some important details that he could use with both individuals and the group as a whole.
Chapter Three

What’s a map?
What's a map?

Time: Sometime before or during 3rd group session
Materials: 15 copies of the knowledge map “A Map to Explain Maps” & overhead copy of the map

Dr. C:

“ I'll be using guide maps a lot with this group, especially at the beginning of our work. As things move along, there will be some short map homework and special assignments for each of you. Since that’s my plan, I want you to understand why I use "guide maps" with my groups. I think the best way to explain mapping is with a map. ”

I use maps to represent ideas visually: these boxes, or "nodes," hold the ideas and the links between them show how they are related. There are lots of reasons for using a map. Ideas presented this way are usually easy to understand, to recall, and can really make some complex ideas --- broken down into parts – a lot simpler. When I use maps in my groups, it seems to focus attention on a topic, keeps the discussion on target and helps all of us understand each other a little better. I think it's a lot easier to see solutions to problems using a map. ”
Node-Link Maps

A visual system

“Nodes” (graphic boxes or circles)

“Links” (labeled lines)

Contain ideas.

Show relationships between ideas.

A way to present ideas

Easy to understand.

Easy to recall.

Can clarify complex issues.

Three formats

“Guide Map”:
A fill-in-the-blanks graphic tool. Especially good for “homework” and group discussions.

“Information Map”:
Blanks are filled in prior to use. The map you are reading is an information map.

“Free Map”:
Create as you talk or think.

Potential payoffs

Aids memory for important parts of a therapy session and plans for the future.

Can make problem solving easier.

Can focus the attention and promote organized thinking.

Facilitates communication. Focuses group discussions.

A map to explain maps!

C = Characteristic
L = Leads to
P = Part
Chapter Four

I have to PLAN for my treatment??
I have to PLAN for my treatment??

As a group we've talked about what you need to do to get the most out of treatment. Now let's make it personal. For "homework," I'm asking you to fill out your own "Personal Action List." Decide what steps you want to take to make treatment more beneficial for you personally and write these down.

Make sure each step, or action, has a concrete aspect, so that you, and somebody else, can tell when it's been done. If your action is "Turn my life over to my Higher Power," you might add "and write in a journal each day 2 concrete and specific behaviors that show I am doing that."

If you can't think of any concrete aspects, then choose another action! You want treatment to work... you want to make changes in your life, to make things happen. But change rarely happens in a flash. It happens as the result of a series of things that you do... steps to the big goal... to the major change. You need to know that those steps are really happening.

Dr. C:

"Time: During first month of treatment
Materials: The “Personal Action List”(15), the “Planning Rocket” (90), the “Treatment Plan” Maps A (15) & B (90) & overhead copies of the maps

"
# Personal Action List for Treatment

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  
5.  
6.  

**Check it out!**

Are these actions that you can really do?  

Are the actions stated in positive terms?  

Are these actions clear and specific enough so that it is easy to tell when they have happened?  

Are these actions important for you to do during treatment?  

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**Treatment Plan Map “A”**

Which areas should be treatment targets?  

Check the 6 most critical areas and then fill in the boxes.  

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(a) Employment & Support  
(b) Family Relations  
(c) Peer Relations  
(d) Legal & Criminality  
(e) Medical & Health  
(f) Psychological & Emotional  
(g) Alcohol Use  
(h) All other drug use  
(i) Gambling  
(j) AIDS-Risky Sex  
(k) AIDS-Risky Needle Use  
(l) Housing & Living Situation  
(m) Academic & Vocational Skills  
(n) Sexual Behavior  
(o) Financial Management  

SEE TREATMENT PLAN “B” MAPS (1-6) FOR MAJOR STEPS TO THE LONG-TERM GOAL.  

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**Treatment Plan Map “B” # Name _____________**

**Problem Area __________________________ Date __________**

**WHAT’S THE LONG-TERM GOAL?**

Here are the actions I will take to get to this goal:

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  
5.  
6.  

---

**YOUR GOAL**

Why do you want to reach this goal?  

What steps should you take?  

1.  
2.  
3.  
4.  

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Problems you might encounter?  

Ways of dealing with the problems?  

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C = Characteristic  
P = Part

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**Treatment Planning Maps!**

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A Quick Sketch of the Treatment Planning Maps!
Here is what one client listed for actions that could make treatment more beneficial. On the next page is one of the 6 “planning rockets” done to elaborate on these actions. This 2-part exercise not only defines what the client must do during treatment but also provides a model for future planning.

### Personal Action List for Treatment

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
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</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td><em>I will speak up at least 2 times in each of my groups.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td><em>I will write my thoughts in a journal each day.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td><em>I will attend all my meetings.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td><em>I will listen to criticism with an open mind.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td><em>I will “map” my anger problem.</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6.</td>
<td><em>I will ask the counselor for help when I am confused.</em></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Check it out!

*Are these actions that you can really do?*

*Are the actions stated in positive terms?*

*Are these actions clear and specific enough so that it is easy to tell when they have happened?*

*Are these actions important for you to do during treatment?*
YOUR GOAL
I want to map my anger problem in several ways.

1. Why do you want to reach this goal?
   My anger gets me in a lot of trouble and I think that laying it out in a map might help me understand and see what to do.

2. What steps should you take?
   1. Get 1 or 2 guide maps from the counselor.
   2. Fill out both maps
   3. Talk about the maps with my friend.
   4. Talk about them in group & get some other ideas about what to do.

3. What support do you have to help you reach your goal?
   The counselor can help and so can my friend who has used maps before.

4. Problems you might encounter?
   It might take too long to do.
   I might not like the suggestions I get from other people.

5. Ways of dealing with the problems?
   Could do it in parts over 2 days.
   Getting a suggestion doesn't mean I have to act on it.

THE PLANNING ROCKET

This sets the stage for taking responsibility for one's own treatment. Using these two exercises, the Critical Action List and Planning Rockets, the counselor and group member can move on to design a treatment plan. Read on.
On the next 2 pages are the Treatment Plan Maps. “Map A” provides a checklist for the major problem areas. Counselor and group member together agree on the problem areas. The group member then uses the map to describe both the specific problems and the long-term goals.

“Map B” is completed for each long-term goal listed on Map A. These are the steps to the goal. The Personal Action List and Planning Rocket should be a good lead-in to this. The idea is to develop **concrete and specific statements** about what will be done.
Which areas should be treatment targets? Check the 6 most critical areas and then fill in the boxes.

- X (a) Employment & Support
- X (b) Family Relations
- X (c) Peer Relations
- (d) Legal & Criminality
- X (e) Medical & Health
- (f) Psychological & Emotional
- (g) Alcohol Use
- (h) All other drug use
- (i) Gambling
- (j) AIDS-Risky Needle Use
- (k) AIDS-Risky Sex
- (l) Housing & Living Situation
- X (m) Academic & Vocational Skills
- (n) Sexual Behavior
- (o) Financial Management

STATE THE PROBLEM!

#1 I am an addict.

GET CLEAN AND STAY THAT WAY.

#2 I don't get along with anybody in my family.

BE ABLE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS THAT AREN'T ARGUMENTS WITH MY DAUGHTER AND MOTHER.

#3 I don't feel good most of the time.

I JUST WANT TO WAKE UP MOST DAYS AND FEEL PRETTY GOOD.

#4 I don't like the friends I have now.

I WANT SOME FRIENDS WHO THINK STAYING SOBER AND CLEAN ARE COOL THINGS TO DO.

#5 My job is okay but I need more income.

I WANT A JOB THAT PAYS MORE BUT I WANT TO LIKE IT TOO.

#6 I don't have my high school diploma and that keeps me out of some good jobs.

I REALLY NEED TO HAVE MY GED.

SEE TREATMENT PLAN “B” MAPS (1-6) FOR MAJOR STEPS TO THE LONG-TERM GOAL.
WHAT'S THE LONG-TERM GOAL?

I want to be able to have discussions that aren't arguments with my mother and daughter.

Here are the actions I will take to get to this goal:

WHAT?

#1 I will talk about this problem with my counselor for ideas about how to work on it.

BEGINNING WHEN?

After group meeting tomorrow

#2 I will bring the problem to my process group meeting and see what ideas other people have.

In 2 weeks

#3 I will write down my ideas about what to do so that we don't argue so much.

As I have them. At least 2 ideas for each week. I'm here.

#4 I'm going to write a letter to let my mother and daughter know that I'm working on this problem and that I really want things to change.

Write the letter tomorrow night.
Chapter Five

Deal with important issues: Map them!
Deal with important issues: Map them!

Time: After 1st month in treatment
Materials: 15 copies of the Treatment Packet

Dr. C:

I’m going to give you a packet of maps. There are some of these maps I will ask you to bring to group and share... but I’ll give you plenty of advance notice on that. Others I’ll just ask you to do and leave with me before the group starts. I’ll let you know well in advance for that too.

I use these maps because they give people a chance to sit down and think through some important things without having the distraction of another human being asking questions. It’s also a pretty good way to organize your thinking. Putting it down in this form may help you see a little more clearly how things are related, why things happen. Most important, it may give you some new ideas about how and where to make changes.

We’ll talk about each map... either in group or just the two of us. No, there’s not much room to write. That means you have to really get to what’s most important... and put it into a few words or a sentence or two.

Coming up!
Example maps from the Treatment Packet.
See Chapter 7 for more maps.
Life Story Map: Ages ___ to ___

What were your family and living situation like? Who did you live with? What were the positive and the negative things from this living situation?

How did you spend your time?

What experiences did you have around drugs (including alcohol and nicotine)?

Who did you spend time with? What were they like?

What were you like? How did you feel about yourself and life?

Looking back, is there anything that you are particularly proud of or happy about?

Is there anything you regret or feel guilty about?

N = Next

How can you make yourself feel good?

Positive things you can do

Positive ways you can think

Peer Inventory

Friends who are important to me:

Why is this person important to me?

How will this person be supportive of me in my recovery?

C = Characteristic

P = Part

N = Next

TCU Guide Maps/Map Important Issues
During Treatment Maps (continued)

An Emotion or Feeling that Gives You Trouble: ________________

- What usually happens to cause you to feel this way?
- What problems does having this feeling cause for you?
- How would you feel if you could avoid this emotion when this happens?
- What are some new ways you could deal with this emotion?
- What have you done to deal with this in the past that did not help?
- What have you done to deal with this in the past that helped?

WAYS TO AVOID GETTING OR GIVING HIV/AIDS

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR
- What do you say to your sexual partner(s) to avoid HIV/AIDS?
- What do you do to avoid HIV/AIDS?

NEEDLE USE
- What do you say to your drug partner(s) to avoid HIV/AIDS?
- What do you do to avoid HIV/AIDS?

How can you know you have HIV/AIDS? What do you have to do?

If you are afraid of being tested, what can you do to overcome that fear?
I lived with Mom & Dad & my sister. Hated my sister and didn’t much like my parents when I was this age. I always felt they would support me against anybody else, but mostly to cover their own rears. I don’t think they liked me much then. We always argued and I would go to school feeling sick.

I got a job at the dairy and made good money.

I didn’t finish high school.

My friends were mostly people I worked with. Only 1 old school buddy. They were dumb (I know now) but they liked me and they were the only ones who did.

Looking back, is there anything that you are particularly proud of or happy about?
I worked real hard and I was reliable most of the time. Drinking never got in the way of my job.

Is there anything you regret or feel guilty about?
Drinking was stupid. It cost me money and my reputation. It was stupid too not to finish high school. I could have had a lot better job.

I was pretty dumb too. Real cocky. Sometimes I really felt that way and sometimes I just felt scared about what was going to happen to me. Like whether my friends would keep on liking me and what if I lost my job... could I get another one? I didn’t want anybody to know I worried like that and I didn’t want to think about that stuff too long. So I was a tough guy.
## HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOURSELF FEEL GOOD?

### Positive things you can do

- I like to sing.
- I like riding my motorcycle.
- I like to go for long drives.
- It’s fun to be with friends who don’t drink or do drugs.
- It makes me feel good to do something for my retired neighbor. She used to teach first grade and has lots of stories to tell.
- I like to buy stuff but it gets me in trouble if I spend too much money.
- I like to play with my dogs.

### Positive ways you can think

- Think about something else when I get mad or sad — like what I’m going to do on the weekend.
- Tell myself that I’m an okay person and remind myself of some of the good things I’ve managed to do, either lately or a long time ago.
- Remember not to “sweat the small stuff” and that “it’s all small stuff.”
- Say the Serenity Prayer.
- Close my eyes and do the relaxation meditation that my counselor showed us.
- Remember to think “Stop!!!” when I start thinking rotten thoughts about myself.
Why is this person important to me?

How will this person be supportive of me in my recovery?

Friends who are important to me:

James
- C: He's my boyfriend and my best friend.
- P: He really wants me to get clean and stay that way. He hates drugs.

Arley
- C: She's my next best friend. She has been through this & she understands.
- P: She'll listen but won't let me whine & make excuses. She's tough.

Jackie
- C: She used to be a real good friend. I like to talk to her. She makes me feel good. She's funny.
- P: She does drugs still, but not often. She won't like my aftercare program.

Hank
- C: He is a pal. He and James are best friends. He has good sense.
- P: James just gets mad when I say anything about drugs. Hank listens.

Cindy
- C: She's a friend, & I can't think of anybody else who is.
- P: She smokes & drinks & likes to do the bars. I don't think she'll be much help.
An Emotion or Feeling that Gives You Trouble: _____________________

What usually happens to cause you to feel this way?

*Somebody puts me down or says that what I have to say is not right.*

What problems does having this feeling cause for you?

*I get in fights a lot... sometimes shoving and hitting. I also say things I don't mean and feel bad about later.*

How would you feel if you could avoid this emotion when these situations happen?

*That would be great, but sometimes it feels good to just let it all out.*

What have you done to deal with this in the past that did not help?

*SOMETIMES I try to reason with the person, to show that I'm not a dumb ass and that he's wrong about me. I must say the wrong things. That never works. Maybe I am a dumb ass.*

What have you done to deal with this in the past that helped?

*I forget to walk away or ignore what the person says. I've done that a few times but it was because I was working and had stuff to do. No time to argue or fight.*

What are some new ways you could deal with this emotion?

*Remember to walk off. Maybe just explain that what the guy just said is something that I am not going to talk about because I don't have the time or desire to get mad. Maybe I should have what I could say already memorized. Or maybe read it off a card. That would almost be fun, I think.*
WAYS TO AVOID GETTING OR GIVING HIV/AIDS

**SEXUAL BEHAVIOR**

What do you say to your sexual partner(s) to avoid HIV/AIDS?

Condoms aren't much fun but it's better than dying. It takes a long time for AIDS to show up sometimes. Either of us might have it.

What do you do to avoid HIV/AIDS?

*I won't sleep with anybody but my wife and I'll use a condom when we have sex.*

How can you know you have HIV/AIDS? What do you have to do?

*Go to a clinic and get a blood test.*

**NEEDLE USE**

What do you say to your drug partner(s) to avoid HIV/AIDS?

*I don't share my needles with anybody; I may have AIDS.*

What do you do to avoid HIV/AIDS?

*I'll make sure the needles are sterile if I get one from anybody else. Better yet, I'll stop shooting up.*

If you are afraid of being tested, what can you do to overcome that fear?

*I don't know. I haven't been able to do that yet.*
Chapter Six

After treatment: mapping the future
**After treatment: mapping the future**

**Time:** After the third month of treatment

**Materials:** Copies for each participant of “Keeping Myself From Relapsing,” “If I Do Relapse...,” “My Plan for Getting a Sponsor,” The “Critical Action List.” Previously completed copy of “Treatment Plan Map A” and enough “Solutions Map” for 6 copies to each participant. Overheads of all.

**Dr. C:**

“...You are almost finished with your in-patient treatment. You’ve been here three months working on things that are important to you. Now it’s time to make some concrete plans for what you will do when you leave here. I’m giving you maps to help with this planning process because maps are easier to remember. You can’t make plans work if you don’t remember them.

Do the maps in this ‘Transition’ package over the next two weeks. Then we’ll talk about them in group.”
A Quick Sketch of Maps for Mapping the Future

**KEEPING MYSELF FROM RELAPSING**

This is how I will deal with PEOPLE who might lead me to relapse.

| (a) These are the warning signs I will look for: |
| (b) This is what I will do: |

This is how I will deal with FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, AND NEEDS that might lead me to relapse.

| (a) These are the warning signs I will look for: |
| (b) This is what I will do: |

This is how I will deal with SITUATIONS that might lead me to relapse.

| (a) These are the warning signs I will look for: |
| (b) This is what I will do: |

(a) These are the warning signs I will look for:

(b) This is what I will do:

**IF I DO RELAPSE, THIS IS WHAT I WILL DO**

This is what I will do to get the help I need from other people.

This is what I will do to minimize the damage to myself.

This is what I will say to myself to keep from slipping again.

**My Plan for Getting a Sponsor**

P = Part

WHEN

I will get a temporary sponsor on or before this date: _______.
I will get a long-term sponsor on or before this date: _______

WHO

This is the type of person I am looking for:

(a) At least _____ years of being clean and sober.
(b) General characteristics
(c) Drug and jail experiences

HOW

This is how I will get a temporary sponsor:

(a) This is where I will look for a temporary sponsor:
(b) This is what I plan to do and say.

This is how I will get a long-term sponsor:

(a) This is where I will look for a long-term sponsor:
(b) This is what I plan to do and say.

This is what I will say and do if that person says no.
Critical Action List for Aftercare & Recovery

1. Are these enough so that they have happened?
2. Are these important for you to do during treatment?

Refer back to the previously completed Treatment Plan Map “A” here (see page 19).

Defining Your Critical Action

Picture yourself doing this action!

What's the action?

What problems or obstacles might make it difficult to do this?

How will you overcome these problems or obstacles?

How will you remember to do this action?
KEEPING MYSELF FROM RELAPSING

This is how I will deal with PEOPLE who might lead me to relapse.

(a) These are the warning signs I will look for:
Joe, Chuy, Bubba
My mom, who makes me crazy.

(b) This is what I will do:
Avoid these dudes.
Ask Mom to not talk to me about drinking, my job, or my girl-friends. Leave the house if she does. Ask Dad to help.

This is how I will deal with SITUATIONS that might lead me to relapse.

(a) These are the warning signs I will look for:
Invitations to parties.
Unexpected changes in plans that leave me with people I don’t like in places that are bad for me.
Things people say at work or at home that make me feel inadequate.

(b) This is what I will do:
I will avoid parties for at least a year. Then I will only go to friends’ parties & I won’t leave except to go home.
I will say, “I’m sick; I need to go home. Now.” It will be true.
I will remember: I know who I am. They don’t. I am just fine. I will think of a good thing I did & then move on.

This is how I will deal with FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, AND NEEDS that might lead me to relapse.

(a) These are the warning signs I will look for:
Getting sad, depressed.
Not feeling good physically.
Getting really angry at somebody & not being able to let go of it.
Saying to myself “I need a fix.”
Saying to myself “I am no damn good.”

(b) This is what I will do:
Stay busy. Rent a funny movie & watch it 3 or 4 times when I first start feeling that way.
Get more sleep.
Use my “STOP!!” strategies.
Learn to say “That’s baloney!” when I say something stupid to myself.
This is what I will do to get the help I need from other people.

Call my sponsor. Explain to my wife and ask for her help... again.

This is what I will do to minimize the damage to myself.

I will keep telling myself that one slip is not the same as going down the tubes for eternity.

I’ll watch for the negative junk I lay on myself when I screw up. Some of it I need and deserve. The rest just makes me want to drink.

This is what I will say to myself to keep from slipping again.

One hour at a time. One day at a time.

Get a life. Get the list. (My list of things to think about or do when I hit a situation or a feeling that makes me want to drink or do drugs. I’m going to memorize it.)
My Plan for Getting a Sponsor

WHEN

I will get a temporary sponsor on or before this date: **10-15-99**

I will get a long-term sponsor on or before this date: **11-15-99**

WHO

This is the type of person I am looking for:

(a) At least ___5___ years of being clean and sober.

(b) General characteristics
   - A guy, not too old. Not like my father.
   - Easy to talk to who doesn't look down on me.
   - Somebody I can trust, depend on.

(c) Drug and jail experiences
   - If he's been in jail, then it should have been a long time ago or I can't be with him.

HOW

This is how I will get a temporary sponsor:

(a) This is where I will look for a temporary sponsor: **Glass House AA**

(b) This is what I plan to do and say.
   - I'm new here. I want to be sober and I am willing to work at it real hard. I need a temporary sponsor. Will you do that for me?

This is how I will get a long-term sponsor:

(a) This is where I will look for a long-term sponsor: **same place**

(b) This is what I plan to do and say.
   - I have heard you talk and we have some things in common. I am impressed with what you have done with your life. I'm ready to work hard to clean up my life. Will you be my sponsor?

This is what I will say and do if that person says no.
   - I understand. It takes a lot of time. Do you know someone who might be a good sponsor for me?
I am an addict. Get clean and stay that way.

I don't have my high school diploma and that keeps me out of some good jobs.

I really need to have my GED.

This individual reviewed the problems and long term goals he listed for his treatment plan. He could have added or changed what was here if needed.

Then he completed a Solutions Map (next page) for each problem. This is planning for the transition from treatment to aftercare.

SEE TREATMENT PLAN "B" MAPS (1-6) FOR MAJOR STEPS TO THE LONG-TERM GOAL.
Solutions Map #2

Name _________________________

Problem Area __________________________ Date ________________

When? PC

Solutions Map # _2_

WHAT'S THE LONG-TERM GOAL?
I want to be able to have discussions that aren't arguments with my mother and daughter.

Here are the actions I will take to get to this goal:

WHAT?

BEGINNING WHEN?

#1 I will show my mother and daughter the ideas that I wrote down during treatment about what to do so that we don't argue so much. I will show them the rules I learned in treatment about how to have a fair discussion, not a fight.

#2 I will ask for my mother's and daughter's help to overcome our "argument" problem.

#3 We will make Critical Action Lists or Planning Rockets for each of us so we will be straight on what we need to do to avoid making a hell of each other's lives.

#4 I will talk about this problem with my aftercare counselor so I will have some support as I try to change. I will also bring the problem to my aftercare group meeting and see what ideas other people have.

After I have been home 1 day. Sooner if it looks like we are going to argue.

In the first week I'm home.

In the first week I'm home.

Start next Monday night.
### Critical Action List
for Aftercare & Recovery

1. I will attend all my AA meetings.
2. I will find a sponsor.
3. I will take action to make things better with my family.
4. I will find a higher-paying job.
5. I will review my treatment materials once a week before my Tuesday group meeting.
6. I will ask my counselor for help when I am confused.

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**Check it out!**

Are these actions that you can really do?

Are the actions stated in positive terms?

Are these actions clear and specific enough so that it is easy to tell when they have happened?

Are these actions important for you to do for your recovery?

✔ This is the list that the group member takes into aftercare. Then, for each action, the individual completes a “Define Your Critical Action” map. The intent is to produce a realistic plan for the immediate future.
Defining Your Critical Action

What's the action?
I will attend all of my A.A. meetings. One a day for 2 months.

Picture yourself doing this action!

What problems or obstacles might make it difficult to do this?
I don't have a car.

How will you overcome these problems or obstacles?
I'll line up 3 or 4 different people to take me so that nobody has to do it all the time (unless I find somebody who really wants to). I'll get a car when I have a better job.

How will you remember to do this action?
I’ll walk to the first few meetings. That’s about 3 miles one way. I’ll remember then.
**Putting maps to work.** If he has assigned a map to all members of the group to do individually, Dr. C will initiate a group discussion centered on that map. Group discussion would also follow “map projects,” an assignment to work with one or several other group members to complete a map. When he assigns specific maps to individuals, Dr. C follows up with one-on-one talks, using the map as a starting point.

**What will you do?** We have found that counselors like to experiment with maps before they decide on their own approach to the tool. Although we think the general plan shown here, with treatment planning, during treatment, and post-treatment planning maps is good, you may discover some unique approaches to mapping that work especially well with your style and the needs of your clients.

**What not to do?**
1. Don’t write off guide maps as “too simple.”
2. Don’t file this manual on the bookshelf.
3. Don’t skip over the next chapter: read it and see what using this graphic approach has done in treatment settings.
4. Do copy a few of the maps in the last chapter and give it a try. We think you will be pleased with the results.
Chapter 7

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My Self

Family

Physical Health

Education

Emotional

Friends

Work

P = Part
Node-Link Maps

A visual system

“Nodes” (graphic boxes or circles)

Contain ideas.

“Links” (labeled lines)

Show relationships between ideas.

A way to present ideas

Easy to understand.

Easy to recall.

Can clarify complex issues.

Three formats

➢ “Guide Map”: A fill-in-the-blanks graphic tool. Especially good for “homework” and group discussions.

➢ “Information Map”: Blanks are filled in prior to use. The map you are reading is a knowledge map.

➢ “Free Map”: Create as you talk or think.

Potential payoffs

Aids memory for important parts of a therapy session and plans for the future.

Can make problem solving easier.

Can focus the attention and promote organized thinking.

Facilitates communication. Focuses group discussions.

A map to explain maps!

C = Characteristic
L = Leads to
P = Part
Personal Action List for Treatment

Check it out!

Are these actions that you can really do?

Are the actions stated in positive terms?

Are these actions clear and specific enough so that it is easy to tell when they have happened?

Are these actions important for you to do during treatment?
What support do you have to help you reach your goal?

What steps should you take?
1.
2.
3.
4.

Why do you want to reach this goal?

Problems you might encounter?

Ways of dealing with the problems?

C = Characteristic
P = Part

THE PLANNING ROCKET
Treatment Plan Map “A”

Name _______________________ Date ________________

Which areas should be treatment targets? Check the 6 most critical areas and then fill in the boxes.

- (a) Employment & Support
- (b) Family Relations
- (c) Peer Relations
- (d) Legal & Criminality
- (e) Medical & Health
- (f) Psychological & Emotional
- (g) Alcohol Use
- (h) All other drug use
- (i) Gambling
- (j) AIDS-Risky Needle Use
- (k) AIDS-Risky Sex
- (l) Housing & Living Situation
- (m) Academic & Vocational Skills
- (n) Sexual Behavior
- (o) Financial Management

STATE THE PROBLEM!

WHAT’S THE LONG-TERM GOAL?

SEE TREATMENT PLAN “B” MAPS (1-6) FOR MAJOR STEPS TO THE LONG-TERM GOAL.
WHAT'S THE LONG-TERM GOAL?

Here are the actions I will take to get to this goal:

WHAT?

BEGINNING WHEN?

#1

#2

#3

#4

L = Leads to
P = Part
C = Characteristic
Life Story Map: Ages ___ to ___

What were your family and living situation like? Who did you live with? What were the positive and the negative things from this living situation?

What important events happened in your life? Positive things:

Negative things:

How did you spend your time?

Who did you spend time with? What were they like?

What experiences did you have around drugs (including alcohol and nicotine)?

What were you like? How did you feel about yourself and life?

Did you get into trouble? If so, what kind?

Looking back, is there anything that you are particularly proud of or happy about?

Is there anything you regret or feel guilty about?
HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOURSELF FEEL GOOD?

Positive things you can do

Positive ways you can think

P = Part
Why is this person important to me?

Friends who are important to me:

How will this person be supportive of me in my recovery?

C = Characteristic
P = Part
N = Next
An Emotion or Feeling that Gives You Trouble: _____________________

What usually happens to cause you to feel this way?

What problems does having this feeling cause for you?

How would you feel if you could avoid this emotion when these situations happen?

What have you done to deal with this in the past that did not help?

What have you done to deal with this in the past that helped?

What are some new ways you could deal with this emotion?
WAYS TO AVOID GETTING OR GIVING HIV/AIDS

SEXUAL BEHAVIOR
What do you say to your sexual partner(s) to avoid HIV/AIDS?

What do you do to avoid HIV/AIDS?

How can you know you have HIV/AIDS? What do you have to do?

NEEDLE USE
What do you say to your drug partner(s) to avoid HIV/AIDS?

What do you do to avoid HIV/AIDS?

If you are afraid of being tested, what can you do to overcome that fear?

P = Part

TCU Guide Maps/Map Treatment Packet
KEEPING MYSELF FROM RELAPSING

This is how I will deal with PEOPLE who might lead me to relapse.

(a) These are the warning signs I will look for:

(b) This is what I will do:

This is how I will deal with SITUATIONS that might lead me to relapse.

(a) These are the warning signs I will look for:

(b) This is what I will do:

This is how I will deal with FEELINGS, THOUGHTS, AND NEEDS that might lead me to relapse.

(a) These are the warning signs I will look for:

(b) This is what I will do:
IF I DO RELAPSE, THIS IS WHAT I WILL DO

This is what I will do to get the help I need from other people.

This is what I will do to minimize the damage to myself.

This is what I will say to myself to keep from slipping again.
My Plan for Getting a Sponsor

WHEN

I will get a temporary sponsor on or before this date: ________
I will get a long-term sponsor on or before this date: ________

WHO

This is the type of person I am looking for:
(a) At least____ years of being clean and sober.

(b) General characteristics

(c) Drug and jail experiences

HOW

This is how I will get a temporary sponsor:
(a) This is where I will look for a temporary sponsor:

(b) This is what I plan to do and say.

This is how I will get a long-term sponsor:
(a) This is where I will look for a long-term sponsor:

(b) This is what I plan to do and say.

P = Part
N = Next

This is what I will say and do if that person says no.
Solutions Map #___

Name _____________________________

Problem Area __________________________ Date ____________________

WHAT’S THE LONG-TERM GOAL?

Here are the actions I will take to get to this goal:

WHAT? P C

BEGINNING WHEN?

#1

#2

#3

#4
Critical Action List for Aftercare and Recovery

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

6. 

Check it out!

Are these actions that you can really do?

Are the actions stated in positive terms?

Are these actions clear and specific enough so that it is easy to tell when they have happened?

Are these actions important for you to do for your recovery?
Defining Your Critical Action

What’s the action?

Picture yourself doing this action!

What problems or obstacles might make it difficult to do this?

How will you overcome these problems or obstacles?

How will you remember to do this action?
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WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU PICTURE A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR YOURSELF?

Family/Friends?

Living situation?

Job/Career?

Health/Appearance?

What do you need to do to have this kind of future?

P = Part
L = Leads to
WHAT PROBLEMS ARE YOU HAVING?

1. Health
2. Decision Making, Thinking
3. Social Relationships
4. Emotions, Motivation,
5. Beliefs, Morals

WHAT THINGS MIGHT HELP?

P = Part
This is how I can keep from being bored!

Things I can do.

Ways I can think.

P = Part
Attributes

These are the things that led me to feel the way I do.

This is how I would describe my attitude about ____________________________________:

This is how having this attitude influences me and my actions.

This is what I would do to make my attitude more negative.

This is what I would do to make my attitude more positive.

This is how having a more negative attitude would influence me and my actions.

This is how having a more positive attitude would influence me and my actions.

L = Leads to
Co = comment

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There are some activities that I could get into that would make me feel good.......

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
(hiking/walking, bird watching, photography, camping, fishing, hunting)

This is what I would have to do to get it to happen.

SPORTS, EXERCISE, & GAMES
(bowling, aerobics, soccer, karate, weight lifting, video games)

This is what I would have to do to get it to happen.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & PERFORMING
(dancing, singing in a choir, volunteer work, spending time with friends)

This is what I would have to do to get it to happen.

BUILDING AND CREATING THINGS
(models, furniture, sewing, poetry, paintings)

This is what I would have to do to get it to happen.

COLLECTING THINGS
(stamps, coins, china)

This is what I would have to do to get it to happen.

LEARNING NEW THINGS
(reading, movies, courses)

This is what I would have to do to get it to happen.
WHAT ARE YOU LIKE (or would you be like) AS A PARENT?

What are your good qualities as a parent?

What are your bad qualities as a parent?

How could you be a better parent?

C = Characteristic
N = Next
This is a **useful idea or insight**
that came to me during the last week.

These are some ways I might use this idea or insight in my life.
What are your strengths?

Physical, Health, Appearance

Motivation and Emotions

Social Relationships

Learning, Problem Solving, Decision Making

Ethics, Morals, Beliefs

Job/Career?

How can you use your strengths to improve your life?

P = Part    L = Lead to
This is something about the way I lead my life that I would like to change.

These are some things I would have to do to make this change.

This is how treatment might help me make this change.
If I could MAGICALLY CHANGE things about myself, this is what I would do.

I would make these changes in how I think and feel about myself.

I would make these changes in how I deal with other people.

I would make these changes in how I handle my moods and feelings.

I would make these changes in my personal habits.

P = Part
This is one way that I changed for the better during the last 5 years.

This is why I changed.

This is what I did to help myself change.

These are some things I learned about making changes in myself.

P = Part
THINKING AND FEELING

Thoughts

Feelings

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YOU ARE HAVING A PROBLEM WITH ANOTHER PERSON?

How would someone who was not involved describe it?

How do you see it?

Why do you see it that way?

What can you do about it?

Your thoughts/feelings?

Your actions?

SOLVING PROBLEMS WITH OTHERS

C = Characteristic  L = Leads to

How does the other person see it?

Why does the other person see it that way?

THE OTHER PERSON INVOLVED IN THIS PROBLEM
Think about an important person in your life.

What is the person's name?

What are the person's good qualities?
What are the person's best qualities?

How can you deal with this person so you are both better off?

What relationship do you have with this person?

What activities do you do with this person?
What do you talk about with this person?

How does this person affect (influence) you?
How do you affect (influence) this person?

Positive
Negative
Positive
Negative

How can you deal with this person so you are both better off?
AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION

N = Next

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A “game” that some people get into.

When people play these roles again and again, it becomes a game that nobody wins.

These roles can change: A person may move from one role to another. If, in the long run, these roles have negative results for players, it’s a game… and nobody wins.
How does the Rescuer behave?

What is the Rescuer thinking?

What is the Rescuer feeling?

What things happen to cause the Rescuer to start rescuing?

What does the Rescuer LOSE from this?

What does the Rescuer GAIN from this?

C = Characteristic
L = Leads to

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Drama Triangle - R
How does the Victim behave?

What is the Victim thinking?

What things happen to cause the Victim to start rescuing?

What does the Victim LOSE from this?
-  
-  
-  

What does the Victim GAIN from this?
+  
+  
+  

C = Characteristic
L = Leads to
How does the Persecutor behave?

What is the Persecutor thinking?

What is the Persecutor feeling?

What happens to cause the Persecutor to start rescuing?

What does the Persecutor LOSE from this?
- 
- 
-

What does the Persecutor GAIN from this?
+ 
+ 
+

C = Characteristic
L = Leads to

Drama Triangle - P
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YOU HAVE A DECISION TO MAKE ABOUT...

Possible Choices You Can Make

A

B

C

Consequences of Each Choice

Negative

Positive

L = Leads to
N = Next

WHAT IS YOUR DECISION?
FIVE STEPS TO DECISION MAKING

1. SEE THE SITUATION CLEARLY
   A. What are the facts?
   B. How do I feel about it?
   C. PEPSI CHALLENGE
      What physical, emotional psychological, spiritual and relationship things are influencing both the situation and me.

2. KNOW WHAT YOU WANT
   A. What are some possible outcomes that I could achieve?
   B. This is how I see the outcome I want most.
      (Describe or draw it.)
   C. How will the situation be different when I achieve what I want? How will I be different?

3. EXPAND THE POSSIBILITIES
   A. BRAINSTORM!
      What are the ways I can accomplish what I want? (Be creative!)
   B. What are some more ways I can accomplish what I want?
   C. What are some possible outcomes that I could achieve?

4. EVALUATE AND DECIDE
   A. Reasonable ACTIONS I can take to accomplish what I want
   B. These are the actions that seem desirable and practical.
   C. TACTICS
      (Details that need to be accomplished; timeline)

5. ACT
   A. Specific GOALS (aims, directions)
   B. STRATEGIES
      (who, what, when, where, how)
   C. POSSIBLE OUTCOMES
      ODDS THAT I CAN DO IT

N = Next
P = Part
# IDEAL Problem Solving

## Problem Area:

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<th>Describe Your Goal</th>
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<td>This is what I want to do about the problem</td>
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<th>Explore Different Ways of Reaching the Goal</th>
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<td>These are some ways I might reach my goal.</td>
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<td>(List as many ways of reaching your goal as you can think of.)</td>
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<th>Arrive at the Best Way</th>
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<td>This looks like the best way to reach my goal.</td>
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<th>List Specific Steps You Will Take</th>
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WHAT WAS YOUR SUCCESS?

HOW / WHY DID IT HAPPEN?

What did you do to get it to happen?

What did other people do to help?

What did you learn?

How can you use what you learned from this experience in the future?

C = Characteristic
L = Leads to
P = Part

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RUNNING INTO A BRICK WALL

What was the unsuccessful attempt?

WHY WAS IT UNSUCCESSFUL?

Your role? Other people? Describe how this has happened to you before.

What can you do differently next time?

C = Characteristic
I = Influence
L = Leads to
P = Part
This is a **useful idea or insight**
that came to me during the last week.

These are some ways I might use this idea or insight in my life.

$L = \text{Leads to}$
Situation:

This would be an **aggressive** response.

These are the **reasons** one would make an aggressive response.

This would be a **disruptive** response.

These would be the **consequences** of a disruptive response.

**C** = Characteristic

**L** = Leads to

**T** = Type
Response #2

Situation:

RESPONSE(S)

This would be an assertive response.

Possible consequences of an assertive response.

This would be an aggressive or disruptive response.

Possible consequences of an aggressive or disruptive response.

This would be a cooperative response.

Possible responses to a cooperative response.

L = Leads to
T = Type

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What is the bad thing that happened to you?

What can you do right now?

What actions can you take to fix it?

How can you think about it in a better way?

How can you deal with your feelings about it?

What can you do to avoid this type of thing in the future?
This happens again and again in your life and you don’t like it!

What usually starts it off?

What do you usually think and feel as it’s starting?

What do you usually do?

What usually happens as a result?

How could you avoid or change what starts things off?

How could you think or feel differently when it starts?

What could you do differently, once it starts, to make it less negative?

Fixing a negative pattern.
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This is how I would describe my using again:

These are the things that caused me to use again.

These are the negative things that happened because of my using.

This is how I will avoid using again in the future.

This is how I will reduce the negative things that happened after I used again.
QUESTIONS ABOUT MY USE OF...

(Write in "alcohol" or name of your drug.)

WHY DO I DO THIS?

- Do I do this to cope with my life? If so, what part does it help me cope with?

HOW DO I DO THIS?

- Who do I drink/use with?
- Where do I use/drink?
- When do I drink/use?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I DO THIS?

- What happens with my physical body?
- What happens with my thoughts & feelings?
- What happens with my family and friends?

HOW DO I FEEL ABOUT MYSELF?

- How do I feel about myself right before I drink or use?
- How do I feel about myself when I am actually using?
- How do I feel about myself when I've been sober or off drugs awhile?

So, do I have a problem with ____________? YES or NO

T = Type
P = Part
L = Leads to
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Imagine HIV / AIDS

How can you know you have HIV?

What does AIDS do to you and when does it do it?

How can you keep from giving it to other people?

What can you do to help yourself if you have it?

What fears do you have about receiving HIV test results?

What fears have kept you from being tested?

If you have no fear about HIV/AIDS, explain why.

C = Characteristic          L = Leads to           T = Type

Imagine HIV / AIDS
List some ways drug use might increase your chances of getting AIDS:
List the ways drug use might cause you to be exposed to the AIDS virus.

List the ways drug use might weaken your immune system.

List the ways drug use might cause you to be exposed to diseases other than AIDS.

List other diseases that drug use might cause you to get.

List what happens when you have AIDS.

List what happens generally when you are sick.

L = Leads to
I = Influence
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Now Showing…
“This is my Life”

The name of the movie is:

This is what I liked about the movie.

These are the important ideas presented in the movie I will remember.

Idea # 1

Idea # 2

Idea # 3

These are the changes/additions I would suggest to make the movie more effective.

Change # 1

Change # 2

Change # 3

L = Leads to  P = Part

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The Name of This Movie is ….

These are the ideas presented in the movie that are important to me.

This movie makes me think of these **bad** things about myself and my life.

This movie makes me think of these **good** things about myself and my life.

This is how these **bad** things make me feel. (Draw or describe.)

This is how these **good** things make me feel. (Draw or describe.)

This is what I will do to fix these **bad** things.

This is how I will keep & use these **good** things.

L = Leads to  C = Characteristic

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The name of the movie is: 

This is how I would describe this movie to friends with drug/alcohol problems.

These are the ideas presented in the movie that my friends might find interesting/helpful.

Good Idea #1

Good Idea #2

Good Idea #3

These are the ideas presented in the movie that my friends might find uninteresting or stupid.

Bad Idea #1

Bad Idea #2

Bad Idea #3

L = Leads to  
P = Part
The name of the movie is: L

These are the ideas presented in the movie that I think are worth discussion further.

Idea for Discussion #1

Idea for Discussion #2

Idea for Discussion #3

Idea for Discussion #4

This is why I would like to discuss this idea.

This is why I would like to discuss this idea.

This is why I would like to discuss this idea.

This is why I would like to discuss this idea.

L = Leads to P = Part C = Comment

Now Featuring
“Mystery, intrigue, conflict, suspense!!
These are my main character problems:

This is what I can do to deal with each of my character defects and improve my behavior:
All Purpose Wagon Wheel

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