ASCEND Session 2: Compassionate Friend

Thank you for your interest in ASCEND. Please note that there are two components: 1) learning brief self-compassion practices and 2) learning how to embed these into your regular daily routine using the "Tiny Habits" approach. If you are NOT familiar with "Tiny Habits", before proceeding, please first review "ASCEND: Tiny Habits for Self Compassion, Getting Started," which you can find on the ASCEND website.



Tiny Habits© with a Compassionate Friend (don't forget to celebrate!)

In these examples, replace "[my compassionate friend]" with their name: e.g. "... will recall Sarah's kind-heartedness for a few moments."

An alternative action for any of these triggers: "I will look at [my compassionate friend]'s picture on my phone and savor their kindness."

- After I sit down with my morning beverage, I will recall [my compassionate friend]'s kind-heartedness for a few moments.
- After I walk in the door at the clinic, I will recall [my compassionate friend]'s kind-heartedness for a few moments.
- After I log onto the computer, I will recall [my compassionate friend]'s kind-heartedness for a few moments.
- After I get into bed at night, I will recall [my compassionate friend]'s kind-heartedness for a few moments.

You can also practice your Compassionate Friend Tiny Habit when you're stressed or upset.

- After reading an upsetting email, I will take a breath and imagine how [my compassionate friend]'s compassion would feel.
- After an upsetting interaction with someone, I will take a breath and imagine sharing this with [my compassionate friend].