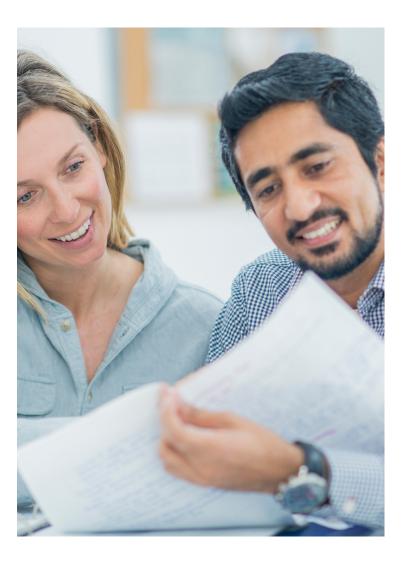
Solving Problems as a Couple

Module 04



Solving day to day problems are helpful for when you have bigger problems to solve. It helps to eliminate stress and helps the family dynamics.

A relationship is like running a ship. To ensure everything runs smoothly it is important to have all the componants of a home in order.

Running an effective household is part of everyone's responsibilites.

Remember your a TEAM.



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Problem Solving

Step One: With your partner, create a shared list of issues.

Step Two: Individually make a list of any issues that you feel would be difficult for you to compromise on. Try to make this list as small as possible.

Step Three: Make a list of any issues you feel you would be able to compromise on. Try to make this list as large as possible.

Step Four: Share your lists with each other. Take a gentle, loving approach to sharing, each taking turns with the Speaker and Listener roles, as you share your lists.

Ask yourselves the following questions:

- What do we agree on?
- What are our common feelings, or the most important feelings?
- What common goals do we have?
- How can we better understand this situation, or this issue?
- How do we think these goals should be accomplished?

Step Five: Identify the common ground and list them.

Step Six: Identify the differences – areas that need further discussion or work.

Step Seven: With acceptance and respect for your differences, discuss how to create a win/win solution that is acceptable to both of you.

Problem Solving

Ol Understand and define the problem	02 Create a plan
03 Take action	04 Review
Addition	nal Notes



Time Management

Time management is about more than just managing our time; it is about managing ourselves in relation to time.

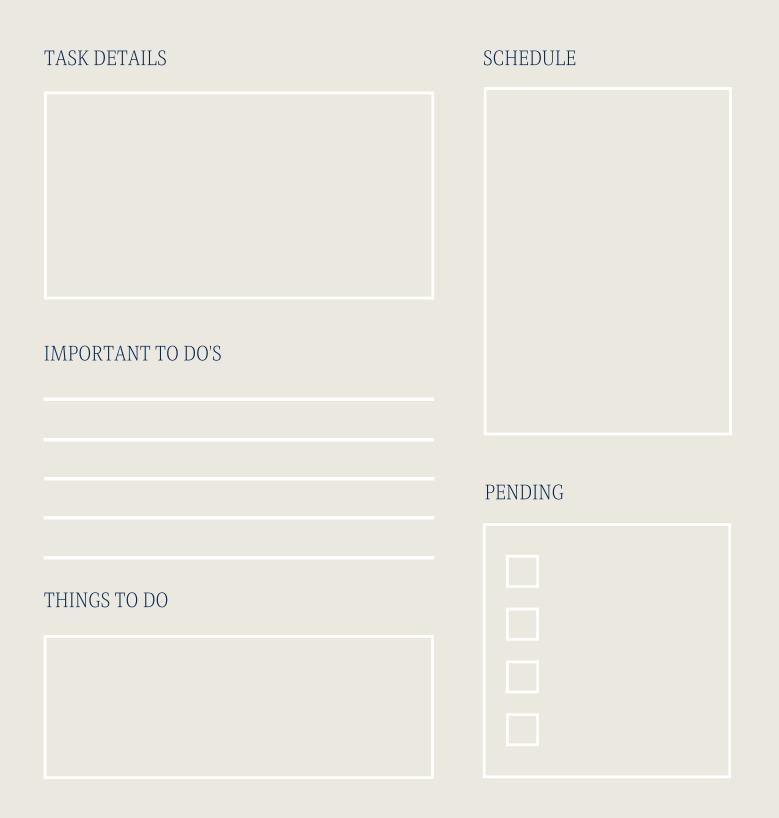
It is about setting priorities and taking charge. It means changing habits or activities that cause us to waste time.

It means being willing to experiment with different methods and ideas to enable you to find the best way to make maximum use of time.

Being organize helps eliminate stress in your personal life, work and relationship.

Your Daily Planner

Keeping track of your schedule, events, etc. is very helpful to eliminate stress.



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Daily Planner

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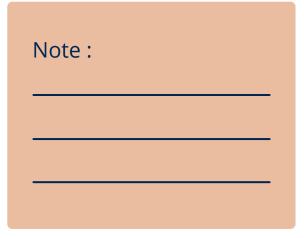
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Year At Glance



Monthly Planner

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Weekly Schedule

Create a weekly schedule

MON	Date :
TUE	WEEKS GOAL
WED	
THU	
FRI	PRIORITIES
SAT	
SUN	REVIEW

NOTES

Additional Notes