HELPING A STUDENT IN DISTRESS

WHEN A STUDENT COMES TO YOU FOR HELP, OR YOU'VE IDENTIFIED A STUDENT WHO MAY BE IN DISTRESS, REMEMBER V.I.C.K.S

1. VALIDATE
   - Be focused and present in the conversation.
   - Show you understand and express empathy.
   - "You are going through a lot right now. Thank you for sharing."

2. IDENTIFY
   - Notice out loud and express your concern.
   - "I'm noticing these challenges are impacting other parts of your life, like your academics."

3. CARE
   - Communicate your care and intentions.
   - "I'm here for you and I want to help connect you with appropriate support."

4. KNOWLEDGE
   - Share knowledge of resources.
   - "As a student, you have access to the health center. Can we call or walk there together right now?"

5. SUPPORT & SELF CARE
   - Provide the resources and phone numbers listed below and assist the student with contacting one of the numbers.
   - Take time to reenergize after helping the student. If you are needing support, please reach out to your Employee Assistance Program.

RESOURCES

- Campus mental health services
- Crisis Text Line- text "hello" to 741-741
- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline- 988
- Riverside HelpLine - 951-686-HELP (4357)
- Cares Line- 1-800-706-7500
- Mental Health Urgent Care (can stay up to 23 hours)
  Riverside- 951-509-2499
  Perris - 951-349-4195
- Take My Hand chat- https://takemyhand.co/
- Apps: Virtual Hope Box, My3, COVID Coach