

Empowering Working Mothers Through Emotional Wellbeing





#### THE PROBLEM

"I just feel like I'm constantly juggling work and family, and there's never enough time in the day. By the time I get home, I'm exhausted, but there's still so much to do."

"I feel so guilty whenever I have to leave the kids to go to work. I want to be there for every little moment, but I also love my job. It's hard not to feel like I'm failing at both."

"It's been so long since I've had time just for me. I can't even remember the last time I got a full night's sleep or just sat down with a good book."

"I sometimes worry that my colleagues think I'm less committed because I have to leave early for the kids. I'm just as dedicated, but it's tough balancing everything."

#### **KEY THEMES**

- Challenges with School Schedules & Logistics
- Sick Days & Family Responsibilities
- Emotional & Mental Load of Parenting While Working
- Workplace Challenges & Career Impact
- Academic & Extracurricular Pressures
- Financial & Practical Constraints
- Desire to Be a Good Role Model

### QUIZ

Our Company name is Zebra Blue. The Zebra Blue is an insect.

Do you think this insect is

- a) A caterpillar
- b) A dragonfly
- c) A butterfly

#### THE THRIVE EQUATION

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- MINDSET
- EMOTIONS
- ACTIONS
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#### THE THRIVE EQUATION









#### LIMITING EMOTIONS ENABLING EMOTIONS

- Guilt
- Conflict between competing roles
- Overwhelm
- Anxiety
- Exhaustion
- Performance Anxiety

- Courage
- Confidence
- Calm
- Clarity
- Choice
- Compassion



#### **EMPOWERING ACTIONS**

1. Have I shifted my beliefs about being a working mother?

2. Are my emotions limiting or enabling me?

3. What actions can I take to reinforce those beliefs and emotions?



#### MAKING CONNECTION PRACTICAL

1. Active Listening: Fully engage in conversations, showing empathy

2. Community Involvement: Participate in group activities or volunteer work

3. Nurture Relationships: Make time for meaningful interactions with loved ones



#### OVERCOME OBSTACLES

Shift ways of thinking, feeling, behaving and interacting that undermine THRIVING.

#### MANAGE THE OBSTACLES

Thriving is a journey, not a destination

Mindfully embrace the days where you don't THRIVE





# WHAT CAN WE DO IN OUR OWN LIVES TO THRIVE?

#### TOOLS TO THRIVE



- Picture yourself as a working mother in 3 years' time?
  - What does this look like?
  - How will you know you have achieved this goal?
  - What beliefs will you have to enable this goal?
  - When you achieve this goal, how will you feel about being a working mother?
  - What needs to be in place to make it happen?
  - What are you doing differently then?
  - How do you manage the 'bad days'?

## QUESTIONS?

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