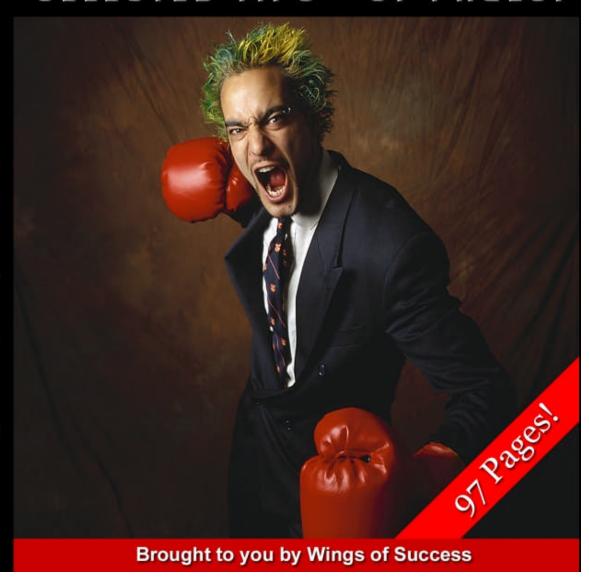
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Anger Management And Domestic Violence

Anger Management has become highly publicized, and statistics show that one of the most insidious forms of violence, domestic violence, is on the rise, and the old adage that you hurt the ones you love proves, all too often, to be true. Men commit 95% of all violent crimes.

Domestic violence is the top cause of emergency room visits by women. During the Vietnam War, more women were murdered at home than men killed on the battlefield.

Just like anger management is a learned behavior, so are the cycles of violence that define domestic violence in all its forms. Abuse of marital, or life partners, has seen a steady increase in all socioeconomic statuses of people everywhere. Child abuse has escalated steadily over the years, and more and more angry parents are in counseling with equally angry, out of control children. It seems clear that better methods of communicating, dealing with the most intimate of interpersonal relationships, and productive methods of anger management are vital in today's world.

Whether you blame violence on television, in movies, in video games, or within the families themselves, everyone realizes some proactive steps need to be taken to stop the cycle of violence, and teaching good anger management techniques seems to be the most popular choice to accomplish that task. Domestic violence often has its root in men with low self-esteem, who over react to imagined wrongs and rejections, and is most prevalent in homes of young, unskilled males, who are substance abusers.

It is never right for anyone to be abused. Many female victims of spousal abuse are often coerced into believing they are to blame for the violence against them, but nobody deserves to be abused. Everyone deserves to live and be safe, and any victim of domestic violence should seek legal and professional help centered in positive anger management techniques.

Anger Management And Reinforcing Negative Behavior

Poor anger management leads to violence, and violence has a way of getting out of control, until it takes control of the lives of everyone involved. Reinforcing negative behaviors by rewarding a person's verbally abusive behavior (allowing it, excusing it and returning to things as usual) will increase such behavior. When family members indulge the aggressive person, their violent tendencies not only remain, they are known to actually allow the person's poor anger management to escalate to more serious, or harmful behaviors, and can ultimately escalate into physical violence.

When angry people learn there won't be consequences for inappropriate behavior, they can continue without fear of reprisal. Children, who grow up in this type of family dynamic, learn by modeling this destructive behavior.

The cycle of poor anger management continues, because children in dysfunctional families learn at an early age that, to get what they want, it is okay to destroy things, and hurt others.

A very prevalent dynamic in abusive relationships is guilt and remorse for angry outbursts, followed by begging forgiveness and promising to change, but in the absence of help in developing good anger management skills, the cycle continues, and, since the negative behavior is reinforced, and there are no consequences for the negative behaviors, the violence escalates.

Some people who get angry just cannot talk about the problem. This type person emotionally distances themselves to take care of their anxiety, while the others involved need to talk to bring about closure, so they can deal with their own anxiety related to the anger and outbursts with which they are faced. These relationships feed on cycles of violence that progressively escalate until the family unit falls apart, or they are forced to seek help, by loved ones, or the judicial system, to develop good anger management skills.

Anger Management And Substance Abuse

Anger that comes out when someone is drinking or high on drugs can be extremely destructive. Never, should you try to talk to, or reason with, or argue with someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Inebriated people are unable to process information correctly through the haze of alcohol and/or drugs. Substance abuse impairs decision making, and inhibitions and result in the loss of patience. If you are in an altercation with someone under the influence of any substance, leave and do not return until the individual is sober. A steadfast rule should be to never stay around to be abused by someone who is out of control with alcohol or drugs.

If you are closely involved with someone who has an abuse problem related to substance abuse or misuse, learn from people who have been where you are now—in relationships with angry people with abusive tendencies related to substance abuse. People in the twelve step programs have been on the front line of your problem. These self-help groups offer your free education about the types of problems that you are facing. Look for a program where you feel comfortable, and make a choice based on where you feel you get the most support, and the information and encouragement to take proactive measures to make sure you are not in harm's way.

Once the person is calm and sober, then they should be confronted with their substance abuse and related Anger management issues. Substance abuse counseling, treatment, and anger management training can benefit people with substance abuse related anger control problems, but the bottom line is, you have a responsibility to yourself and those you love to separate yourself from such a person until they get help both for their substance abuse problems and their anger management issues.

Anger Management And Child Abuse

Poor anger management is the primary cause of physical abuse resulting in serious injury or death of children. In 2004, it is estimated that 1,490 children died due to child abuse or neglect. Over 80% of the children who were killed were younger than four years old, approximately 12% were four to seven years old, 4% were eight to eleven years old, and 3% were twelve to seventeen years old.

Shaken Baby Syndrome, an injury directly related to poor anger management skills, in which a parent, usually the mother of the child, becomes angry, and shakes the baby, causing severe brain damage, affects between 1,200 and 1,600 children every year. Approximately 25% to 30% of these babies die each year, and nonfatal consequences of this lack of anger management skills, include varying degrees of visual impairment, motor impairment such as cerebral palsy, and cognitive impairment. For Federal fiscal year 2004, an estimated three million children were alleged to have been abused or neglected and received investigations or assessments by State and local child protective services (CPS) agencies. Approximately 872,000 children were determined to be victims of child maltreatment. This loss of precious life was due to child neglect and abuse. Every, single case of children dying from physical abuse were the result of poor anger management, poor anger management due to mental defect, or poor anger management due to mental defect due to substance abuse.

Though the cost of a precious life can not be measured in dollars and cents, the direct costs (judicial, law enforcement and health system responses to child maltreatment) are estimated at over twenty-four billion dollars each year. The indirect costs (long-term economic consequences of child maltreatment) exceed an estimated sixty-nine billion dollars annually. In the vast majority of cases, the abusive parent or parents were abused when they were children. This is a curse that keeps on giving, and is handed down from generation to generation, due to a destructive cycle of poor anger management resulting in the abuse of children.

Controlling Anger Through Anger Management

Though everyone experiences anger, not everyone has learned to control their anger through good anger management techniques. Anger can be brought on by wide varieties of triggers, and sometimes you can be angry without even knowing why. Often, destructive responses to anger are a result of behaviors learned from the adults in your life, who express their anger in destructive ways. We tend to learn by imitation, and often destructive behaviors are learned from those we love the most.

Now that you know you are not the only one who has angry feelings, it's time to learn how to control unhealthy anger. The process of controlling anger is known as Anger Management. Reducing emotions and internal responses that anger cause, is the goal of anger management. The best approach is to identify the things that provoke your anger, and develop strategies to keep them from provoking an angry response.

Many strategies like relaxation techniques, behavior modification, problem solving, communication, and changes of environment can help control anger. The following suggestions can help lower your stress levels, so you can control yourself when you're faced with things that provoke your anger.

Simple relaxation techniques like deep breathing and relaxing imagery can calm anger.

Try to replace angry thoughts and impulses with more rational ones.

Keep in mind that anger itself, doesn't solve problems.

Most people regret things they say in anger, so think before you speak.

Keep your cool, by being aware of other people's feelings and the underlying cause of anger.

Give yourself a break. Walk away from angry situations.

Sometimes the surroundings cause irritation and short tempers. Take a walk, or find some other way to give yourself a break. Remember, you can't eliminate anger, or change all things, but changing the way things affect you, is the first step toward anger management.

Keep Your Cool With These Anger Management Tips

Life sure is unpredictable. You never know what could happen to you with every new day, for better or for worse. We deal with all kinds of people and with all kinds of situations. But one thing is for sure – we do face people and situations that irritate or anger us. So, it is better to face the fact that we do get angry at times and to start dealing with it for our own good.

Often at work, we let people get to us. Do evaluate if somebody is purposefully trying to make you angry. If this is true, then there's all the more reason for you not to let them get the satisfaction of driving you up the wall. Keep your cool! On the other hand, if someone gets on your nerves without meaning to do so, you need to curb this kind of anger as well, or you may end up hurting somebody for no apparent fault of theirs. If this is the case, a friendly chat may be the solution.

When anger appears as a result of direct provocation, it is usually with an intention to get you into some sort of trouble. Do not let that happen. Instead, breathe in and breathe out calmly, and you will clear your mind by doing so. The minute you fly into uncontrolled rage, you've already lost the battle. If you are the object of someone else's anger, try and get your self as well as him under the effect of calmness, by speaking in a soft tone. It is the natural feeling to shout at the other, but try and avoid that; you may resolve the situation in a matte of seconds this way.

If you find yourself in a trying situation where you cannot actually display your anger, you could vent it into something harmless like scribbling on a piece of paper. This works well especially in places like formal meetings and business discussions. Physical exercise is another great way to lose some anger and get something constructive out of it in the bargain.

Get in control of your anger and release it in doses when and if required. If you are in charge, you need to let the person in question know that he has angered you. This can be done in a number of ways, and different people need to be spoken to differently. Yelling is rarely ever the right route, it only helps destroy relationships. Finally, when you have done something wrong yourself, do be honest enough to accept the fact and to apologize where necessary – this by far is the most important anger management strategy.

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Anger Management: Information On Recognizing Anger

Anger is of different types, and can be classified into categories. Recognizing the classification of your anger will help you deal with it better in the long run.

- a. **Behavioral Anger**: When a person experiences behavioral anger, he or she usually confronts the subject that angers them, which is usually another person. Physical harm may follow verbal rudeness. Such are the characteristics of behavioral anger.
- b. Chronic Anger: A person that suffers from chronic anger does not always have a rational explanation of why he is angry all the time. Such people hate the world that they live in, hate themselves, hate everybody else and generally fly into tempers at the slightest motivation.
- c. **Constructive Anger:** A person who deals with his anger by canalizing the anger into a constructive path such as self improvement is said to have constructive anger. This is often a result of self help and anger management courses.
- d. **Deliberate Anger:** When a person deliberately poses as he has anger, often as a ploy to control subordinates, this type is called deliberate anger. It is usually a fake enacting of anger, but could escalate into other forms of anger occasionally. Deliberate anger also leaves quickly, especially when confronted.
- e. **Judgmental Anger:** people suffering from this form of anger usually put other people down in front of gatherings, to try and make themselves look superior.
- f. Overwhelming anger: As the name suggests, this form of anger exists when the emotion has really got to the root of a person. People experiencing overwhelming anger just cannot stand the situation they are in, and often find destructive means of relieving themselves by self hurt or by hurting other people physically.
- g. Paranoid Anger: The paranoid form of anger is totally without just cause. People often work themselves into a frenzy imagining that someone was against them. This is called paranoid anger.
- h. **Passive Anger:** This is a somewhat controlled form of anger where the person experiencing it does not directly show his anger. Instead he resorts to mocking the person who angers him, in a sarcastic manner.
- Retaliatory Anger: This happens as a result of another person's anger towards you.
 When you retaliate in self defense in an angry manner, this is called retaliatory anger.

- j. **Self Inflicted Anger:** Here, a person who is angry with himself punishes himself by inflicting pain upon his own body. This is a common phenomenon with drug addicts.
- k. **Verbal Anger:** Here, the only damage that is done is verbal abuse to other people. This could often be the beginning of other forms of anger.
- Volatile Anger: This could range from mild anger to an absolute fury, and leaves just as suddenly as it comes. The intensity and the time depends on how well it is controlled by the individual.

Anger Management Courses: Why do You Need Them?

There are only a few people who can honestly say they have their anger under control. Most of us do fly into rages when the right strings are pulled by other people or by situations that come up every now and again. You do not have to have made a crucial mistake to register yourself in an anger management course. You need to do so before that happens. As it is wisely said, a stitch in time saves nine, and that is only too true with anger management. Take control of your anger before you cause some serious damage.

Employers often arrange seminars and guest lectures on anger management, because they know that when tempers are under control, there will prevail a better work environment in the company. This is especially true with jobs where deadlines are tight. Non Government Organizations also arrange anger management courses every now and again, most of which are free for all to attend. That's a great place to start if you are looking to get that anger under control.

Finding the right anger management course:

The internet is a great place to begin looking for the right course in anger management. You will also find a number of e-books and articles on the subject, many of which would be free to download. Most organizations will have their advertisements published online, and you could well find an anger management course in your city simply by looking online. If that doesn't work, try the yellow pages. The right anger management course could be just a phone call away.

Why you would want to enroll in such a course:

Well, the foremost reason is that it is going to help you live a better life. However, some people would not want to accept that they need help, and the worst cases usually fall into this category, It would be great for a trusted friend or family member to intervene as counselor to such people. Chronic abusers and recovering drug addicts are people who definitely need help with anger management. This is however not so easy at times. It is a difficult task to convince someone they need help when they do not want to accept the fact. It is better to leave the counseling to the trained professional psychologists and counselors. It is enough if you as family member or friend, could convince the person in question, to meet with a professional.

How To Effectively Control Your Anger
Once a person is enrolled in an anger management course, that's half the battle won right there. In just a few sessions he or she realizes they are getting in control of their emotions and therefore in control of their lives, and that's not a feeling that anyone dislikes.

The Pertinent Role Of Anger Management Counseling

It is a myth that anger management counseling is for the odd crazed individual alone. Anger can and does strike everybody, and it is true that it has a worse effect on some people than on others. However, if you do not learn to control this emotion, things could take a turn for the worse any given day, and you could well find it controlling you one day. It is therefore good for anyone to take a lesson in anger management.

The first step is to get an idea of what anger is all about. Ask yourself the vital question of whether you pose a threat to yourself or to those around you when your anger gets to you. If your answer is yes, then you need to seek professional help from an anger management counselor at the earliest. Do so before you cause damage to your life and maybe to someone else's as well.

Recognize the adverse effects anger could cause

It definitely is common to see people with uncontrolled tempers. How often do we yell at the kids when they make mistakes, genuine mistakes? It is alarming to see people striking out at animals because they made a mess in the living room. After all, what else is to be expected from an untrained pet? The answer could never lie in violence, it does lie in training. However, that would be veering away from our topic. In any case, if you realize you behave in such a manner at trivial issues, you would do well to get anger management counseling.

Uncontrolled anger can ruin a perfectly good day at the slightest bit going wrong. When your anger flares up, your muscles become tense, your facial expression turns into a scowl, and this is generally accompanied with verbal abuse. Not a very pretty sight you will agree. If you suspect you may have an anger problem, do try and talk to a close relative or good friend about it. Get feedback on your anger. Is it uncontrolled? Could it pose a threat to yourself and to others? The role of this person in your life could do you extreme good. Do take the feedback and use it to positive effect in your anger management. Of course it would do no good if the only outcome of the person's feedback would be that you get cross with them.

The Plus Points of Anger Management Counseling

Counseling will help you face your problem rather than hide behind a cloud of anger. You will get to know your inner self better, for better or worse. In any case it will help you become more in tune with yourself and more in peace with yourself. The counseling process will eventually help you get in control of your emotional side, and therefore in control of your life as well.

Anger Management Activities Are Recommended

Many people suffer fits of rage and anger and though most children are the exception, at times older kids may be susceptible to feeling uncontrollably angry and helpless too. Those that can identify with this problem of untamed anger are in a better position to be helped as recognizing the situation is the first proactive step one can take towards joining up for anger management classes and applying techniques learnt there to their daily lives.

Apart from getting the chance to learn anger management techniques at various stages in the classes, people get to learn ways to deal with confrontational situations under expert guidance of counselors and medical health specialists.

Participating in a variety of anger management activities helps individuals that have trouble controlling their temper and those disposed towards violent or uncivil behavior to give vent to their feelings in a less harmful, more positive and regulated manner.

Among the various activities taught to individuals at anger management classes is do verbalize their angry feelings while still another effective technique is to free the angry emotions through exercise. This is a preferred form of anger management methods as it has a positive mood enhancing effect on the individual, decreases negativity and is simple to follow; from walking or jogging in the park to gymming it out or indulging in a sport, there is no dearth of choices for letting off steam - positively.

Other healthy ways to re-direct the energy consumed by being angry include going on a hike, communing with nature, being in an environment that bodes serenity and beauty so as to enable the lowering of stress and worry that go hand in hand with excess anger.

The tension release provided by exercise that is enjoyable allows an individual to clear their head, especially those that involve any form of physical activity outdoors in the calm, rejuvenating beauty of nature.

Besides the above ways to manage anger, persons suffering from severe and uncontrollable bouts of anger can also avail the services of a support group, attend a camp or a retreat to overcome the difficulties they are having with coping with their tempers.

Advantages of doing so include getting the problem out in the open, knowing there are others like them and this in itself helps them realize they are not alone in dealing with anger management, which is a real issue. Simply verbalizing their problem helps some persons feel better and gives them hope to plough through a difficult stage in life while for others, the group support gives them encouragement and mental strength to deal with various issues and common themes that disturb them.

When children get uncontrollably angry and defiant, anger management techniques may be necessary to enforce to help them cope with a situation that is overwhelming for them: but since kids are impatient with counseling on one-to-one basis and group support, the best way for them to deal with angry situations is to involve them in fun and games. From coloring pages to keep them gainfully occupied to finding them fun-trips to go on and sporty hobbies to take up that will take up the excess energy in the right direction, there are many anger management techniques beyond taking them to the therapist's chair that are workable.

Thus, anger management for adults and that for kids are two very different approaches to take in order to show effective and positive results that are long-term in dealing with excessive anger; no amount of bullying or force can help bring these issues to the right conclusion as patient hearing and understanding can.

Choosing an anger management activity that is fun, interesting and enjoyable for the individual is the best way to keep them focused on completing it and getting the desired results.

Anger Management For Kids

Each kid is different and therefore even their reaction to a situation is unique as the individual is; therefore, parents cannot expect the same response to a difficult situation from 2 different kids. While one kid may display anger through silently retreating to their room, another may simply be sad and still another is likely to break toys, throw a tantrum, display a fit of rage etc. Handling each situation calls for patience, understanding and psychological balance to be maintained while dealing with an angry kid.

Helping a child displaying signs of anger, such as rolling on the ground and aggressive behavior is very important to avoid future issues with the same kind of upsetting situation occurring and to help him or her become aware of their undesirable behavior, in order for anger management programs to work.

Anger management for kids is different to programs conducted for adults since talking or discussing the issue may not be conducive for less mature minds that kids have, besides difficulty with verbalizing their feelings; thus, with a little bit of research and experimenting with various resources on the topic as well as trying out different techniques for controlling and diverting anger in a positive way, kids with an anger issue can benefit from coping with their uncontrolled display of anger.

Among the most useful resources on anger management for kids are a variety of books by exert psychologists, movies and websites on the net that inform, educate and guide people through the maze of info available on the topic of anger and how to best deal with the issue to help children and their families.

Kids anger management programs are specially designed for their benefit as the ones for adults revolve around participation in a support group, talking and discussions, which are not the best way to get results from children who are less mature mentally. The best recourse then, for a child's anger management therapy is to conduct it via a series of fun and interesting activities.

Some of these specially designed anger management programs for kids are based on enjoyable activities that include involving them in games to reinforce positive values and teach them

sharing and desirable behavior. Kids are given coloring, puzzle and quiz worksheets depicting angry situations with possibly negative and positive consequences with more emphasis on the good results from managing anger right. This combines fun and games for anger management for kids.

A play-way method for inculcating good values and re-directing anger is better than a one-on-on session with an anger management counselor as far as kids are concerned This is because worksheets and games methods work well to bring out acceptable behavior traits in kids as opposed to as designing lesson plans that requires logical thinking is for adults only.

Anger management for kids is very important for teaching them desirable and acceptable behavior in society and to help them overcome their problem behavior to emerge successful teens and adults in their future life. Finding out why a kid is upset and displaying anger in a negative way, working to eliminate the reaction to teaching positive ways to show anger through repetitive activities is a proven method of anger management therapy for kids.

Anger Management In Children

Anger is a regular emotion but needs to be addressed right to be displayed positively for a healthy lifestyle. Some common scenes we can conjure of extreme anger include couples fighting, abusive parents that beat children or teens being intolerant and insolent with figures of authority, though even children are affected by intense feelings of anger - even very small ones!

Anger in very young children is difficult to pinpoint as it needs careful observation to identify this problem; very small children cannot express their feelings and their getting upset is taken as a temper-tantrum when it may well be a case of not being able to verbalize their emotions. A little kid in a mall demanding something may throw a tantrum and it can upsetting for parents and the kid both to witness such a situation, but dismissing this kind of behavior - as is often done - is not the solution to deal with it. Being a child is not an excuse for bad behavior and even angry children must be taught about negative, undesirable behavior.

A child's upbringing must include guidance, tolerance and patient discipline towards desirable behavior through stressing on a value system and appreciating and acknowledging desirable behavior; since children learn from a young age what is good and bad, they must also be directed in the path they should follow to become healthy teens and adults, including controlling their temper.

Anger management programs are specially designed to find out the root cause of a particular child's anger-issue as each one is different and thus treatment must be individual too; this makes it imperative for the program to be based on a specific area for one child and another for the second and so on, using multiple methods for testing the problem nagging the person. Some kids resort to an angry outburst, others take a silent or uncommunicative approach and still others don't give a clue to their inner feelings; in all cases, time is of importance in understanding, identifying and solving the search for reasonable reactions to anger-issues.

Involve young kids in anger management awareness by giving them activity sheets with coloring pages, quizzes, puzzles and situations that require ideal behavior answers if the children put themselves in certain situations described or depicted there. They are aimed at being a playway method to effectively teach anger management to children by giving them something

enjoyable to do that holds their attention long enough to deal with the problem in a subtle way and teach them better values, such as sharing, using toys in turn and being polite even when disagreeing with someone.

Games and worksheets designed around potentially tense situations for children are thus, both ways to teach them about anger management even without kids realizing their problem is being assessed and addressed.

For older children who are willing to verbalize their feelings, it is a good idea to take them for counseling on this issue and build trust and comfort levels to bring their inner-most feelings in the open to find the best way to cope with situations and people that make them angry besides teaching them about ways to deal effectively, positively with anger. They can be asked to write down or draw the angry situation or reaction to bring out the pain, frustration and embarrassment of an angry situation and telling them asking for help is not a bad thing, is just the way to go about making anger management techniques successful for both younger and older kids.

Anger Management Tips To Use In Stressful Situations

Being and staying furious is not a mature reaction and anger management helps persons faced with intense anger to deal with an overwhelming emotion in a positive manner. Thus, while professionals involved with designing and teaching anger management define it to be a method of addressing, identifying and solving a tense situation by getting down to the root cause of anger, they also help individuals realize how to minimize stress during trying circumstances. This is most workable when people faced with anger issues realize there is little to be gained by being angry and a lot more to be achieved by being calm.

Even when anger subsides, the problem remains and persons with long-standing anger-issues need to understand this in order to recognize and work on the things that make them angry and learn how to control their reactions to situations and abrasive people that threaten their mental wellbeing. The first and simplest way to avail anger management help is to open up and verbalize angry emotions and feelings that cause hurt, tension and anxiety in a person with an understanding friend or family member as most angry people need a sympathetic ear when dealing with difficult situation. A mature listener will help the angry person understand the other person's point of view without hurting their feelings and smoothen over ruffled feathers in a calm manner, but sharing the problem is essential to getting the right help.

Writing down angry thoughts or keeping a journal is another effective anger management tip that minimizes stress since instead of verbalizing angry emotions, one has put them to paper; at times, this method is better than confrontation, which can cause conflict and rifts to futher widen if the person involved is also hot-tempered.

Writing down angry feelings also has the advantage of being a technique that helps one arrive at conclusions about trigger-factors that led to the person being angry, upon reflection at a later stage as being able to re-read the notes made provides insightful info on reasons for anger and perhaps a clue into the real cause of the turbulent situation. Finding a solution is easier then, too.

Keeping away from a tense situation or going off on a holiday or even a walk (me-time) is another way to deal with anger that reduces stress and keeps a person away from potentially

damaging (for mental health) situations besides giving them time to reflect on their actions and the incident.

Spiritual leanings, prayer and meditation and silence are other ways to deal with anger that bring down stress levels and wash away the pressures of life; these can be taken up by people who are comfortable with being alone and want to bring a positive change in their lives. They are also looked upon as being a balm for broken spirits and restorative power for world-weary souls.

Staying fit and light, learning breathing and sporty exercises, getting adequate rest and communing with nature besides looking on the lighter side of life are some other effective ways to deal with anger and many people find the answer in music as well as opposed to confrontational methods. Pick the one that suits you!

Benefiting From Anger Management Groups

Emotional problems and unresolved issues lead to anger and bouts of rage that are uncontrollable in nature that can adversely affect a person's mental health and this is why it is important to address and solve these at the earliest, though it is a long and arduous challenge. Thinking that they can deal with anger management on their own is a mistaken illusion that many persons have as only those with a deep and abiding commitment to change themselves win while others need to get counseling help.

Signing up with an anger management group is much like having a safety net for those persons who have been affected by anger-related issues for a long time; this provides them group therapy and lets them feel less alienated than in a psychological counseling session as they know there are others with the same problem - they are not unique in feeling the distress of extreme anger and subsequent reactions. It therefore helps them talk, discuss, overcome and solve matters at the heart of their temper-tensions during the course of the anger management class. Since these classes are conducted with an understanding approach towards those with anger management problems, they are in an environmental that is non-judgmental and therefore conducive for bringing about change in form of desirable behavior.

Being part of a support group empowers persons having difficulty dealing with anger management issues to share and discuss their problems with individuals in similar situations while giving them the comfort of knowing they are not alone. These groups may at times deal with only individual issues or can be designed in a manner to help families with a common anger management problem through counseling, group therapy and getting them involved in various physical activities that are enjoyable and fun ways to release tension, lower stress and minimize more problems associated with uncontrolled angry reactions.

The family-oriented anger management support group sessions are aimed at preventing the suppressed anger or even the apparent anger from spilling over through negative reactions onto other members and disrupting a normal family life; it is good for helping couples and children deal with anger issues within a family set-up through various problems and are run on a principle of hope and encouragement.

To avoid undesirable behavioral issues, those identified with an anger management problem are advised to join a support group, camp or retreat that is designed for their specific resolution of issue in a timely manner while keeping them in as serene an environment as possible; it can be different from their normal one and filled with unusual treats and activity scope that is otherwise out of their reach so interest levels are high and therapy is much like play-way.

For children with anger management issues, there is the choice of sending them to camps exclusively for boys or those for girls; most allow students in the 12-17 age-group to participate in various fun activities and function as a support group for them to deal with difficult situations that are likely to make them angry.

Society has opened up a lot towards recognizing anger management as a much-needed therapy for couples, families, children and even as something that needs to be addressed in the workplace. Thus, even churches have anger management support groups for congregational members to empower them to deal with daily life problems in a healthy, practical and calm manner and turn them into capable individuals that have other options of dealing with an impossible situation rather than resorting to anger or violence.

Learning Healthy Anger Management Strategies

There are many different scientifically tested and proven methods in use for anger management and these are aimed at helping persons with a short-temper to control it and divert that energy into a positive channel instead of venting their frustrations in a negative and harmful way.

Uncontrolled anger, fits of rage, violent display of temper and negative response to upsetting situations are all signs of an angry person who is asking for help to deal with a behavioral issue and this should be extended through proven methods before the person turns reckless in behavior or reaches a violent stage.

The basis of anger management strategies is understanding what triggers off the unhealthy response to angry situations in a person and help them deal with his or her emotions in a manner that is acceptable to civil society so they can lead a regular, happy life, without disrupting it for others or ruining their own chances at healthy living.

The simplest method that anger management strategies recommend include removing oneself from a situation that compels them to take violent action or by practicing time-out; this can be followed through the means of going for a walk on the beach or taking a car-ride to loosen up or even taking up a physical activity to release the tension and energy without affecting others around them.

Reading, music, sitting silently are all good ways to tune out of a frustrating and angry situation that are effective as anger management strategies besides taking up a sport.

While on the subject of healthy anger management strategies, we need to also mention the importance of recognizing that uncontrollable anger is a problem and seek help to rectify a situation that is out of control without a very confrontational attitude with another person so the individual is held responsible for his or her feelings and subsequently, reactions to the situation. Thus, to identify the source of anger from within an individual and then work towards controlling the outbursts is a preferred anger management strategy for many counselors to help persons experiencing sadness, envy, confusion, conflicting emotions like hurt and fear or even frustration.

Reflecting on past situations that were frustrating and caused the individual to react in a negative way is yet another healthy anger management strategy that helps them decide how they can incorporate changes in their behavior to learn from these undesirable actions and in turn avoid or cope better with a similar situation should it occur in future.

The last resort that counselors designing anger management strategies recommend is confronting the person or facing up to the situation that causes an individual to react abrasively; first, the root of the problem and the reason for the anger has to be determined, then one can work towards finding a solution for controlling it in a calm manner. At times, the answer is a welcome one if an angry situation is faced in a serene manner as it turns out to be only a misunderstanding.

Contemplating the present reaction to a tense situation and options to change it form part of a healthy anger management strategy that is based on the principle of acceptance, which allows persons to identify, discuss and bring in change in the way they speak, deal or walk away from a potentially negative reaction to a situation.

Thus, we find that learning about anger management strategies is a positive step towards desirable behavior and ways to check anger responses in a less negative manners; resources include reading books and material available on the topic and going online to learn ways to deal with anger through healthy anger management strategies.

What Is Anger Management?

While anger is natural to feel, reacting to situations and people that make one angry is very much something that can be controlled as uncontrollable anger can have negative consequences that are harmful for the person and those around him also.

Anger can take many forms: the mildest one is irritation or annoyance and build up to rage or an individual becoming furious. It all depends on the type of personality experiencing and reacting to a certain intolerable situation that is disagreeable to them; some persons have the nature to retreat to silence, others react aggressively and some get on the defensive. Angry outbursts that are of a violent nature must be controlled and governed by sensible, mature action for a healthy adult to stay calm and collected, a prerequisite for normal behavior in society. Even bottling up anger is not good since the emotions rage on inside and harm a person; therefore, addressing the root cause and finding ways to cope with it in a positive way is very important.

Those individuals that become careless and abusive when faced with a difficult situation need counseling and help for controlling their reactions and taming their anger; this is what anger management programs are all about.

Admitting there is a problem, identifying the cause of the anger and working on the trigger-factors covers the range of anger management programs for adults. Counseling, one-to-one sessions and group support discussions with similarly placed individuals are some ways included in anger management programs that help persons with anger-issues address their problem and recognize what is making them angry, where after they are guided towards accepting responsibility for their reactions and taught how to display or react to angry situations in a calm, mature and non-conflicting manner instead of playing the blame game.

Anger management lessons emphasize on an individual's actions and reactions to an angry situation and teaching them appropriate ways to direct that emotions, without harming themselves or others around them.

While anger management is the answer to controlling and preventing angry outbursts and fits of rage that can be reckless in an individual, getting professional help or admitting the problem is

not easy for many; it is therefore important to convince such persons that they need to get help immediately to avoid major problems in future life as though anger is normal, violent rage is not. Uncontrolled anger can lead to many losses such as job, family life and even the identity of a person and this must be explained to those people with anger-issues.

Anger management should be regarded as a step towards ensuring a better quality of life rather than a punishment and individuals concerned must be persuaded to understand the depth of their problem if unresolved anger-issues are left bottled up, how enslaving it can be for a person later on in life. Thus, the importance of anger management strategies and techniques should be emphasized, such as signing up for programs designed for different people: children, adults, couples and families besides those facing anger-issues at work. These aim at teaching people ways to work out their problems after identifying the cause, controlling and redirecting the anger in a positive way and living towards a happy, healthy life instead of letting the anger rule their life - and possibly ruin it, if left unaddressed.

Anger Management - Defining The Nature Of Anger Management

While some people faced with an anger-issue can blame it on a person or situation, others are more open to recognizing their own limitations and seek help to deal with the problem. Whatever the case be, anger management is a term that can be applied to either situation that calls for reacting in a healthy way to feelings of intense pain, hatred, envy, frustration and embarrassment instead of reacting negatively as many abrasive people are prone to doing. The milder form of anger is irritation.

Anger and angry reactions differ from person to person as each individual has a certain range of tolerance that is crossed by an individual irritant or persistently occurring situations; from annoyance to rage to being furious, there are personal factors at play for every person affected by angry emotions. Some angry people get on the defensive while others find attack the best form of defense so start fighting and still others bottle up their emotions and go silent; the most worrying is abusive anger, which needs to be immediately addressed for it to be controlled.

Thus, we find that the process of controlling anger is called anger management and it is extremely important for a person's mental health and wellbeing to react calmly, positively and in a considerate manner to feelings of anger, which is what programs teaching anger management are designed around.

Acknowledging the problem of intense anger is the first step towards getting help; though this may be difficult for some people, recognizing there is a problem is the only way to move towards getting the help one needs as accepting responsibility for negative or violent actions is the mature way to cope with anger instead of playing the blame game. People with anger-issues have to see their role in an upsetting situation instead of looking for a scape-goat, which is a typical reaction and they must be taught to decide responsibly, their actions and reactions to anger. This is the basis of any anger management lesson plan.

Those persons with unresolved anger management issues may sometimes feel hard pressed to run away or avoid facing their anger-issues, but it is realistic to have to do so as it can otherwise lead to major problems in the absence of the support and knowledge of proper medical

counseling on anger management and they can end up losing out on family life, job security and even their own sense of well being as a result of being blind to the problem; this must be realized at the earliest to solve the anger-issue.

A person with a bad temper or uncontrollable fits of rage needs to be made aware through understanding and support that there are many resources at hand he or she can utilize to address their particular problem and anger management is a way to reach a better standard of life rather than a recourse for bad people. Anger management needs to be defined better to those facing anger-issues so they understand themselves, their emotional expression needs better and seek help to control negative emotions and reactions to lead a fulfilling and balanced life.

Anger management programs and techniques include workable, simple and enjoyable strategies and tips that prevent individuals with an anger-issue from getting angry very often or for very long. Some of these methods include age-appropriate activities for adults, kids, teens, couples and families faced with anger-issues in order for them to cope with tense situations in calm and positive manner.

Why Anger Management Worksheets For Kids Work

At times, children get affected by families that have uncontrolled anger management issues and at others, the kids themselves have temper-tantrum problems that are negative for their development. In either case, these need to be properly addressed and dealt with in a timely and mature manner in order to help them cope with a healthy adolescence stage and later, emerge as healthy adults.

For children exhibiting signs of deviant behavior because of excess, uncontrollable anger, it is necessary for those around to suggest and take up anger management support.

Today's society has laid a lot of stress on children and youngsters so anger management is a necessity for some families to face up to; the emergence of timely support groups, medical professionals specializing in extending help for anger issues and programs designed for different age groups has considerably reduced the risks of uncontrollable anger for many.

Besides these support group programs, even the web holds a wealth of resources on anger management, including tips on dealing with excessive anger and helpful facts on arranging for activities to keep kids with this problem gainfully occupied. One such method is to use anger management worksheets that present different situations that kids have to focus their attention on, read and respond while learning best ways to cope with the tense situation. For younger kids, these worksheets have coloring options while older kids get to work on puzzles, problem solving and other fun questions.

Thus, this constant learning and doing process that anger management worksheets offer help children to recognize and deal with their excessive anger issues through age-appropriate programs and serve as a group therapy tool that is interesting, enjoyable and affords them a new experience.

Far better than the boring old couch-therapy routine that is anyway difficult for kids that are not talkers, don't you think? Yes, indeed anger management worksheets are the answer to helping children recognize and reveal unconsciously the anger issues that trouble them and bring these

to the notice of the community health center professional working on their case - they are readily available on the Internet as well as at the local support centers!

Check out www.zoot2.com for an idea of what we are suggesting - anger management gets easier when issues worrying children are addressed in a fun, friendly and enjoyable manner such as games and coloring or puzzle-solving activities involve, which is any day better than the drier, clinical method of counseling and talk-therapy. The one thing to remember here though is, that anger management therapy used in this fun-way method as a tool through worksheets needs to be based on the kid's age-group for it to be most effective and enhance developmental progress to a happy, well adjusted teenager life in order to help them deal with their individual feelings and experiences in a healthy manner.

Why Not Watch An Anger Management Movie?

Apart from books, literature, pamphlets, websites and movies on the subject of Anger Management are available today to help persons affected by uncontrollable fits of rage and frenzied reactions to intense anger so they can find healthy alternatives to reacting to a tense situation or person, without affecting those around them negatively - or even harm themselves, which is a common phenomenon.

While most anger management programs are designed to bring attention to the problem being a real one for the persons affected by extreme bouts of anger, not all are beneficial for everybody, since individuals are different in personality and level of anger expressed. This means while some persons with anger-issues can tune in to the root cause of their problem behavior by reading a book, others get immediate help from verbalizing their reactions and feelings before a counselor or support group that lets them know they are not unique in their having a problem; still others need to vent their angry energies through physical efforts so taking up a sport is the best form of releasing pent-up frustration and hurt that are the underlying factors for anger at times.

There are many websites on anger management and persons who are not keen on reading a book or joining up with a support group and less sporty kinds can benefit from visiting and clicking around these sites to gain useful insight into a variety of anger management techniques they can incorporate into their life to control, tame and redirect their angry emotions in a healthy manner as opposed to an angry outburst.

The most effective form of an anger management strategy however, is to watch a movie on the subject as the common theme will help make an individual realize before their eyes the true nature of others also having a similar problem so they don't feel judged unfairly besides learning about how destructive uncontrolled anger can be as typically these movies have a positive moral behind them. An anger management movie aims at providing viewers with identifiable situations depicting persons displaying their anger in a negative manner and the negative consequences of it; in the audio-video mode of a movie, it is imminently more hard-hitting for movie-goers with anger-issues to tune in and understand the necessity to change their pattern

of reacting to tense situations, be it the theme of bullying, abusive spouses, battered kids or other common subjects.

A natural reaction for an angry person is to blame anyone in their way and so, viewing a movie on a common theme that is possibly close to their own life situation helps the individual identify and recognize how they can improve through a workable strategy to control their abrasive nature.

Apart from showing angry situations and persons filled with negative emotions that are vented in an undesirable fashion, an anger management movie also aims at providing info on various techniques that are depicted through the different actors in the film as to how to better deal with a particular situation or anger-inducing person/conversation. A fitting ending would be to show an angry individual who has transformed through the step-by-step training for desirable behavior through the course of the movie - sort of like an incentive for viewers tuned in to the anger management movie!

What Is Anger Management?

Whether it is road rage, a provoked emotional outpouring of anger, or losing your temper over something silly, every one of us have lost our tempers at one time or another. Anger management only becomes an issue when we are no longer able to control our anger, and have destructive outbursts. A destructive outburst does not necessarily mean that you have broken something, or physically hurt someone, as a manifestation of your anger, it just means that, because of your inability to control your angry responses to a real or perceived stimulus, you have done something harmful to someone, something, or even to yourself.

When your anger controls you, you may feel you are at the mercy of something that you can not control. Anger can cause you to do things you normally would never do, and even things you could regret for the rest of your life. Anger can even affect your physical well-being in more ways than one. Studies have shown that anger causes your heart rate and blood pressure to rise. Hormones, like adrenaline and noradrenalin, also rise when you are angry. Anger can push you backwards emotionally, into the cave men era, when the fight or flight response was the only way to stay alive in an uncivilized world, so not only does uncontrolled anger effect your life in the areas of your personal relationships with others, it effects you physically as well.

Anger management is a learned skill, so it's more common in youngsters and teens, who have not learned good coping skills to deal with their anger. Should you feel you are at risk of losing your temper in a way that could harm you, or others, you should always seek professional help. Ask your parents, pastor, physician, school counselor, or a trusted, responsible friend for help.

The following is a list of suggestions for when you begin to feel your anger getting out of control.

- 1. Take a time out. Just take a break away from the object of your anger.
- 2. Beat a pillow or punching bag.
- 3. Draw or illustrate your feelings of anger.
- 4. Write about your feelings.
- 5. Run around the block, exercise, or do hard physical labor.

These may not be long term solutions, but can provide an opportunity for your initial feelings of rage a chance to cool, so you can think more logically about your options for anger management.

Anger Management: Know What Provokes Anger

In order to develop good anger management techniques, you must first understand what provokes anger, and the body's natural response to anger. Anger is precipitated by the body's natural chemical responses to increased physical arousal, emotions, and accompanying behaviors, that result when a person feels threatened, or perceives a threat or loss. The threat does not necessarily have to be a threat of personal, physical harm. It can be a threat to their self-esteem, when they believe their feelings are challenged or discounted by another.

The body naturally responds to any perceived threat by producing adrenalin to prepare for "fight or flight." How a particular person responds to these threats is due, in large, to how they have been conditioned as a child or learned later in life, whether with good anger management techniques or negative ones. Many abuse victims are conditioned to respond violently, and learn verbal, mental, or physically abusive behaviors from others, and never develop positive anger management techniques. Every person has triggers that set off their anger. Here are the most common reasons people become angry:

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- Threats, or perceived threats to their body or property
- A threat to their values (disagreeing with something someone is doing, such as kicking a dog, or not following the rules)
- When someone insists they do something they don't want to do
- When someone hurts or betrays them, and they feel a loss of trust
- When they attempt to escape guilty feelings over something they do not want to feel or admit to themselves

- When they believe their feelings are discounted, and their sense of self esteem is compromised
- When expectations are not met (realistic, or unrealistic expectations) and they don't get their way

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Try to recognize signs that you are getting angry, such as:

- Heart Pounding
- Sweating, especially sweaty palms
- Tunnel vision
- · Fist or jaw clenching
- Buzzing sound in your ears
- Headache or dizziness

When you are able to recognize the symptoms of your anger when they begin, you are much more likely to walk away. Once the initial adrenaline rush of anger passes, you are much more likely to react with proactive, good anger management techniques, such as discussion, or simply distancing yourself from the people or events you know will provoke your anger.

Intermittent Explosive Disorder And Anger Management

Perhaps the most problematic area in the anger management field is a serious psychological disorder called intermittent explosive disorder. Intermittent explosive disorder (IED) is a fairly rare disorder of the brain characterized by explosive outbursts of behavior like throwing, breaking things, inflicting physical harm on others with little or no provocation. It is an impulse control disorder that is sometimes linked to temporal lobe epilepsy. It has also been suggested by studies as the underlying cause of road rage.

It's estimated that up to 7.3% of adults, or from 11.5 to 16 million Americans, suffer from I.E.D. at some time during their lives, but it's believed the actual percentages are much higher, as I.E.D. tends to overlap in individuals with bipolar disorder, and people diagnosed with bipolar disorder were excluded from the testing. I.E.D is believed to be one of the most dangerous, destructive of mental disorders. It is characterized by angry outbursts resulting in violence or destruction of property, and can be exacerbated by the use of alcohol or recreational drugs, such as Crystal Methamphetamines. This mental disorder is believed to be linked to crimes such as domestic violence, child abuse, assault, rape, murder, road rage, and violent robberies, and does not respond well to normal methods of anger management. People with this disorder are prone to violent outbursts or impulsive aggressiveness grossly out of proportion to the precipitating event.

I.E.D. is thought to begin in the early teen years, and is often brushed aside as bullying by someone who chooses not to practice positive methods of anger management. Since the onset of I.E.D. occurs at such an early age, it is proposed that those exhibiting symptoms of I.E.D. be tested at the first sign of a problem, often while they are still in school.

I.E.D. is known to predispose sufferers for conditions such as depression and anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse, and contributes heavily to dysfunctional behaviors resulting domestic violence, criminal behavior, and divorce. 71.2% of people with I.E.D never seek or receive any treatment, other than classic anger management techniques, which, while effective to a degree, need to be utilized in conjunction with medications, since treatment is achieved through both cognitive behavioral therapy, to help the patient recognize and deal with destructive impulses, and psychotropic medication regimens, because those who have unprovoked violence associated with the disorder, show loss of cells and abnormalities in the left hemisphere of the brain, and multiple drug regimens are frequently indicated for these patients.

Anger And Anger Management In Young People

None of us are immune to the negative aspects of anger and poor anger management. Every single person has experienced anger at some time in their lives. Since anger is a normal human reaction, often learned by young people, who have not attained the maturity to learn good anger management techniques, or live in homes where the adults have not learned productive anger management techniques, and have modeled their behavior, it is important that the whole family is actively committed to, learning good anger management techniques.

School shootings, physical violence among families, friends, associates, and loved ones, are proof and manifestations of the fact that poor anger management is, especially in young people, on the rise. Whether you blame the increase in anger related crimes, such as assault, murder, rape, physical and emotional abuse, on a lack of parental supervision, violence in video games or television, or other causes, the manifestations of poor anger management are becoming more and more commonplace, and increasing numbers of people are seeking professional help to gain control of the destructive effects of poor anger management.

Both internal and external events can cause anger. Anger can be directed at a specific person (a friend, teacher, or parent) an event (academic challenges, loss of a loved one) or by frustration or worry over personal problems. There are many common causes for anger in school. Young people are easily frustrated and become angry when faced with difficult challenges. It is hard not to get angry when you feel you don't fit in, don't understand an assignment or project, when you fail a test, or fail to reach a goal. Frustration can lead to anger. Many students get angry at their parents or teachers, because they don't feel the rules are fair. Sometimes anger occurs, without even knowing exactly why you are angry. There are times it cannot be controlled and this is when we should seek help.

The worst thing you can do is deny your anger. While you want to learn to manage your anger, so that your anger does not cause you to do harmful things to yourself or others, when you hold your feelings inside, they can lead to an explosion, and the only way to prevent that, is to learn good anger management techniques.

Anger Management And Reacting To Loss, Threat And <u>Trauma</u>

While we all must learn good anger management tactics, it's normal for humans to be angry, when they feel threatened, or feel betrayed, and are able to express the pain we feel. Our bodies are conditioned to prepare us to flee or fight when we are faced with threats, and when we are angry, our bodies are flooded with adrenaline and cortisol, to prepare us to defend ourselves. We may not be able to control our body's reaction to loss, threats or trauma, but we can learn anger management, and act in acceptable ways. All anger is not bad. We can control our anger, rather than allowing our anger to control us.

Sometimes anger is a justified response that can be used to allow people to make, needed changes in their lives. At times, anger is justified in unfair situations, and the energy that anger provokes is what it takes to get away from harmful situations. Anger can be used to help you protect yourself when you are in danger, or to help you take action, if you are stuck in a bad or dangerous situation. Good anger management techniques are essential in these situations. Anger can be a way to deal with the feelings of frustration because things are not going as the person wants, and poor anger management skills can spell disaster in people prone to this type of anger. Twenty percent of people have angry personalities. If you choose to be around someone who gets frustrated easily, and expresses anger explosively, your quality of life will be drastically changed by living with a habitually angry person who has negative anger management techniques.

Check out potential partner's coping patterns, by seeing how he treats the significant others in his life when he is upset. If he treats them badly, chances are he will treat you badly too. See how he acts when he is upset and threatened, especially when under the influence of alcohol or drugs, which tend to exacerbate poor anger management skills, and don't be foolish enough to think you can change anger patterns another has had many years to practice, before meeting you. Anger coping patterns lie deep within the psyche and do not change unless the person makes a strong commitment to become a better person. People with poor anger management skills need a structured program of anger management or therapy to learn how to change destructive behavior.

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Recognizing what provokes your anger, or what pushes your buttons, is the first step toward implementing good anger management techniques. Instead of exploding, or reacting badly, try to recognize the signs that you are getting angry, such as:

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- Buzzing sound in your ears
- · Headache or dizziness

When you are able to recognize the symptoms of your anger when they begin, you are much more likely to walk away. Once the initial adrenaline rush of anger passes, you are much more likely to react with proactive, good anger management techniques, such as discussion, or simply distancing yourself from the people or events you know will provoke your anger.

Anger Management: Mature Ways Of Dealing With Anger

The most important step in anger management is realizing if you are easily provoked and have an angry personality, and learning to take responsibility for your responses to anger and irritation. Angry people live with high levels of frustration, but good anger management techniques allow them to learn to keep their aggravation under control, by accepting their temperament, and accepting the responsibility of dealing with it, by learning anger management techniques to deal with the cues and triggers that can quickly turn to anger. By practicing stress management techniques regularly, and using physical exercise to work off their irritation, they are able to recognize the beginning signs of anger, and take a time out to chill out, minimizing the likelihood of venting their anger on others.

Mature people try to practice positive ways to deal with their anger in an argument. One positive way to deal with anger against loved ones is to make a contract that they can leave during a fight, whenever they feel that they might lose control. Just go to a private place for time out. In private they do damage control techniques like waiting out the initial rush of the anger, and trying to think from the other person's viewpoint, to bring their anger level down and then return to deal with the problem.

Accepting that you have an anger prone personality and recognizing the need to actively work toward anger management in order to live a happier life, makes the difference in managing anger successfully. A commitment to study and take parenting classes to seek more effective ways of disciplining their children, taking anger management classes, and participating in couples counseling, helps to learn better ways of being with the people they work and live with. Some people with high degrees of frustration keep tabs on themselves and work at diffusing their anger responses, through positive anger management methods; because their conscience tells them that their outbursts hurt others. Some people recognize that they are acting out angry responses they learned from their own parents, and sending that legacy down to their own children. Some get help because their partner gives them the ultimatum of threatening to leave them if they don't get help. A few get help only after they lose their spouse and families, but sadly, some never learn anger management methods that could save their families, if not their own lives.

Emotional Immaturity And Anger Management

In the past, 'blowing off steam' was considered a healthy form of anger management, because it was believed to be unhealthy to keep anger bottled up inside. Unfortunately, despite evidence that blowing up does not solve problems (and causes trauma for the others involved) some people still believe in so-called "Healthy" expressions of anger, that often leave those at whom the anger is directed, devastated in its wake.

People who can't stand feeling helpless get angry instead. Anger and adrenaline gives the illusion of being more in control of the situation, when nothing could be less true. Getting angry instead of feeling ashamed or anxious, allows people to avoid having to deal with the real problem, but that does not make the problem go away, so the anger just continues to spiral out of control, until it manifests itself in the most negative aspects of poor anger management.

Some people with poor anger management skills believe they have the right to vent their frustrations on others verbally, physically, or by breaking things. Angry outbursts don't alleviate the feeling of being threatened, the fear, or the sense of betrayal that hides underneath the anger. Angry people tend to block vulnerable feelings of hurt, sadness, guilt and vulnerability, but the emotions often surface as anger, and become a substitute emotion for the other emotions they keep buried.

A person who believes they have a right to vent anger on others never quite matures, or grows up emotionally. They remain stuck in a child-like reactive state when they feel frustrated, instead of responding with positive anger management methods, respond with temper tantrums, screaming, name calling, and responses that increase anger, by causing the body to produce even more adrenaline.

Screaming may give a temporary relief from anger, but yelling, name calling, and swearing never solves problems. In fact, the habit of yelling breaks down natural inhibitions that most people have about not acting out their harmful impulses. Habitual reactions, like yelling, create pathways in the brain making it easier for the pattern to be repeated, and gradually encroaches in every aspect of life. Hostility breeds hostility, and open expressions of hostility harm not only everyone in the path of the rage, they harm the person who has failed to attain a level of maturity to learn effective anger management skills most of all, by alienating those who truly love them.

Anger Management And The Bad Seed

The increased instances of poor anger management or a lack of impulse control, which is a direct cause of poor anger management, and children committing horrendous crimes such as murdering other children, committing school shootings, and killing their parents, have led some people to wonder if some children just born bad. Are there really bad seeds, or are these children a product of nurture or nature, or a combination of both?

There is some evidence that excessive stress during the pregnancy can cause a higher level of testosterone in hormonal bathing that leads to a child who is chemically more prone to anger and hostility, there may be organic brain dysfunctional causes that precipitate children toward such aggressive, angry, and destructive behavior. Another possible reason for these tendencies could be severe physical abuse leading to damage of the frontal lobes of the child's developing brain, which is the area helping control impulses and reactions. Children, who experience family aggression, or those whose needs are neglected by their parents, grow up angry, thinking that no one cares about them. Excessive stress in their early lives may cause changes in brain their chemistry. These neglected and abused children grow up seeing others as objects to be used. Their lack of early socialization skills and bonding make them into uncaring adults who feel justified in hurting others. They see the aggressor in the home as holding all the power and they crave that power for themselves, so they become aggressive and feel no remorse over forcing their will on others.

Children and teenagers can be violent, and even deadly. Some young people turn to violence, because they do not see other ways to endure what they're feeling at that moment. They may not understand the consequences of violent behavior.

These tips may help when you recognize a child who is withdrawing or exploding over everyday frustrations:

- Show confidence in his or her ability to develop good anger management skills, and model positive behaviors.
- Tell your child that everyone experiences anger, talk about the last time you felt really angry, and share the positive ways of handling their anger.
- Encourage the child to walk away from their stressors, and spend some time doing things he

or she really likes to do, like sports, walking the dog, reading a book, etc. A change of scenery or activity can provide distraction from the source of the anger.

- Teach basic problem solving skills and anger management. When upsetting things happen, the child who has practiced these skills will be more likely to think through the consequences and ultimately be better able to make choices other than violence.
- Look at your own anger management skills. Are you teaching good skills for children to model?

If none of these approaches work, seek help. Talk to a doctor or pediatrician. You may decide that your child and family need help from someone with more mental health training to learn positive to deal with anger management issues.

Anger Management And Causes Of Anger

We tend to learn behaviors from those around us, and anger, like anger management, can be a learned behavior. If we have lived with people who express anger, in negative ways, we are most likely to use the same approach. The good news is that negative behaviors can be unlearned, and positive ones can be learned to replace the old, negative behaviors we have struggled with.

The key to changing old, destructive patterns of reacting to situations that make you angry, is to learn what causes, or contributes to, your feelings of anger. The following are common causes that provoke anger.

- Frustration and stress often cause people to react with anger.
- Being extremely tired can cause people to lose their patience, and become irritable, and that can lead to angry reactions.
- Keeping feelings bottled up inside can cause people to explode over minor issues.
- When people feel that they are not understood, or worse, that their feelings are being ignored, and don't matter, it can cause an angry outburst.

Consequences of Uncontrolled Anger

Anger can actually cause, or worsen, health problems.

Anger can cause hypertension, high blood pressure, or depression. According to several double blind studies, some over a 25 year period, those high levels of hostility were directly correlated to dying not only from heart attacks and strokes, but from cancer as well. Further, anger that is kept bottled up inside, can lead to personality changes, behavior problems, and depression. Poor anger management is a key factor in domestic violence, child abuse, relationship problems, behavior problems, workplace violence, substance abuse, school and workplace violence and delinquency, and criminal behavior.

Help For Those with Poor Anger Management Skills

Controlling the destructive aspects of anger, and reacting to it in productive, rather than destructive, ways can even be healthy. Only when your anger controls you, instead of you

controlling your anger, does it lead to problems.

Anger can cause problems with your family, friends, personal relationships, and anger can effect your overall quality of life, but anger can't be totally eliminated from anyone's life. Things will always happen that cause you to be angry, and sometimes the anger is justified.

Frustration, pain, loss, and the unpredictable actions of others are a part of life that you can't change, but you can control the way you let things affect you, and you can learn, through anger management techniques, to react in constructive ways, rather than the same, old destructive ways that damage your health, and your relationships with others.

Adopting Anger Management Skills that Work

Anger is a negative emotion that just about affects every one from the child to an adult. Every one needs to learn how to cope with this emotion and that's why anger management is necessary. People should be taught new techniques, skills and provided appropriate counseling and care so that they can learn how to cope and manage anger. Anger management skills should be taught to everyone no matter what their age is. Right from a child to an adult everyone should learn the skills for effective anger management.

One effective way to deal with anger is through acupressure. In this technique, whenever a person is angry he or she is told to rub or massage their body using brisk movements. It is believed that feelings of tension and anger get released. Because of the massage the negative energy in the body gets dispersed which makes the person relax. EFT or Emotional freedom Therapy is another technique which when used in combination with acupressure manages and frees negative emotions. In EFT the person who is tensed is made to understand their problem and ask for forgiveness. EFT or Emotional freedom technique is very beneficial to a person in helping them to release any negative feelings in their body and provide relaxation.

If you want to incorporate positive management skills then you must learn to keep a journal where you can pen down any instance when you felt angry with someone. By writing it down in a journal, it helps to release any negative thoughts or emotions which may be stored deep in your mind. This helps the person to write down situations and events which caused the anger in

them and when the writing is reviewed the person will be able to find out what caused them to have these negative emotions or anger at someone and thus change themselves.

One of the easiest ways to overcome anger is to quickly move away from the scene. This way the person would be able to avoid becoming angry. If someone finds that they cannot control their anger easily, then the best thing for them to do is not get involved in arguments or situations which warrant it. If you are someone who gets provoked easily learn to move away quickly so that you are not given to provocation. But if someone has anger issues then they will go around looking for situations to get angry. If you want to learn how to manage your anger then you ought to change the way you think. The best way is to move away from the problem than go near it.

If you are angry and in a rage then adopting anger management skills is a good way to help you cope with these feelings of negativity. The internet is a store house when it comes to anger management skills. Here you will find many articles on how to cope with anger. A visit to such sites is helpful to those who are looking for advice and information. Though there will be many skills which would have been listed there finding one that works is up to each individual. Try out each and every skill to see if it works for you. You will need to explore anger management skills to find out which technique is actually beneficial to you when it comes to eliminating negative emotions.

Anger Management For Kids

Kids normally do not exhibit their feelings or emotions. There may be times when a child is feeling remorse with pain and still you wouldn't be able to detect the feeling even while conversing with them. You will know a child is unhappy or sad from their very behavior. A sad child normally shies away and does not speak to anyone while one who is guilty remains aloof in their room not wishing to meet anyone. But when a child is angry then you can expect them to throw a tantrum or break their toys or holler and scream. It is only through actions that children normally exhibit their emotions.

If you find kids screaming or showing signs of rage or rolling all over the ground then you can be sure that you have a serious problem at hand. The parent should realize that the child needs immediate help. If unattended to, this problem can escalate and cause serious repercussions later as the child grows up. A good way to handle your child's temper tantrums is by anger management.

A lot of research and experiments are needed to be done to find out the right technique to handle your child's anger. Anger management for kids is available through many resources like books, movies and the internet. Anyone who has a child with anger problems should look for ways to deal with the problem.

Children need specially designed anger management techniques which are unique to them. Adult anger management technique like support group or classes will certainly not work with a child. Children are too immature to be able to openly discuss their feelings with others and as a matter of fact they won't be able to understand why they are behaving in such a way at all. Even a counselor will not be able to find out what is causing the child to be angry and why he or she is angry in the first place. Only through anger management activities specially designed for kids can the counselor find out the reasons for the anger.

A good way to learn about the child's anger is through activity oriented games. An anger management counselor through playing games will be able to teach the child positive values and which behavior is acceptable. The counselor gives the child puzzles, quizzes and coloring pages to work on to make anger management very interesting and enjoyable for them. This way

the children will be learning the anger management skills without even realizing that they are doing so. Children cannot understand what anger management is. When children are unable to even think or rationalize their decisions it is not going to be easy to teach them how to manage their anger.

Kids need to be taught about anger management as every child must learn about appropriate behavior according to the situations. They should be taught that it is perfectly alright to feel upset but that it certainly should not be used negatively like throwing tantrums and breaking toys. Kids who are taught anger management early in life learn how to cope with anger situations in future. It is only through practice and anger management activities that children will learn how to cope with anger. Plenty of patience is needed when dealing with kids and anger.

Anger Management For Teens & Success

The teenage years are the most difficult period in any person's life as it is then that being positive in situations can be really trying. Teenagers are more prone to anger. Society too presents teenagers with lots of challenges which anger them. Jealousy and competition is what causes anger in most teenagers. Teenagers are not a compassionate lot and they aggressively fight to stay on top thus wasting the best part of their growing up years fighting with one another. The daily challenges and many obstacles that they have to face in their daily life makes them grow up much faster than they have to. While some teenagers are able to face challenges others just cannot and instead try to defend themselves. It is only when they face confrontations that teenagers become angry to the extent that they can sometimes turn violent which could even lead to deaths.

Teenagers normally find it very difficult to listen to advice, so any anger management programs would not find favor with them. It is important that an anger management program which is designed for teenagers be special so that they find it acceptable. It is really a challenging task to convince a teenager that he or she has behavioral problems. The best way is to make them understand why it is important for them to change their attitude.

Anger when not controlled can actually ruin a teenager's life. Teenagers when they are consumed with anger normally begin to yell or scream at others by saying hurtful things that are not meant to be said. They will even exhibit violent behavior like punching walls, pushing other people around and at times can even resort to hurting themselves. Though it may be difficult to convince teenagers that anger is a bad emotion it is still important to do so. Teenagers can become successful if they learn anger management where they learn how to deal with their emotions in a positive way. This makes life much easier and enjoyable for them. A positive change happens when they learn how to control anger.

Teenagers should be educated on self awareness, where they learn the reasons that cause anger in them. They should be taught self control where they are asked to stop and think about repercussions of their anger. Once they realize what the reactions would be they are then taught to make choices. This will help achieve effective results from their right choices. Teenagers are taught to act on their feelings so that they can learn all about anger

management. Once they learn the technique regular reviews would be necessary so that they successfully implement it in their lives. They can be educated on how to use the plan in situations that make them irritated so that they can overcome the irritation successfully. This will help them to confront all other similar situations with a positive attitude.

Most teenagers have their own opinions about what they like and dislike. Activities like exercises, music, penning journals are effective ways for anger management in teenagers. Only when the teenager is able to accept responsibility for his or her bad behavior can success is achieved in anger management. Helping them concentrate on activities that appeal to them will help them effectively manage their anger. They can be taught to concentrate on these activities when they feel threatened by negative emotions like anger. It is not easy to help a teenager to learn the technique of anger management but it will surely be worth their while when they turn out to be successful adults much later in life.

Learn To Manage Your Anger!

There are lots of informative articles when it comes to anger management. But what everyone needs to understand is what anger is all about and its consequences. A person who wants to make changes in their lives should first understand what they are trying to change for effective anger management. It is quite normal to become angry but we should learn how to react to different situations. We should learn that it is fine to become angry but not to let the anger go out of hand especially when we face problems with family members, other relationships, and at work. These intense anger reactions could lead to health problems. Many people who are overcome with anger are unable to manage it effectively and end up abusing their child or spouse, doing violent crimes or other reckless behaviors. Anger management becomes effective when a person knows that he or she has a problem.

There are many different situations which can make a person angry which can be useful when it comes to tackling anger related issues. There are situations when people can become mad at others, angry or frustrated when things don't go their way as planned or when their attempts become unsuccessful. These are situations which can result in most people becoming frustrated. The frustration then leads to anger in a person which triggers off a series of negative emotions in them.

It is when we become irritated with small things which help to build up anger. People normally hate when they constantly told to do things or when they are interrupted during some important work. This constant irritation builds up and explodes as rage as some point. The rage can be exhibited in different ways by different people. While some can make it painful for others some can cause pain to themselves.

Anger is provoked in a person in situations where they are either sexually or verbally abused. Though many people react in different ways to such situations some people can be extremely disturbed and can turn really violent. For people who are in situations like this, anger management becomes really important and necessary.

When people are treated unfairly they are sure to get angry. Many a time's people get blamed for things for which they were not responsible and these reactions are bound to generate feelings of anger in them which sometimes bursts into rage.

When it comes to anger management there is so much information that needs to be understood. When dealing with an angry person, it is best to gather all the necessary information so that they can effectively face the individual in such circumstances. It is advisable that all the necessary information is collected before hand when dealing with anger management. Anger management can be learnt through various sources like books, movies and through the internet. The internet is the best place to source information about anger management. Here you can find lots of information on anger, how to deal with anger in various situations, what the consequences of anger are and other anger related information like effective techniques to curb anger.

It is not possible to treat some one with anger problem without proper anger management information. It will certainly not work. It is not important about the source of the information but what really matters is how well it is put into use for treating anger. It is insufficient to just go about reading and studying all the information there is about anger management but it becomes useful when put into effective practice.

Anger Management Books?

Anger management is being used in so many programs and instances these days and so much of information is now available on the subject to those who are affected by it. There are many support groups, counseling sessions held on a one to one basis, treatment centers and also anger management books which can be effectively used for dealing with issues related to anger management. You will be able to find books which have been written to deal with anger in children, teenagers, adults both men and women, couples, families and anyone who just about needs to effectively control their anger bouts. Anger management can be used effectively in any situation for anyone and that's why many anger management books are being written to suit different types of people.

Anger management books which are written for children deal exclusively with children's feelings and their reactions when they are angry. These books contain stories and illustrations which would be effective in making a child understand about anger and ways in which they can learn from it. You will also find anger management books that have been written to learn how to deal with behavioral problems in children. These books contain tips and strategies on how to deal with difficult children who are prone to anger. By using these books as tools, programs and treatments can be developed so that anger management can be implemented in children.

When dealing with teenagers and issues related to them, it is important that we do so from their point of view. Any anger management program must be created so that it effectively deals with the anger related issues of the teens only. Teens will have plenty of questions which they may raise to learn all about anger management so it is imperative that anger management books be equipped to provide advice and lessons to deal with their feelings.

Anger problems in adults are different from that of teens and children. Children do not face nor do they understand situations and challenges which adults face when it comes to dealing with emotions like anger in daily life. Adults can benefit from reading about anger management solutions offered in anger management books when dealing with it. Couples too greatly benefit from reading anger management books.

Normally when all the members in a family are affected by anger it can be really complicated and intense. This is because it involves many different people having different feelings and emotions. This is why a family greatly needs anger management books. There are many anger management books written for families keeping all the different relationships in mind.

Where can you find such anger management books? Doctors are the best people to recommend such books. Another great place to find them would be the local library. You can also find such anger management books in local and online bookstores like Amazon where you are sure to find a series of amazing books on anger management for all ages. The internet is also a very good place to source information on anger management. You can search websites which are especially dedicated to anger management to source information on books. You will also find details on how to acquire those books.

If you happen to find a book which offers valuable tips, techniques and strategies on how to manage anger then it is only wise to put that information to good use so that all problems relating to anger emotions are dealt with. When anger management books are bought and left in shelves then they become useless tools.

Effective Anger Management Help

People of all ages definitely need help when it comes to controlling their anger. Admitting that you have an anger problem is the first next only to treatment and learning how to cope with it. The help you can get to manage your anger effectively is through methods and strategies specially tailored to tackle anger. If you happen to be lucky enough you may even be able to get rid of it permanently. When you take help in anger management you will be able to face and deal with any sort of situations effectively. You would have also learnt how react in various situations with calm.

Three of the common reactions which many people face when confronted with a stressful situation are, they either bottle up their emotions, become defensive or they begin to lash out. All these reactions are unhealthy to manage anger. When feelings are bottled up, they tend to create negative consequences in people. It may appear to be fine but the problem will be still there. The person should be prepared to deal with the situation causing anger otherwise it could turn out to be even worse. Bottling up emotions will lead to resentment which can be there for along time. It is better to deal with the problem than to accept the feeling of guilt and blame which would make the person feel bad about them. When help is taken to deal with anger management it helps individuals to cope with situations that can be challenging.

People with anger problems also go on the defensive. When ever they are faced with situations that make them angry they tend to react quickly. These people tend to react bitterly which can also produce hostile reactions from others. So going on the defensive is not an ideal way to manage anger. When help is taken in effective anger management it helps them to evaluate the situations rather than reacting to them by being defensive.

Many people also start lashing out when they confront situations which cause anger. These people use physical and verbal abuses and always act on impulse. These reactions tend to cause only negative results which are later regretted. When ever a person lashes out at someone the response they get is one of negativity. It only evokes more problems. It will be too late when they realize that their behavior did not solve any thing. Help taken from effective anger management will teach people how to control their anger and restrain themselves.

People who are serious about working on their anger can greatly benefit from effective anger management. There are many helpful anger management techniques available free for those who are interested from various sources. Those who are in need of help should realize what this could do for them. Anger management techniques will be helpful only to those who accept responsibility of themselves and would like to change their ways. When you sign up for an anger management program you are on your way to learning how to effectively control your anger and deal with difficult situations.

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Anger Management Techniques

Many people find it difficult to control their anger. A person having such a problem should be willing to admit it before they can seek a solution. What is important is that others should be supportive of people who have such anger problems. Sometimes being encouraging and supportive to people prone to anger can be difficult as they can exhibit violence and hurtful behavior. The first step towards helping them would be to make them realize that they need help.

When someone is prepared to take help for their anger issues, there are many techniques to manage their anger which will be beneficial to them. What they need to do is try out all the management techniques so that they discover the one that is best suited to them.

An important technique which is taught entails relaxation. People are taught to relax by doing calming exercises like deep breathing, relaxing imagery and exercises which are least strenuous like yoga. Relaxing exercises are known to calm angry feelings and emotions. When ever someone gets overly angry or irritated they are encouraged to practice deep breathing. Here the person is told to take deep breaths originating from their diaphragm in order to relax. Some people become relaxed when they practice relaxing imagery. In this technique people are asked to imagine beautiful and peaceful places so that go into a relaxing mood which helps to calm them down. You can remember happy memories from the past too. As for the slow exercises that are used as an effective anger management technique, for it helps the muscles to relax making the person calmer.

Another technique used for anger management is problem solving. Here the person is asked to find out what causes them to be angry. Anger is acceptable only when the situation demands it and can be detrimental in most instances where it will cause reactions and can be inappropriate. Whenever someone gets angry they are asked to find out the cause for their anger there will also be a reason behind it, so there will also be a solution to the problem. Here the person is told to focus more on the problem than the solution. The main objective of this technique is to find the root cause for the anger. This technique may be a little slow in showing results but it always pays to stick with it for sometime as there are sure to be answers.

Those with anger issues are taught to communicate better. Most people fly into fits of anger because they misunderstand what the other person is saying. They fail to even listen to the other person and become consumed with rage and anger. This anger management technique teaches people how to slow their thinking process so that they have ample time to think before they speak out. People who are angered easily don't have the patience to listen and tend to come to conclusions fast. When they do go on the defensive to protect themselves they should try not fighting back. It is wise to listen carefully to what the other person says before coming to any conclusion which goes a long way to curb anger and outbursts.

There are many other anger management techniques which can be found in books, videos and the internet which will go a long way to help manage anger.

Anger Management Support Groups In Connecticut

Summary: This articles tells you where you can find support groups for anger management in Connecticut

Anger is one emotion which is experienced by all and which needs to be addressed so that it doesn't become a problem. This problem can be addressed by attending an anger management program or joining a support group. If you are looking for anger management support groups then you are sure to find one in your area. There are many government programs which have been specially designed to help people who are having problems trying to manage their anger.

If you live in Connecticut and are out looking for an anger management support group then you do not have to look far. Finding such groups in Connecticut is easy. There are many support groups in Connecticut which provide help to people of all ages in dealing with the anger. The web site of the Child and family agency of southern Connecticut provides you with lots of information on support groups here and also about the different programs which are being conducted by them. Yahoo and Google are ideal search engines which can throw up valuable details for anyone looking for information on anger management programs in their area.

One state which is really concerned about the anger issues of their youth is Connecticut. You can find many anger management groups for youth which are conducted as camps and special schools. The support groups are categorized as camps for all age groups and for boys and girls separately and also together. The Bonneville Canyon retreat is one such excellent program for boys over 18 years. The environment in this camp is well supervised and controlled. Here participants are taught positive reinforcement and provided counseling along with how to set goals and live independently. Here job skills are taught so that the young men are empowered to work. This is a wonderful retreat which has been around for sometime now and has been successfully helping many young men resolve their behavior, psychological and social issues.

Falcon Ridge is another great support group which provides excellent service in anger management in Connecticut. You will find this group located in Virgin, Utah and it caters to young girls who are in the ages of twelve to seventeen. Here the girls are kept under constant supervision throughout the day and night all through the week. Here behavioral and emotional

problems of the young girls are dealt with. You can find more information about this support group, their exact location, and also the various programs that they are conducting on the internet

While these are just two of the support groups for anger management in Connecticut for the youth, you can many more such support groups also in the internet. Some of the others are Buxmont Academy for youth aged 12-18, Cedar breaks Academy for girls between ages 12-17. Future Men for young men aged 16-19 and Meadowlark Academy meant exclusively for girls aged 12-17 are also good places where you can send young people who need help with regard to anger management. At Red Rock Canyon you can find both boys and girls aged 12-17 who are getting treated for their anger issues. While some of these are regular schools others are just camps and retreats where young people can go and learn how to manage their anger. You will be able to find details about their location, the various programs that they are conducting and any other details that you may want to know in the internet.

Why Children May Benefit From Anger Management Worksheets

A child is not always the easiest person to manage and it is far more challenging to manage their anger. For this, one needs to have lots of imagination. A child is simply not meant to deal with extreme feelings of anger. They just do not know how to exhibit their feelings of anger and they do it by showing through actions like throwing tantrums. Children not knowing what is causing them to be angry just refuse to share their anger emotions. That's why it is important to look for good programs and resources which would be beneficial when it comes to treating a child who has anger problems.

Any anger management program which is being designed keeping children in mind should include exercises and activities which would keep them occupied. If you take your child to meet a psychiatrist or enroll them into a support group program, you will find that it is in no way going to help the child. This is because the children themselves are unable to understand why they are getting angry in the first place, so they will not be able to talk about it either. Worksheets and activities which have been specially designed to cater to their anger problems will instead benefit them much more.

Most children are quite familiar with puzzles, coloring pages and worksheets as these are very common as part of their school work. So it is only wise that lessons in anger management are cleverly incorporated in worksheets to make them extremely fun and interesting to the child. These anger management worksheets should contain strategies and techniques which will help control anger and something which the child also understands and gives positive responses. The coloring pages should contain familiar situations while the puzzles can have words which are connected to the child's anger issues.

Other than worksheets, games and fun activities can also be used for anger management as children love to play games. Children get angry because of traits like jealousy and competition. Therefore games should be so structured that children are taught to interact with other children in a healthy way and that there is no need for them to feel any jealousy. Children should be encouraged to play games and taught that it is okay if they did not to win. This will surely help the child to look at losing a game with positive feelings. Children should be taught to play

different roles so that they are made to realize that they most certainly cannot be the center of attention all the time. Activities for children to manage their anger should be designed to help them become highly productive while keeping them enjoyable and interesting.

Some of children will show signs of being upset and angry all the time. For such children the worksheets must be used to find out what is actually bothering them. One way is to list the causes of their anger and have them identify them so that the same can be used to help treat them. Here simple sentences are written on the worksheets which contain the problems relating to the child's anger. While the children work on the worksheets they would hardly be aware that they are giving out information that would be necessary to address their anger issues. Anyone who is preparing worksheets for anger management for children should keep the child in mind while doing so. It is important to know how a child's mind would work before designing a good program to treat their anger issues

Working Through Anger Management Lesson Plans

If you have an anger problem and you have accepted the fact that you do get angry, then the next step would be to find ways of how you are going to rid yourself of it. Do not be disheartened as there are many programs and people who are out there to help you manage your anger. There are many options from which you can choose if you are serious. You can visit a psychiatrist, join support groups meant exclusively to deal with anger, attend seminars on anger management, go to retreats or use various techniques available for anger management. An anger management lesson is one such option which allows a person to learn a step by step approach to handle their anger.

These lesson plans for anger management have been specially designed so that a person can have a plan of action when they come across a stressful situation. When ever the person experiences negative emotions like anger he or she can use tools provided in the lessons to overcome the emotion. These lessons can be addressed for individuals if they find skills or techniques which actually help them to effectively manage their anger.

In this method, individuals are provided with questions and practices which help to solve their anger problems while discovering new positive qualities about themselves. Some lessons teach people how they can turn an irritating situation into a pleasant one by tuning into their feelings. They are taught self awareness to find out what is making them angry. They are then asked to write down such negative feelings so that they can react more positively in future when the same type of situation arises. This constitutes the first step.

The next step in the lesson plan will include the practice of self control or restrain. Here an individual is taught to stop, think for a moment about the situation and then react. This will enable them to gain control of their negative emotions for a short time. This way they will refrain from bursting into anger when the situation demands.

The third step would be to consider all the possible reactions which could result because of their anger. This will enable the person to have plenty of time to think of better ways to tackle the situation which is provoking their anger.

The fourth and final step would be taking the correct decision. They must choose the reaction which would help them deal with situations that could trigger anger emotions.

After following these four steps, they have to review the whole process again. This will provide an opportunity to find out what was causing them to become angry and what if they had reacted more positively. It is only possible for a person to follow this step by step lesson plan if their mental state is calm. But the true test lies when the person goes through the whole process when they are in an angry state so that they will know how well they managed the situation. It is only through rigorous practice that these lesson plans would work for anyone to manage their anger.

Anger Management Strategies: Dealing With Anger In 3 Ways

Essentially, there are three ways on handling anger. These are: (i) suppressing (ii) expressing, and (iii) calming.

Suppressing anger denotes pinning it down and redirecting it to some other activity. Anger can prove to be detrimental and therefore by engaging in another pursuit, this undesirable emotion is lessened and the activity turns out to be productive.

Expressing anger denotes letting go of it in a favorable and not forceful way. As there are quite a few people, who are unable to contain their anger and reroute it into another channel, expressing it is the best possible way out but it must be made certain that this anger does not cause harm to others.

Calming refers to managing this emotion from within. In this manner, the physiological reaction is brought down also.

These three ways are the basis from which various strategies on anger management can be derived. The following are some such strategies:

- 1. Proper Handling: Anger can give rise to numerous undesirable consequences such as frustration. This kind is frequently brought about by problems. Generally, people are of the opinion that there is a key to every problem. But in reality, this is not so. Rather than exasperatingly trying to resolve a problem, it is better to concentrate your energies on tackling the situation. Deciphering anger will not be successful, if you are constantly seeking an answer. Initiate a process to manage anger by planning, systematizing, and controlling the situation in a way that produces rich results.
- **2. Calm down:** Trying to calm things down from inside is a much better method of handling anger. Straightforward and uncomplicated ways like breathing and picturing peaceful things would successfully make available a great channel for releasing anger.

A simple way of going about this is:

Loosen up your shoulders. Ensure they are not taut. Breathe deeply from your diaphragm. Go over the steps again, while phrases like 'relax' and 'calm down' run through your mind. Do not

reflect on the probable reason for your anger. See in your mind's eye tranquil places or comforting experiences.

Doing easy work outs also help lighten up your mind as well as body.

3. Changing the ambience: Ennui can at times give rise to annoyance and rage. Now, this is on account of the fact that a schedule is always linked with responsibilities from school, place of work, or home. Places linked with workloads can sometimes kindle fury and annoyance.

In order to handle anger linked to the environment, changing the ambience would do a world of good. Going on a holiday or making a trip out of the city that would bring about a fresh new environment and disregarding any thoughts that tend to annoy and madden you, would work for your benefit. Take time out, to travel to places that will soothe and comfort you. You need no go very far. Within your home, you can retire to a quiet and restful room, or take a brief time-out to relax and unwind at your own workstation or somewhere close by. What is important to note is that in order to eliminate annoyance and rage, you should work out a method or move to a location where such thoughts cease to exist.

- **4. Funniness:** Funniness or humor can help relax your stretched nerves as well as that of others. Humor facilitates the reduction of stress experienced by you.
- **5. Changing your thoughts:** Most people give vent to their anger by employing unpleasant words, foul language, or any term that can convey what they are feeling. Now, these people would often overlook that there exists an opportunity to turn things around (in case the origin of anger is disillusionment). What is of essence is that, so as to take note that there are a number of ways to manage your anger, you need to change your thinking process together with the way you perceive things. This will enable you to let go of your anger or annoyance in a far more productive way.

Methods Of Controlling Anger

Putting across the way you feel is good for you. On the other hand, conveying it in an unmanageable way may be quite unsafe. Following are a few methods of controlling anger, which you can pursue to ensure you are not controlled by anger:

1. Admission and acknowledgement of anger

Where some people are concerned, admitting and acknowledging that they are going through anger management problems is very difficult. This is due to the fact that they are apprehensive of getting unconstructive criticism from others or they are so very angry that they are unable to comprehend that they are actually angry. Whatever may be the reason, it is extremely crucial to first admit and acknowledge that you are under pressure from anger management in order that you will understand the things that need to be done and the ways in which the likely outcomes can be avoided.

2. Detecting the cause of your anger

Once you have admitted and acknowledged that you are beset with anger management problems, the following vital thing to carry out is to detect the cause of your anger. Now, this would enable you center on definite solutions that would accurately solve your issue. Understanding the cause of anger would also enable you to steer clear of things that tend to spark your anger.

3. Set Free

A majority of people facing anger management problems, are inclined to recall events and issues that brought them anguish and resentment. This is risky because past anguish and distress could quite simply arouse anger even over trivial issues. Ensure you set free, pardon, and then not recall people and events, which have brought you grief in the past.

4. Tackle the issue rather than resolving it

Within every problem, there lies a solution. This phrase is what makes people hopeful while yet again it makes people get upset about the things that they have undergone, since it is not possible to find an answer to every problem you come across. There are certain issues over

which you have no control; therefore, rather that centering on resolving the issue, seek to understand the appropriate means of effectively tackling this problem. This, in turn, would release you from the consequences of dissatisfaction and anger.

5. Reroute

It is a known fact that anger could bring you and people around you hurt and pain. Even though it is fine to give vent to your anger, the moment the manifestation becomes uncontrollable anger tends to turn dangerous. In such a case, you need to reroute your rage into more fruitful activities. What needs to be borne in mind is that an infuriated person appears tougher than he usually is. Channelizing your energy into doing something safe and suitable is a fine way of making use of your strength.

6. Communicate effectively

Once you are incensed, you tend to lose control of yourself. When that takes place, you, in all possibility, may not be aware of every deed done or word spoken by you. Learn how to communicate effectively. Bring the situation under control. If you communicate effectively, people will grasp what is taking place. Besides, effective communication would enable you to pay attention to others, think judiciously, and firmly impose your authority in situations where people lose control of their anger.

7. Ease up

Try to ease up the situation. Make an effort to loosen up your body. Managing your anger is your individual decision. This means that you are the one person who is answerable whether you wish to become angry or not. Just ease up and relax. It is better if you consider the outcomes of the likely actions you wish to carry out while yielding to your anger, rather than ruing later on the misdemeanors committed once you have calmed down.

The Aim Of Anger Management Home Study Program

Amongst the more successful alternative learning methods, home study programs, rank right up there. This has been established by the increasing number of people joining these programs. The reason why people opt for joining these programs may vary from one person to another, but the main influencing factor is that people look for alternative learning methods that are quite useful to their current situation and requirements.

The same applies to those who are aware that they are affected by anger management problems but are unable to take remedial measures, or attend seminars and workshops in company with other groups or individuals. Home study programs on anger management make an excellent alternative, and are a great way to bring your anger under control and personally understand the very quality of anger without being compelled to become a member of a group in case you are not keen to.

At times, there are some people, who give vent to their anger in an aggressive way. Other people may be put in jeopardy. Now, home study programs on anger management ensure that these people do not endanger others on account of their anger. Hence, if you fall into this category, it is better if you address your anger management problems at home.

Moreover, home study programs on anger management allow you to delve deep into your consciousness to find out what is taking place and why it is taking place to you. Only then is it possible to fully grasp the very character of anger and enforce methods to handle it effectively.

The syllabus covers self-thought modules, which focus on aspects that enable you to study the quality of anger as well as the different forms of anger. Being aware of this would allow you to determine the ways in which this personal problem could be changed for the better.

There are times, when you fail to understand what the reason was for becoming angry or why this outburst occurs. The purpose of home study programs is to help you get to the root cause of anger. Besides, there are no other persons observing you, and hence you are at liberty to explore thoroughly your troubled state that would in the due course of time, guide you to an improved and enlightened way of thinking as to your true self as well as what you can achieve for your own self as well as for others.

It is important to bear in mind that anger causes people to become more intense and aggressive in their actions and this may prove detrimental in case it is not checked. Home study programs on anger management also seek to present avenues to help channelize anger into more fruitful, valuable, and suitable activities. This will ensure you do not land up in a tight spot in case anger becomes uncontrollable.

Finding out the damaging connotations of anger from home study programs, will further ensure you stay clear of such undesirable behavior, which would result in unwelcome consequences.

Achieving self-esteem and self-confidence are other vital qualities you can pick up from home study programs on anger management.

All things considered, everything comes down to just one thing – the emotion of anger needs to kept under check.

Anger may appear far worse that it actually is for some people, but the moment it assumes power over you, it can have terrible repercussions and it can wreck you and those around you.

Therefore, if you realize that you suffer from anger management difficulties, you should act on it without further delay. Appraise yourself to determine if you are required to join anger management programs. In case you are not the friendly and outgoing kind or are embarrassed to let people know you experience anger management difficulties, then home study programs on anger management would be a great idea for you.

Anger Management For Teen Children

Teenage years are very important in the development of a child's personality. This is the time when children are becoming aware of their surroundings, observing and learning from their experiences and growing as a human being. Exposure to challenges and unpleasant experiences and his way of dealing with them make up the personality of the child. Anger is the response of teenagers to upsetting and unpleasant situations and very often they lash out. When such emotions of anger become unmanageable, it is time for the parents to seek professional help in anger management for their teenagers.

As a teenager, coping with the situations which are continuously presenting themselves can be quite stressful emotionally. This strain can unleash many reactions, one of them being anger. When teenagers are pushed beyond their ability to cope, most often anger is the first reaction. It's not the situation, but their reaction to the situation which may sometimes manifest into violence. Anger management for teenagers teaches self control and self-awareness. Anger is an extremely strong emotion and if not controlled, can cause mental and physical harm to others. Anger management for teenagers stresses the importance of dealing with the situation at a young age so that they can be emotionally balanced human beings.

Teenagers are mostly impulsive in their behavior. Learning to handle anger involves being capable to assess the situation and take positive decisions rather than acting on an impulse. This seems to be too much to expect from a teenager who does not have much experience with the ways of the world. But this can be accomplished by counseling, attending workshops and seminars on anger management or joining a support group. There are various methods for anger management among teenagers, but the end result is what really matters. It means empowering teenagers to control their reactions to stressful situations, which will hold them in good stead in their adult life.

Teaching self- awareness to teenagers is a part of anger management. They should be able to evaluate situations that make them angry. They must be able to notice their response to irritating experiences and teaching them to think first and act later in a confrontational situation is of prime importance and this will make a great difference in their manner of reacting to the situation.

A teenager who is quick to lash out at the smallest provocation has to be given lessons in self-control. It is said that before reacting to any situation, one has to stop and think of the impact it will have on the other persons involved. So, children should be encouraged to take a few seconds to think before they react. This will definitely give positive results.

Self control and self awareness are the two aspects of anger management. Analyzing a stressful situation is another factor. Parents should be able to gauge their children's behavior and seek anger management therapy for them if there are such issues. The Internet is a good source of information on this subject. One can always read up on the issue to recognize the symptoms, likely causes and the strategies to be adopted in anger management for teens. It may be a challenge to deal with children who have anger problems, but it may be well worth it to adopt anger management if it will help them to become better human beings.

Anger Management Therapy

In the early 70's Aaron T. Beck, M.D, a psychiatrist, developed an anger management therapy to treat patients suffering from behavioral problems. Initially this therapy was called Cognitive Therapy but now it is known as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy or CBT. For many years Beck helped his patients by using his knowledge of psychiatry for their treatment. However, he found that there was slow progress in the patient's condition. Wanting to have a more intense approach to the therapy, Beck relied on his experience to find a solution to the issue. He realized that negative feelings are formed during the thought processes of an individual, which led to a change in emotions and thereby behavioral patterns. He analyzed that if a person can be treated at this stage, by helping them change their manner of thinking, it could bring about a marked change in their behavior. This idea formed the basis of CBT.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy is a relatively fast method of treating patients for anger management. It encourages an individual to make a change in their way of thinking. A person's response to any situation depends on the way he perceives it. Negative feelings will very often lead to stress and anger in an individual. CBT endeavors to prevent these problems by trying to teach the patient to be positive in their thinking. It uses strategies like assertiveness training and relaxation techniques to provide relief to the patients and has proved to be a highly effective tool for psychological treatment. Many psychologists use CBT to treat their patients and are satisfied with the progress they are making. There is plenty of literature available on the subject and training is provided to those who wish to specialize in the field of anger management therapy.

Persons suffering from anger-related issues very often refuse to accept the fact that they need therapy. It is perceived to be a sign of weakness and they do not want to admit that there is a problem. Contrary to this belief however, it can be said that persons seeking anger management therapy are strong-willed and determined to get help in making a change in their lives. The first step in anger management therapy is when the person admits he needs therapy and willing to take steps to overcome the problem. The next step is to find a good therapist who puts them at ease. The relationship between a patient and his therapist is a very important one. Having a trusting relationship with the therapist is vital to the treatment of psychological problems.

The patient should be able to share his emotions with the therapist. He must be able to communicate his thoughts, aspirations and more importantly, the negative feelings he has towards any circumstances. It is through trust and sharing of thoughts that a person begins to discover himself. The relationship between the individual and his therapist provides a safety zone, where they are free to discuss their inhibitions and innermost fears, thus helping the treatment.

Choosing to undergo Cognitive Behavioral Therapy or Anger Management Therapy is a big step and it requires the encouragement and loving support from family members and friends. With the support of family and friends, those striving to work at their anger related issues will definitely achieve their goal.

Anger Management Seminars

The problem of increasing violence in the society is becoming a matter of concern to many people. Anger is an issue which has affected all races and communities over the generations. Very often it manifests itself in the form of violence. It is a human reaction to stressful situations and the individual's way of coping with them. Controlling your temper is a virtue, but not many people have that self control. Anger is an issue to be dealt with by the person himself and also all those people around him who are affected by it. That is the reason why there are programs being developed to address and treat anger management issues.

Attending an anger management seminar is a part of anger management therapy and it may benefit someone trying to deal with his anger. There are various types of anger management seminars that target specific groups, namely, teenagers, men, women, adults, children, couples or families. These seminars impart information and knowledge on how to manage stress and consequently anger or aggressiveness. Specialists in the field of anger management therapy are called upon to speak on the subject to provide guidance to the participants. Guest speakers invited for such type of seminars provide interesting details and effective tools that participants can utilize for themselves.

Sometimes, anger management seminars are organized in the form of retreats. These provide the individual a chance to enjoy a few days away from his daily grind. Very often such seminars are held at a serene and beautiful location so that the participant can relax and rejuvenate his stressed-out mind. It provides an escape to a different world for those struggling with daily feelings of rage and anger. Anger management seminars built into a retreat allow the individuals to attend lectures and talks on the subject and also meet up with others who are in the same situations. An exchange of ideas and experiences with like minded people facing similar challenges may also help them discover themselves to find ways to deal with their own problems.

People struggling with anger related issues need support and encouragement from their families and friends. Assurance of support and understanding from their family and friends goes a long way towards the healing process. If they know that they have people who will stand by them in the event of any crisis, it makes a difference in their approach to therapy. Although anger

related violence, aggressiveness and rage are on the rise, society is trying to address the issue by creating anger management therapies, programs and seminars. Using anger management therapy by placing counselors in schools, colleges, correctional facilities and mental health centers, is a good way to find a solution to the problem. Attending an anger management seminar may prove to be a turning point in the life of the individual because it may help him to make positive changes in his attitude towards life. If the seminar makes a difference to at least one person, it is well worth the effort.

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What About Anger Management Classes

Today, we live in a fast paced world and are constantly stressed out. This affects our behavior and emotional make up. Most people have psychological and behavioral problems which are directly related to stress. Response to this stress manifests in the form of anger. Family life can be disrupted because of a single member's uncontrollable fits of rage. Anger may be frightening to those who have to live with it regularly. Such individuals require help in the form of therapy to manage their anger. Very often, people struggling with these issues try their best to ignore it by sweeping it under the carpet so to speak and hoping against hope that it will disappear on its own. Refusing to recognize the symptoms and denying that it is a problem may prove to be deadly for the individual as well as the people around him.

The first step towards the treatment of anger related issues is to admit and accept that there is a problem. Finding a suitable course of treatment depends on the individual and family involved. There are many options of anger management therapy to choose from. Counseling sessions with a psychiatrist, joining support groups, attending seminars or attending anger management classes are some of them. An individual may select any form of therapy which he is comfortable with.

An anger management class is one such option. These classes are conducted by professionals specializing in the field of anger management and provide training to persons who wish to learn the techniques of controlling their anger. A part of the curriculum of anger management class could be training in deep breathing exercises, relaxation techniques, yoga and meditation. They also teach the way to deal with anger by letting go of unwanted or negative emotions and feelings. The main aim of the classes is to help people to find constructive ways to channel their anger and control their reactions to stressful or unpleasant situations.

Individuals new to the concept of anger management may feel intimidated by the classroom atmosphere. Such persons may be counseled that the classes are not meant to be threatening; on the contrary they are informal and relaxing and will help them cope better. If nothing, these classes offer an atmosphere of encouragement and support to a group of people facing the same challenge.

So where can one enroll for an anger management class? The first choice could be a government supported social program in your area. Or, you may approach the local community center or a social worker in your locality for information. Last, but not the least, the Internet is a great source for all types of details on anger management. A little research through a search engine like Yahoo or Google will provide the required information. It will offer you the contact details, dates, time and location of anger management classes specific to your needs. There are online anger management classes as well, and these allow you to study in the comfort of your home. Today, with the number of choices available one need not struggle with feelings of rage and misplaced emotions. Help is available aplenty, one needs just to ask.

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Anger Management Certification

The world is waking up to a wide range of problems which are the result of living in a fast paced world. The society has to deal with the increasing issues related to anger and anger management. Anger management certification is gaining importance in light of the fact that there is a need for specialized training courses for professionals to deal with the issue. Since anger management is related to human resource management, companies and business houses are realizing the need to have a dedicated department to look into these issues for the benefit of their employees. This has created job opportunities for professionals specializing in this field, and they are being sought out for recruitment as counselors and are therefore in great demand.

There is a growing need for anger management certified personnel. In areas relating to law enforcement, correctional facilities, pastoral care, substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence, counselors with anger management certification are necessary. Many institutes have been set up for providing specialized training in anger management certification. Social workers, therapists and counselors working with individuals experiencing aggressive behavior, can now choose to receive professional training to obtain anger management certification.

Anger management certification provides the person the necessary skill to work with various groups who suffer from anger related behavioral issues. There is a large population in schools, colleges, mental health institutions, prisons and even in companies trying to cope with feelings of rage and anger. Most people try to work out the issues themselves, but fail very often because it is a challenge to address anger related issues without the specialized skills. All these people need professional help, and a counselor with anger management certification is their best option.

The certificate courses teach the individuals various forms of self discipline and how to handle difficult situations during therapy sessions. They help their patients to make changes in their way of thinking by training them in self control. The counselors have acquired skills to help the affected people to use techniques and strategies to control their anger and improve their quality of life.

A doctor or medical practitioner should be able to set up an appointment or provide the contact information for those searching for a professional with anger management certification. People can also take advantage of the facilities for anger management set up at their workplace. Schools too have counselors with anger management certification to help and guide students struggling with anger issues. Anger management certified professionals are available online to provide instructions and advice for those seeking therapy.

Anger management certification is a good option for those individuals who want to make a career in the field. Due to the growing problems related to anger management it is a qualification which is in great demand. There are many well paying jobs available to those who possess anger management certification. The training not only helps the patients but also the individuals themselves who may at times have to resolve an ugly situation during the course of their jobs.

Sources Of Free Anger Management Advice

Anger related issues are a growing problem in the society. The emotion of anger brings out the worst behavior in people and may cause them to be violent and abusive towards the people around them. Families may break up and relationships suffer in the bargain. It is an unfortunate event when close family members and friends have to bear the brunt of the abuse, just because one individual cannot control his temper. Dealing with such a person in the family is stressful. So a lot of people resort to gaining free advice and information relating to anger management therapy.

The first step after realizing the existence of the problem is to seek a doctor. Although a doctor's advice does not come free, he may be able to provide information relating to anger management advice, where it is freely available and also the contact details. There are community centers in most areas which cater to various social issues. They usually have a link up with medical organizations dealing with behavioral issues. One of the social services they offer could be free anger management advice. Another way would be to get in touch with your local social worker who could help in obtaining free anger management advice.

Students can make use of the free anger management advice offered at the school. Schools usually have a guidance counselor or nurse to help the children overcome behavioral issues. If it is a serious problem, the child may be referred to a specialist by the school counselor. One may come across information relating to anger management in magazines or health publications. Anger management therapy is the burning issue nowadays so one may find plenty of articles and write-ups on the topic.

The Internet is one of the biggest sources of anger management advice. There are numerous sites dealing with the subject. They may even help you cope with the problem by training you on line. They provide detailed information which is quite scientific and sometimes endorsed by the medical fraternity. There are sites specifically dealing with anger management for children, teenagers, couples and various other classes of people. The information available on the Internet is free and anyone who needs it can just search for it according to his or her requirement.

A lot of people are beginning to realize how anger issues affect the society as a whole.

Therefore many endeavor to make information freely available to others so that they can benefit from it. It is a great opportunity to be able to access free advice to treat behavioral problems and people must take advantage of it. One must respect the fact that people go out of their way to help those in need of therapy as they realize the social impact of anger issues. Help is on the way, it is up to the individual to take up the challenge of solving the problem by taking advantage of the facilities.

Importance Of An Anger Management Course

Increasing violence in the society is becoming a matter of concern to many people. The root cause of this problem is anger, and most often this manifests itself in the form of violence. It is a human reaction to stressful situations and the individual's way of coping with them. Controlling your temper is a virtue, but not many people have that self control, and it becomes a huge task for them to learn to control their rage. Wanting to control temper and being able to do it are two different things. A person may want change his behavior but he may hesitate to act on his decision. In such cases a little encouragement from close friends or family will go a long way in helping him to take the first step. They must be made to understand that they are not alone and there are others who are in a similar situation.

One way to obtain help is to join an anger management course. These courses teach the individual the techniques to manage his anger in a group or classroom setting. The course may sometimes take a day or it may be for a longer period depending on the topics it covers. The participants are taught strategies to control their anger, relaxation techniques in the form of yoga and meditation. They may be taught to change their way of thinking in response to stressful situations. Anger management course may focus on topics like releasing negative energy and letting go of negative emotions. It may concentrate on self discovery as a means to bring out the reasons for the fits of uncontrolled rage.

Anger management courses are targeted at various groups of people like adults, teenagers, children, couples or families. Joining an anger management course will help the individual get to know other people who face similar challenges. Moreover, it will give them a feeling of support and encouragement because they are not alone. They can form their own support system by forging friendship among fellow classmates to help them cope with an overwhelming situation. Knowing that there are dedicated people who understand their problems and who are committed to helping them goes a long way towards the success of anger management therapy. An anger management course can thus provide more than just information.

At times, anger management courses are organized in the form of retreats. It provides an escape to a different world for those struggling with daily feelings of rage and anger. Anger management courses built into a retreat allow the individuals to attend lectures and talks on the

subject and also meet up with others who are in the same situations. An exchange of ideas and experiences with like minded people facing similar challenges may also help them discover themselves to find ways to deal with their own problems.

If a person wishes to take an anger management course, the first place to go to is the doctor or a medical professional. Social workers and community centers will have information on the upcoming events in the field. Another source of information is the Internet which can provide the schedules and location of the courses being held in your locality. You can then select the desired course as per your requirement.



