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Exercise Your Pre-frontal Cortex

- □ Be curious collect info before making conclusions
- Choose an activity with rhythmic hand movement knit, paint, colour
- Create a positive future story apply optimism
- □ Create a sleep routine. Choose to end your day with a pleasant activity that creates closure sleep routine
- \Box Deny the drama avoid getting caught up in gossip and office politics
- \Box Drink water
- □ Engage in nature
- \Box Exercise your body
- Exercise your mind: math, problems, crosswords, luminosity
- □ Keep a gratitude journal
- □ Listen to music that is between 30-60 beats per minute (to increase focus and attention)
- □ Meditate
- \Box Notice pleasant things
- □ Offer and receive physical contact hugs!
- \Box Play and laugh
- \Box Practice deep breathing
- \Box Rock in a rocking chair
- □ Separate yourself from your roles eg. have a shower after work or change clothes
- \Box Shower or dress in the dark to focus on sense of touch and sound
- □ Slow your pace (movement and speech)
- □ Stimulate/challenge yourself: find something that interest and engages you
- Use aromatherapy. Pleasant scents such as baked bread increases concentration.
- □ Volunteer

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