GROUNDING GUIDES: Quick Reference Guide for Teams

Using the Grounding Guides within a Team or Department

For Huddles or Meetings (10-15 min)

- 1. Pick a Module Select one from the Resource Section of the website.
- 2. Introduce the Purpose "This is about supporting ourselves and each other in the work we do."
- 3. Watch Together (7–8 min) Share the printed handout so everyone can follow along.
- 4. Discuss (3–5 min) Use 1–2 reflection questions from the handout.
 - a. Example: "How do you know when your 'check engine' light is on?"
- 5. Practice Together (1–2 min) Try:
 - Self-Check 60-second Dashboard Check or "Name It" round.
 - Body Reset Group Breath & Press or Shoulder/Jaw/Lower Back release.
 - Interaction Shift Tone Reset, Pause Before Responding.
- 6. Close with a Share-Out "What's one thing you'll take into the rest of today?"

For Ongoing Engagement:

- Rotate modules monthly or quarterly.
- Invite "champions" to lead a short practice before a shift.
- Post reflection questions in common spaces.

Quick Use Option (No Video)

Choose any one of the below practices.

- 1. Check-in Together 60-second "dashboard check" at the start of meetings or shifts.
 - a. Example: "On a scale of green, yellow, red—where are you?"
- 2. Choose a Shared Practice pick one:
 - a. 3 slow breaths
 - b. Shoulders-Jaw-Lower Back release
 - c. "Name It" round (share 1 word for your current state)
- 3. **Principle of the Day**: Safety, trust, peer support, collaboration, empowerment choose one to focus on.
- 4. **Use in the Moment** give each other permission to ask for a tone reset.
- 5. **End with Intention:** One sentence round: "Here's how I'm closing my day..." or acknowledge wins, even small ones.

Commit to Your Team Practice

Choose one practice for your team each week. Try it in huddles, before a shift, or during a reset break.

Week	Our Team Practice	When We'll Use It (Optional)
1		
2		
3		
4		

Small, intentional actions create a culture of care.

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