Mindfulness involves paying attention in the present moment without judgment. It is about awareness as opposed to thinking. This evidence-based therapeutic practice has many benefits for our physical and emotional well-being, with an abundance of new research showing people can find inner calmness despite outer circumstances.

Attendees will learn about the basics of the mindful brain and have the opportunity to experience simple, effective techniques for mind/body wellness. Three mindful qualities will be discussed: 1) intention; 2) non-judgment; and 3) acceptance. These qualities can help parents and students connect more deeply and communicate with insight and empathy. It is an opportunity to enhance well-being, improve focus and respond wisely during times of challenge or change.

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