# BEHAVIORAL ADDICTIONS

## ADDICTION COMES IN MANY FORMS...

- Behavioral addictions are similar to drug addiction except that the individual is not addicted to a substance, but he/she is addicted to the behavior or the feeling experienced by acting out the behavior.
- Even though the behavior produces unwanted outcomes, the individual continues to engage even to the point of great stress and unhappiness.

#### **DANGER SIGNS**

- Continuing the behavior despite negative consequences
- Minimizing or hiding the extent of the problem
- Neglecting work, school, family to engage in the behavior more often
- Experiencing symptoms of withdrawal (i.e., irritability, depression) when trying to stop

#### **COMMON BEHAVIORAL ADDICTIONS**



### **RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE**



### YOU TALK, WE LISTEN!

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