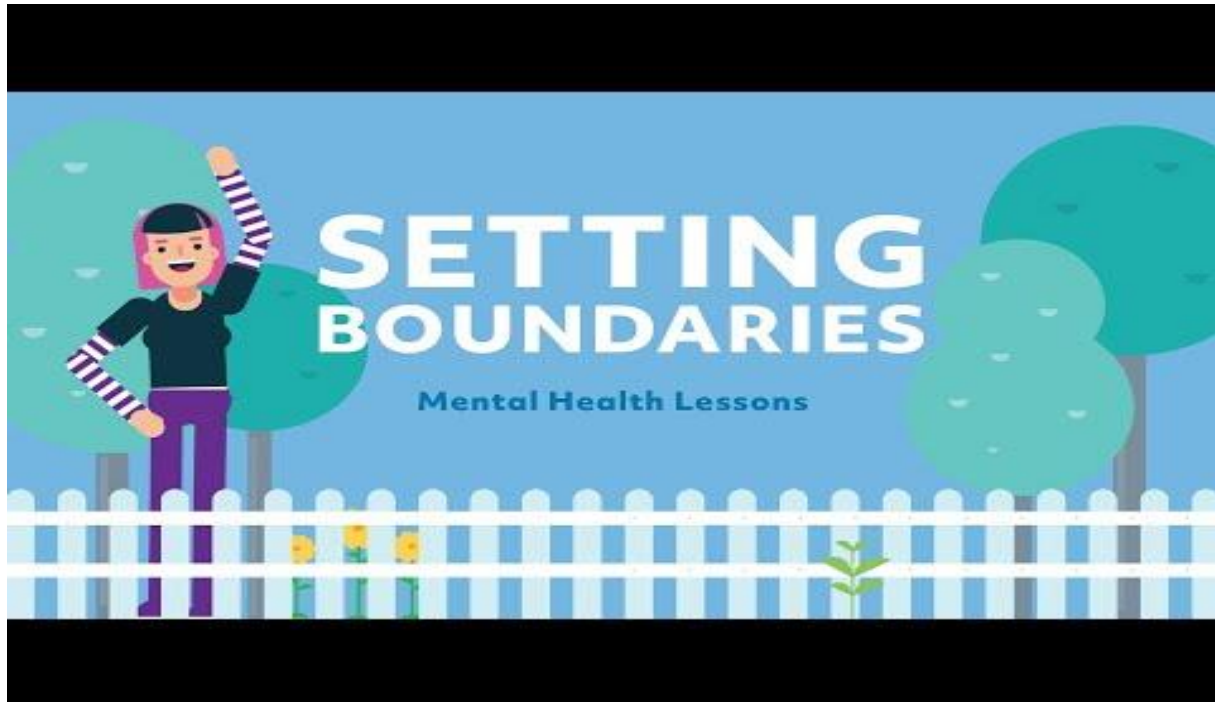


How to maintain healthy Boundaries in a PA Role - A robust Service Agreement / Job Description can support the introduction / enforcement of your role boundaries.

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Maintaining boundaries in a PA role is crucial to ensure the relationship remains supportive without becoming overly demanding or leading to unwanted / over dependency situation.

**1. Define Your PA Role Clearly:**

- From the outset, clarify the nature and limits of the PA role
- Explain what kinds of support you can provide and what you cannot

**2. Set Time Limits:**

- Establish and adhere to times for visits / communication

**3. Encourage Independence:**

- Support the person in maintaining and developing their own skills and resources
- Encourage them to seek help from professionals or appropriate services when needed

**4. Say No When Necessary:**

- Learn to say no to requests that fall outside your role or capacity

- Be firm but polite and provide alternative suggestions for help

**5. Avoid Personal Errands:**

- Refrain from taking on tasks that are not clearly stated in your; Service Agreement (for Self employed PAs ) and Job Description and/ Employment Contract for employed PAs.

**6. Use Professional Resources:**

- When appropriate, refer the individual to professional services for needs that go beyond your agreed terms of employment.

**7. Communicate Boundaries Regularly:**

- Remind the person of your role and its limitations if they start to overstep

**8. Seek Support for Yourself:**

- Engage in supervision or peer support groups where you can discuss challenges
- Ensure you have your own support network to avoid burnout

**9. Monitor the Relationship:**

- Regularly assess the dynamics of the relationship & if you notice signs of greater dependency adjust /re-establish your boundaries

**10. Document Interactions:**

- Keep brief records to help keep track to help you to spot any boundary issues early

**11. Encouraging Boundaries:**

- Help the person understand the importance of boundaries for both their well-being and yours and encourage mutual respect and understanding regarding each other's limitations.

By applying these boundary strategies, you can maintain a healthy PA relationship that is supportive without impacting upon your personal boundaries.