activation points & anchor points

a tool for understanding how you move through your window of tolerance

Hyper-Arousal

Fight or Flight

Comfort Zone

Hypo-Arousal

Freeze or Fawn

Activation Points: the things that push us towards or outside the limits of our window of tolerance.
Ask: What stress you out? What makes you angry or anxious? What makes you shut down?

Anchor Points: the things that ground us inside our comfort zone.
Ask: What grounds you? What centers your focus? What reminds you of your agency? What reminds you of your support system?

Being honest with ourselves with compassion & without judgment gives us the information & agency we need to advocate for our safety.

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