

Chapter 1 : # Desperate Housewives Role #

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You may feel like harming yourself if you want to show someone else how distressed you are or to get back at them or to punish them. This is not common – most people suffer in silence and self-harm in private. How does it make you feel? Self-harm can help you to feel in control, and reduce uncomfortable feelings of tension and distress. If you feel guilty, it can be a way of punishing yourself and relieving your guilt. You could still do with some help. Is self-harm the same as attempted suicide Usually not. So anyone who self-harms should be taken seriously and offered help. You may not feel that you do have a serious problem, but see self-harm as a way to cope with life. Danger signs You are most likely to harm yourself badly if you: You should really see someone who has a lot of experience of helping people who self-harm, and who knows about mental health problems. What help is there? Talking with a non-professional You may find it helpful just to talk anonymously to someone else about what is happening to you. Knowing that someone else knows what you are going through can help you to feel less alone with your problems. You can do this on the internet or by telephone. Some helplines are listed at the end of this leaflet. Self-help groups A group of people, who all self-harm, meet regularly to give each other emotional support and practical advice. Just sharing your problems in a group can help you to feel less alone - others in the group will almost certainly have had similar experiences. Help with relationships Self-harm is often the result of a crisis in a close relationship. If this is the case, get some help with sorting out the relationship - it may be more difficult in the short-term, but it will be better for you certainly less dangerous in the long-term. Talking with a professional One-to-one talking treatments can help, such as: Problem solving therapy Psychodynamic psychotherapy. Family meetings If you are still living with your family, it may help to have a family meeting with a therapist. This can help to relieve the tiring, daily stress for everyone in the family. It is not always appropriate, for instance, if you are the victim of physical or sexual abuse within your family. Group therapy This is different from a self-help group. A professional will lead or facilitate the group to help the members to deal with problems they share, for example, in getting on with other people. However, what evidence there is, suggests that problem-solving therapy and cognitive-behavioural therapy are useful. A health professional will make suggestions based on your individual problems and on what is available locally. About 1 in 3 people who self-harm for the first time will do it again during the following year. About 3 in people who self-harm over 15 years will actually kill themselves. The risk increases with age and is much greater for men. Cutting can give you permanent scarring. If nerves or tendons are damaged by cutting, this can lead to numbness or weakness. How can I help myself? When you want to harm yourself The feelings of self-harm will go away after a while. If you can cope with your distress without self-harming for a time, it will get easier over the next few hours. Talk to someone – if you are on your own perhaps you could phone a friend. If the person you are with is making you feel worse, go out. Distract yourself by going out, listening to music, or by doing something harmless that interests you. Relax and focus your mind on something pleasant – your very own personal comforting place. Find another way to express your feelings such as squeezing ice cubes which you can make with red juice to mimic blood if the sight of blood is important , or just drawing red lines on your skin. Focus your mind on positive things. Be kind to yourself – allow yourself to do something harmless that you enjoy. Write a diary or a letter, to explain what is happening to you – no one else needs to see it. Go back in your mind to the last time when you did not want to self-harm, and move forward in your memory from there. Think about where you were, who you were with, and what you were feeling? Try to work out why you began feeling like you did. Did your self-harm give you a sense of escape, or relief, or control? How did other people react? Could you have done anything else? Make an audio recording. Or, ask someone you trust to do this. When you start to feel bad, you can play this back to remind yourself of the parts of you that are good and worthwhile. Being able to get in touch with someone quickly can help you control your urge to self-harm. While you are talking, your wish to harm yourself may start to go away. There are a number of questions to ask yourself to see if you are ready to

stop. If you can honestly say YES to half of the questions below, or more, then why not try stopping? Are there at least two people who are willing to help me stop? Do I have friends that know about my self-harming who I can go to if I get desperate? Have I found at least two alternative safe ways that reduce the feelings that lead me to self-harm? Am I able to tell myself, and to believe, that I want to stop hurting myself? If necessary, is there a professional who will also give me support and help in a crisis? If I harm myself and need treatment? They will be able to talk with you about how you are feeling, and to see if there are any ways of helping you. They should be able to properly assess all your needs, whatever they may be. You should be able to go through your assessment with them. Staff may want to go through a questionnaire with you, to try to judge how at risk you are. What can I do if I know someone who self-harms? It can be very upsetting to be close to someone who self-harms - but there are things you can do. The most important is to listen to them without judging them or being critical. Try to concentrate on them rather than your own feelings although this can be hard. Do Talk to them when they feel like self-harming. Try to understand their feelings, and then move the conversation onto other things. Take some of the mystery out of self-harm by helping them find out about self-harm, perhaps by showing them this leaflet, or by using the internet or the local library. Find out about getting help - maybe go with them to see someone, such as their GP. Help them to think about their self-harm not as a shameful secret, but as a problem to be sorted out. React strongly, with anger, hurt, or upset - this is likely to make them feel worse. Talk honestly about the effect it has on you, but do this calmly and in a way that shows how much you care for them. Make them promise not to do it again. Feel responsible for their self-harm or become the person who is supposed to stop them. You must get on with your own life as well. Make sure you talk to someone close to you, so you get some support. Self-help and support Childline: Free national helpline for young people, free confidential advice on all sorts of problems: Telephone and email support for anyone who is worried, upset, or suicidal; 90 90 90; ROI ; email: Further Reading The Royal College of Psychiatrists publishes a range of leaflets on mental health problems and their treatment. Healing the Hurt Within: How To Books Ltd. References Effectiveness of interventions to prevent suicide and suicidal behaviour: The epidemiology and management of self-harm among adults in England In what way are adolescents who engage in self-harm, or experience thoughts of self-harm, different in terms of help-seeking, communications and coping strategies? Mental disorders, suicide and deliberate self-harm in lesbian, gay and bisexual people, a systematic review BMC Psychiatry, 8, Self-harm, suicide and risk: Suicide following deliberate self-harm: Understanding resolutions of deliberate self-harm:

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She had lost all custody rights due to a neglect charge that happened five years ago. Alison had gone inside a house to purchase illegal drugs and left her child unattended in a hot car. Her child was red hot and screaming when a bystander noticed and called the police. But she paid her dues, went to rehab, did all of the required therapy, and now was excited to finally see her daughter again. The problem is that her daughter was not so excited to see her mother again. In fact, she was very fearful as was her father. When he became aware of the neglect at the hands of his wife, he filed for divorce, pressed charges against her, and won full custody of their daughter. He thought the issue was closed, but now the mother was petitioning the court for visitation. Desperate to find a solution that would be agreeable with the court, protect his daughter, and ensure that his former wife really had healed, the father reached out to a therapist. She recommended reconciliation therapy, a process by which trust is rebuilt with the estranged parent in a therapeutic setting. This is a necessary stepping stone to reunification which may or may not happen depending on participation and success of the reconciliation. Here is what the process looks like. Before this process can begin, all parties need to agree to try it and work towards a common goal. The best goal is to do what is in the best interest of the child, not either parent. Having a relationship, however distant it might be, with both parents is ideal. When a child is completely estranged from one parent, they tend to develop idealistic fantasies that parent will one day rescue them. This false hope becomes devastating when reality sets in and the child sees the parent in a more accurate light. The second primary goal is parental collaboration instead of confrontation. When parents unite by putting their differences aside so they can effectively work together on parenting, the child thrives. Children who have parents continually fighting, manipulating, and undermining each other generate unnecessary mental health problems in their children such as oppositional behavior, anxiety, and depression. Of course, since this is all about the child, the child needs to be in agreement to begin the process. This might take some encouraging, empathetic listening, and motivational interviewing skills before things can proceed. There are few things a child can control, but their therapeutic process should be one of them. During this period, there are no joint therapy sessions. Ideally, each party has their own private session to discuss their concerns, objections, hopes, goals, past failures, and successes. This can take one or several individual sessions per person depending on the following issues: The amount of past trauma. If there has been significant unhealed trauma, this should be resolved before beginning the reconciliation process. Due to feelings of abandonment by one parent, some children develop a significant bond with the parent who remained. This can result in a loyalty bond in which the child feels like they will be betraying the parent who cared for them if they engage in a relationship with the other parent. This must be addressed and sometimes worked out in therapy between said the child and parent before introducing the estranged parent. Everyone involved should be evaluated for any particular mental health concerns. For instance, a person with depression should be assessed regularly during the reconciliation process to ensure that it does not worsen. Start the individual process. Ideally, the process begins after having laid the groundwork with several more individual sessions. During this time the parent and child are discussing with the therapist what the first and subsequent joint sessions will entail. Several items need to be addressed: The rules and boundaries of the session. For instance, the child might not be OK with any physical touch and therefore the parent would not be allowed to hug the child. Or, the child might have safety concerns with the parent so exit plans might need to be established. Most of the rules and boundaries are for the child, not the parent, thereby helping the child to feel as if they have more control over the process. How to start communication. A common error estranged parents make is overloading a child with questions in an effort to learn more about them. Many children view this as interrogating and do not respond well. Instead, the parent needs some instruction as to how best to communicate with their child so the child feels safe at all times. A second common error is for the parent to offer the child some desired item if they agree to meet with the parent outside of therapy. This is a big NO as this is bribery and manipulative behavior.

It is usually done to undermine the other parent and give the child a false sense of security. When this is a court-ordered therapeutic process, it is essential that the therapy is catered to whatever was ordered. Any report should be openly communicated with all parties so as to be fully transparent on the success or failure of the process. At the end of this process and during the initial joint session, each party will have expectations about what is to be accomplished. While it might not actually happen as anticipated, they do need to be discussed. Unrealistic expectations of instant bonding and excitement should be tempered to a more realistic outcome. It usually takes three individual sessions of the child and estranged parent before the joint sessions can begin. This allows time for anxieties to be tempered, depression to be monitored, and any additional unknown traumas to surface. The idea is that the first session together should go as anticipated by all parties as if it was scripted and then performed. Start the joint sessions. The first joint session is usually so well planned that happens seamlessly, whereas the next sessions tend to be more therapeutic. The first session is like a meet and greet with little to no substance other than to introduce, demonstrate a willingness to head to boundaries, and maintain a safe environment. It is a foundational session where the groundwork of trust can be laid without fear of negative consequences. The next sessions are more directive. During this time, the child is allowed to confront the estranged parent, if they want, about the things they are angry about. This is not ever a reciprocal session, as it is the parent who needs to reestablish their relationship with the child due to their poor behavior and not the other way around. The parent is to hear the child, acknowledge their wrongdoing, and ask for forgiveness. It is a grueling session but is very therapeutic. This can take one or more sessions depending on the nature of the list. After all of the anger, fear, and guilt has been addressed, the last joint session is all about how to proceed going forward. Ideally, the child and formerly estranged parent would come to a new set of boundaries and expectations that satisfy both of them and the court. Hopefully, this is mutually agreed upon with the other parent and signed off by the therapist and the court. Once the process is complete, it is beneficial for all parties to do a therapeutic check-in periodically to ensure that everyone is still doing well. By neglecting this last step, old unproductive habits and behaviors tend to arise which can harm the relationship going forward. A willingness to continue to work towards reunification takes time and should not be rushed. At first, Alison was frustrated by the reconciliation process because it delayed her interaction with her child. This laid a foundation of trust that helped to rebuild their relationship. What is Reconciliation Therapy? She works primarily with exhausted women and their families in conflict situations to ensure peaceful resolutions at home and in the workplace. She has blogs, articles, and newsletters designed to assist in meeting your needs. You can connect with her at her website Grow with Christine at www.growwithchristine.com. What is Reconciliation Therapy?. Retrieved on November 14, , from <https://www.growwithchristine.com>

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The veteran actress, a two-time Emmy winner as feisty Karen McCluskey on *Desperate Housewives* , will appear as herself on the th episode of *The Bold and the Beautiful* airing February 7. The anniversary plot finds Stephanie going online to try to form a lung-cancer support group. Joosten decides to join up, as do several other real-life lung-cancer survivors who will also appear in the episode. Sight unseen, this sounds like great and valuable TV! Talk about the decision to play yourself, rather than playing a character who has cancer. Susan and I have some great scenes together, discussing the disease very realistically. We get to talking about the fear of death and how it feels when you wake up in the morning and think, "I may die from this. We did one little bit of it where Karen announced she had lung cancer. Basically the public is saying, "You did it to yourself. So what do you want us to do about it? And this is a very successful soap around the world so the potential here is huge. How did you link up with the show? I imagine the situation is even worse out in real America. What did you do when you needed support? I got myself a therapist who had a lot of experience with people with cancer, and had studied with Kubler-Ross. That was enormously helpful to me. What kind of insight do you bring to Stephanie? I would love to go back. That reality is not easy for group members to face. How does he fit in? I tell Nick he needs to get himself tested. And listen to this! When did you last have your chest X-rayed? The largest number of new cancers happen to women between 40 and Hey, can I ask you something? What are they going to do with Stephanie? You can live with stage IV for two or three years, but not a whole lot longer. Well, Flannery has talked about possibly retiring. Maybe this is setting the stage for that. That would be a cheat. If they do, I will be all over them! They can slow it down. You guys zipped ahead five years!

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So they stop there. But you do have various helpful options. Check with your insurance. D, a clinical psychologist and clinical instructor in the department of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. You might only have to pay a small co-pay, he said. Try a training clinic. Training clinics offer clients a sliding scale. D, a psychologist and associate professor in clinical psychology at the University of Louisville. Try a community mental health center. To find a center, search using Google or look at your state government website for the Department of Human Services, she said. Support groups typically are free or at least more affordable than individual therapy. They may be run by mental health professionals or peers. Always ask a therapist if they also offer lower-cost group sessions, Fast said. She suggested attending moderated support groups. It should be a structured system where a dispassionate person runs things. Ask about discounted rates. As such, some therapists might offer discounts. Fast suggested asking clinicians the following questions: Do you have any discount programs or a group available? Consider if you can reorganize your budget to accommodate therapy. Check out podcasts and videos. When searching for podcasts on iTunes, consider terms such as therapy or personal growth, she said. Visit websites for your particular concern. There is also a wealth of information at Psych Central about self-help techniques, treatments, and books to check out. You can start by looking-up your mental health condition here. Schools usually charge small fees for services given by their students, she said. She also explores self-image issues on her own blog Weightless and creativity on her blog Make a Mess:

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