Brief Intervention / Motivational Interviewing Checklist

Mark X if completed

	Begin with an allying statement. "Tell me how [the habit] fits into your	
1. Build Rapport	life."	
2. Elicit Pros	What does the individual like about the habit?	
Elicit Cons	What does the individual dislike about the habit?	
3. Give Advice - Permission	Ask permission first, before giving advice	
Give Advice	Give advice with neutral language (not "good" / "bad")	
4. Readiness / Plan	Assess readiness to change (e.g. with a scale)	
Elicit an Action Plan	Get an action plan from the interviewee	
Make it Specific	The plan should be precise and directly actionable	
5. Summarize Conversation &		
Plan	Summarize the conversation and plan	

Motivational Interviewing Principles

Roll with Resistance	Accept/acknowledge the individual's resistance to change	
Express Empathy	Use ≥1 empathetic statement	
Reflect	Use ≥1 reflection	

Overall Effect:

(You) the listener felt that the interviewer was genuine	
Total	/ 13