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Module 5: Organizational Change
PART I: UNDERSTANDING OUR RESPONSE TO CHANGE

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Expecting the Unexpected

Organizational Change Management

• Organizational change issues are often underestimated or ignored entirely
• Organizations do not change; people change
• Most people are nervous about change and resist it
• Change is an emotion-filled process

Locus of Control

• Refers to the degree to which people believe they can control or influence the outcomes of their actions

• May determine a person’s capacity to succeed professionally, personally, and socially

External Locus of Control

Your own efforts don't matter since rewards in life are generally outside of your control

• Fear of unforeseen factors or powerful people

• Blame placed on others or circumstance

• Expressions of belief in fate or chance
  – Behavioral rigidity (“I can’t help it; I was born this way’)
  – Limited to no risk taking
Internal Locus of Control

Your own efforts do matter and generally lead to favorable outcomes

- Perseverance related to long-term achievement
- Comfortable with deferred gratification
- Believes efforts lead to positive results
  - Relies on own understanding
  - Moderate to calculated risk-taker

The Resistant Door
Change is Pain

- "Holding area" where new ideas & information can be compared to old.

- Functions well without conscious thought
- Invoked by the familiar and routine
- Long-standing habits are formed & held
- Low energy.

Brain is a pattern-making organ.
Error detection sets off an alarm!!

Focus is Power

- The brain changes as a function of where “you” put your attention

- ATTENTION continually reshapes the pattern of the brain
Expectation Shapes Reality

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