

# Theories for individual behavior change

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# Behaviour Change ...1

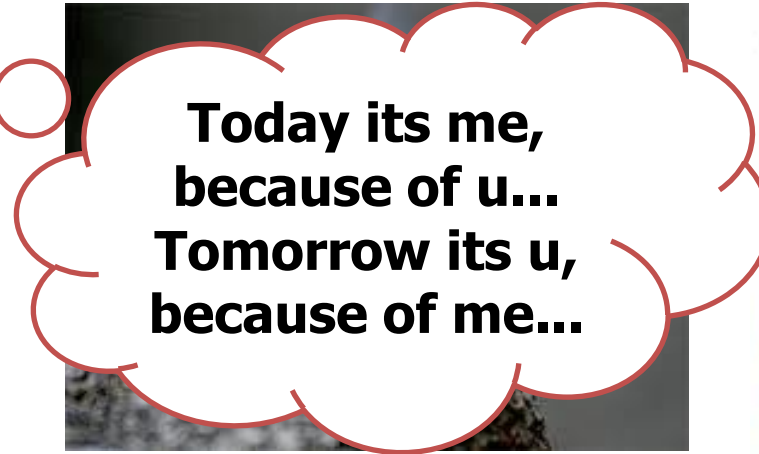


**List the important changes in the pictures ???**

# Behaviour Change...2



Fully burnt Cigarette **ASH**



Smokers Lung

**Quit smoking... Tar the roads... NOT your LUNGS!**

# Behavior and Global Health

*“Health is a state of complete physical, psychological, and social well-being and not simply the absence of disease or infirmity.”* (World Health Organization, 1948)

- Physical good health eludes billions of people
- Death and disease from *preventable* causes remain high
- Behavior is a key factor in determining health

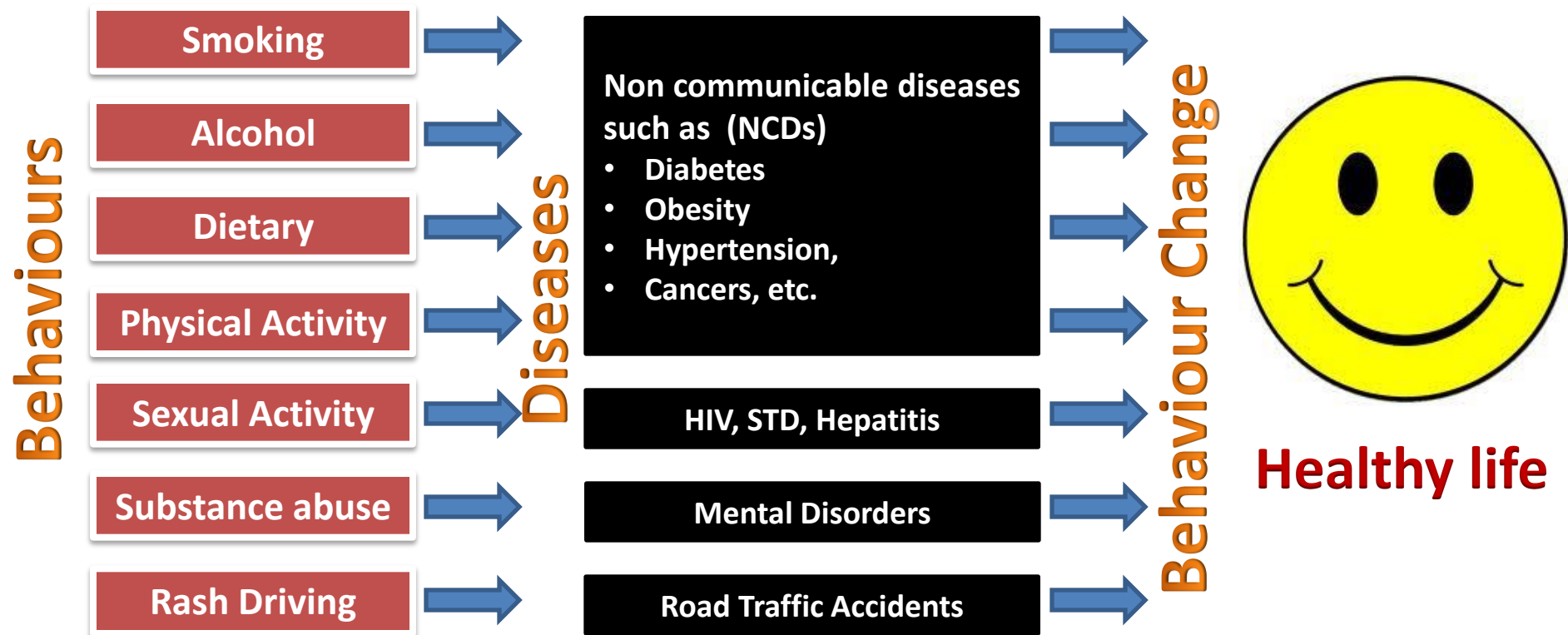
# Ten Leading Risk Factors for Preventable Disease

- Maternal and child underweight
- Unsafe sex
- High blood pressure
- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Unsafe water, poor sanitation, and hygiene
- High cholesterol
- Indoor smoke from solid fuels
- Iron deficiency
- High body mass index or overweight

Source: WHO, *World Health Report 2002: Reducing Risk, Promoting Healthy Life* (Geneva: WHO, 2002), accessed online at [www.who.int](http://www.who.int), on Nov. 15, 2004.

# Behaviour ↔ Public Health

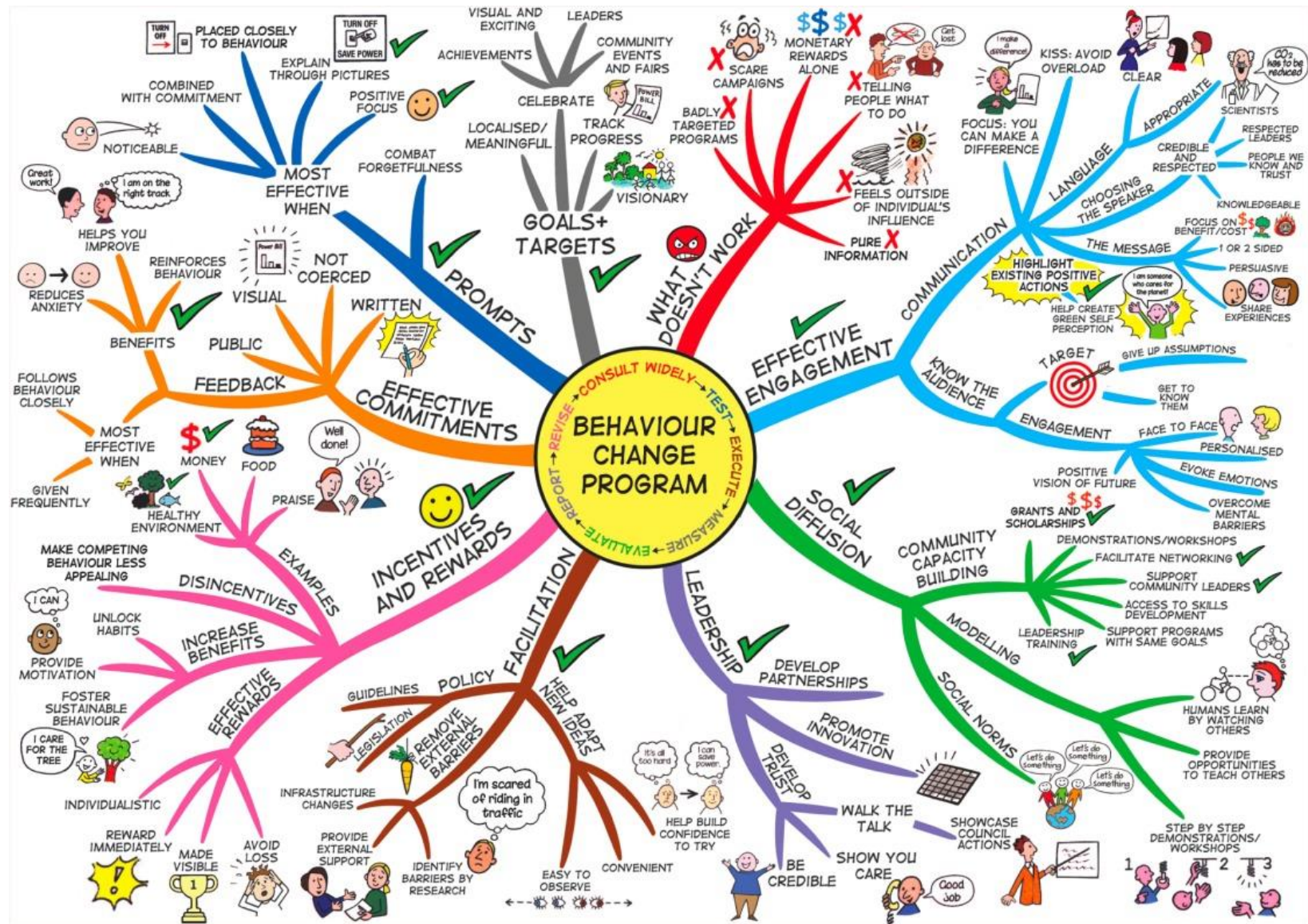
Fortunately, human beings have, in theory, control over their conduct



Health-compromising behaviors can be eliminated by self-regulatory efforts, and by adopting health-enhancing behaviors



BEHAVIOUR CHANGE PROGRAM

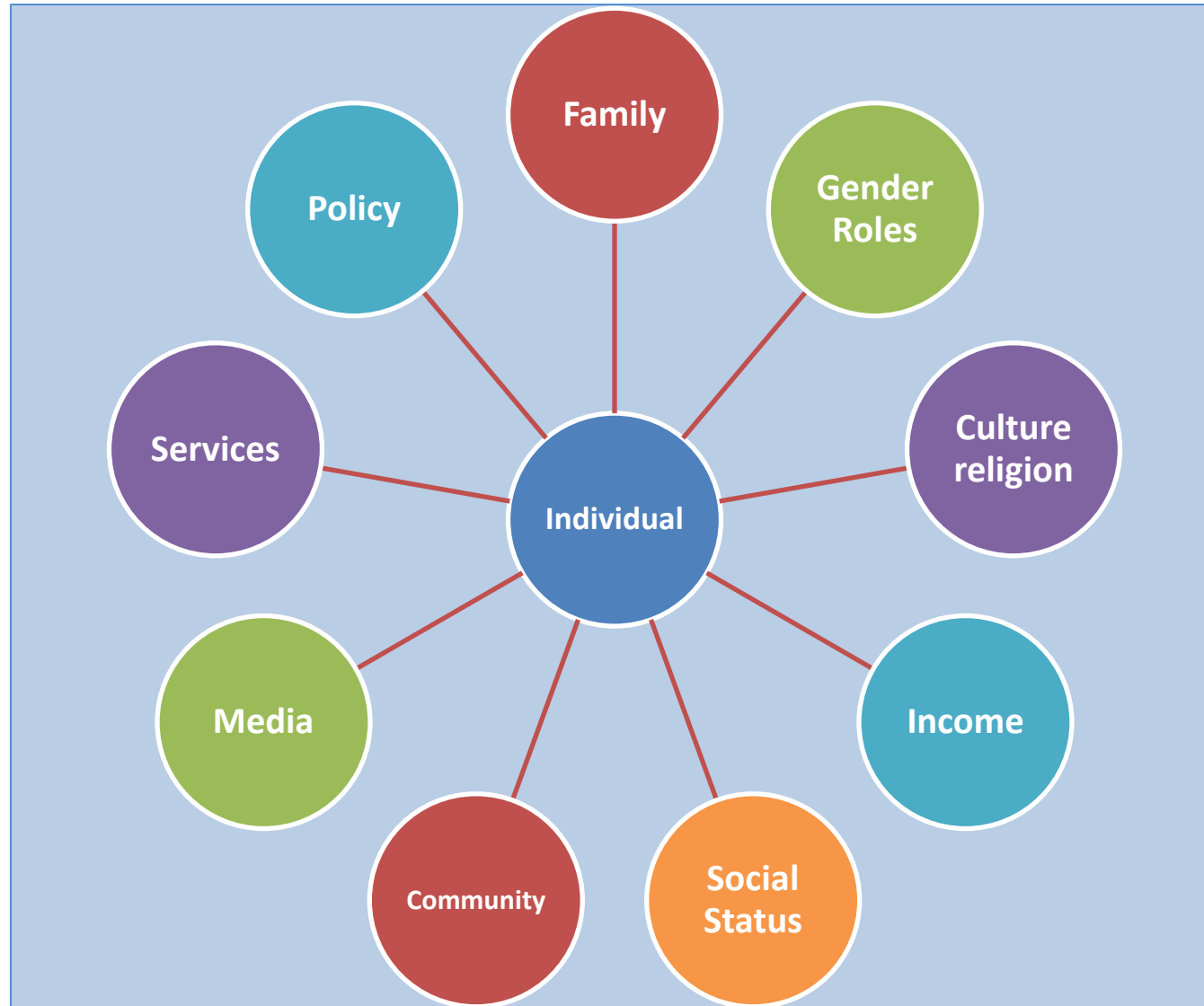


# Behaviour Change

- Behavioural change theories have gained recognition in health for their possible effectiveness in explaining health-related behaviours and providing insight into methods that would encourage individuals to develop and maintain healthy lifestyles



# Determinants of health related behaviour



# Exercise 1

List factors influencing

1) smoking.

2) Unsafe sex.

3) Eating junk food.

# Factors That Influence Behavior Change

- Predisposing factors:
  - Knowledge, beliefs, and attitudes based on life experiences as well as gender, age, race, socioeconomic background
- Enabling factors:
  - Skills and abilities, resources available; can be positive or negative
- Reinforcing factors:
  - Presence or absence of support, encouragement or discouragement from those around you

# Factors That Influence Behavior-Change Decisions

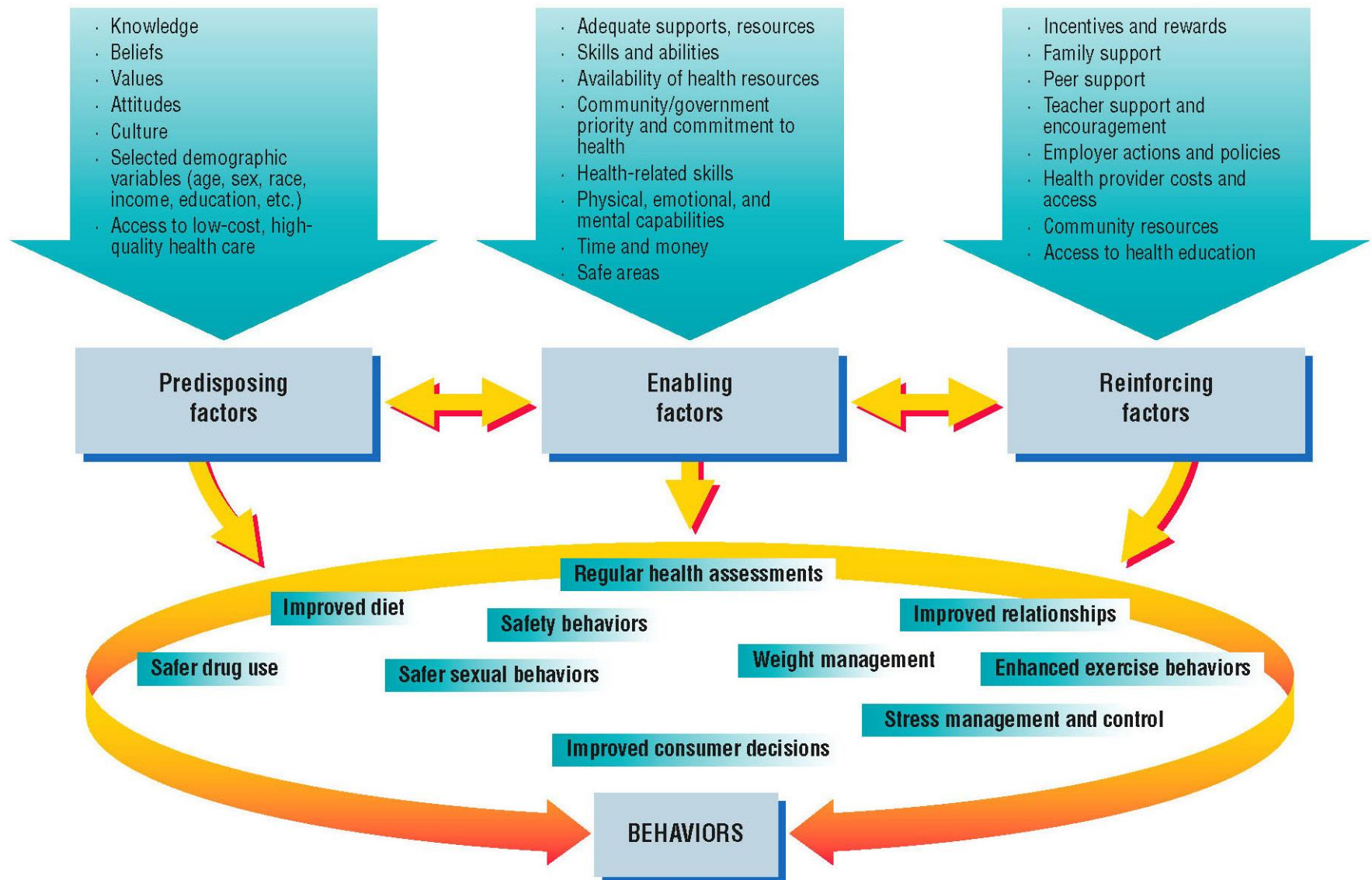


Figure 1.3

# Who is Responsible For Following Behavior...

- Smoking and alcohol abuse
- Unsafe sex
- Eating junk food.



# Smoking and Alcohol Abuse

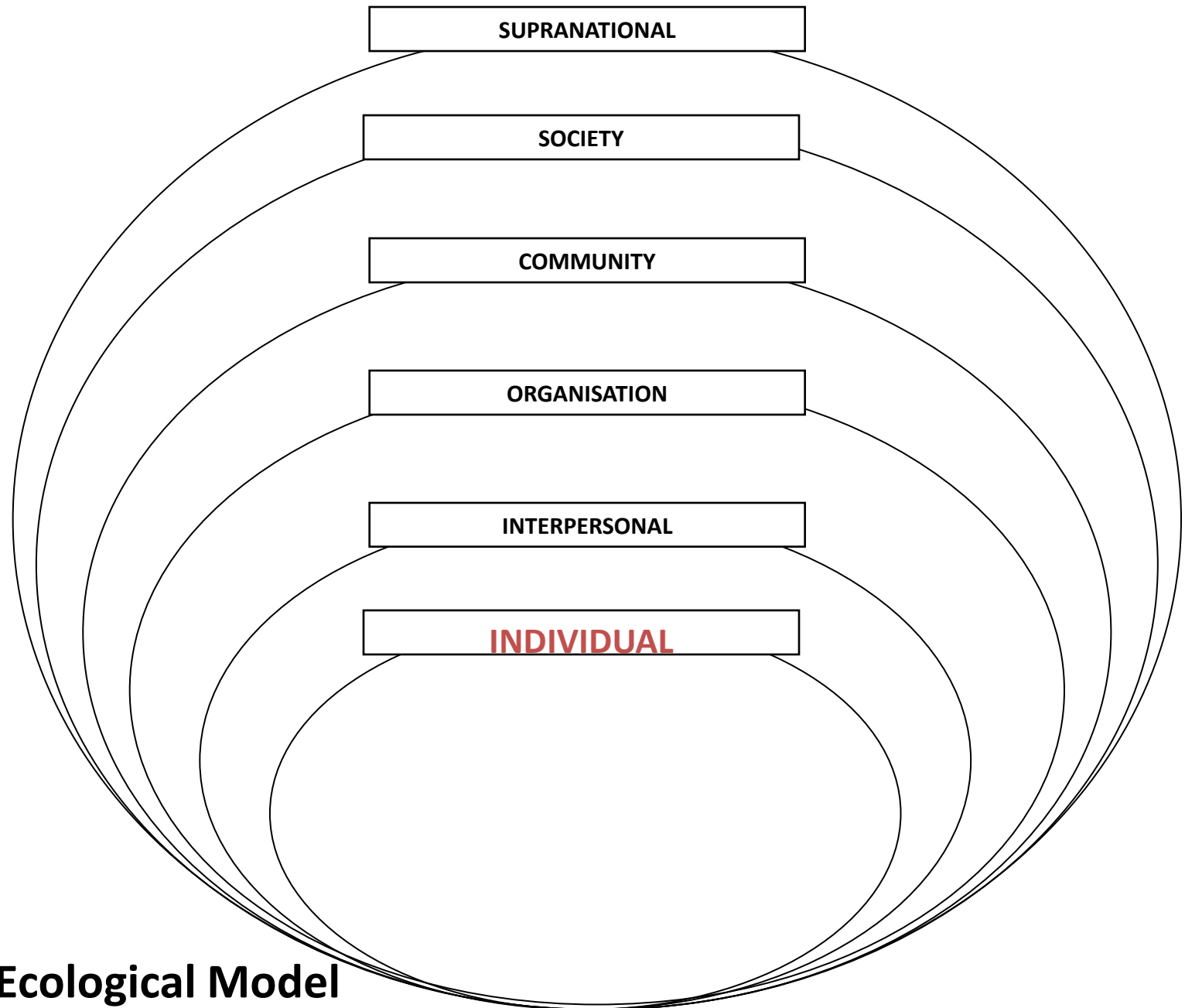
- Individuals (choice)
- Communities (norms regarding smoking)
- Health policymakers
- Legislators & tax assessors
- Tobacco company executives
- Decision-makers in marketing companies



# Unsafe Sex

- Individuals (abstinence, fidelity, condoms)
- Communities (norms regarding male dominance and multiple partners)
- Poverty (transactional sex for poor women)
- Health policymakers and health workers (effective AIDS prevention programs)

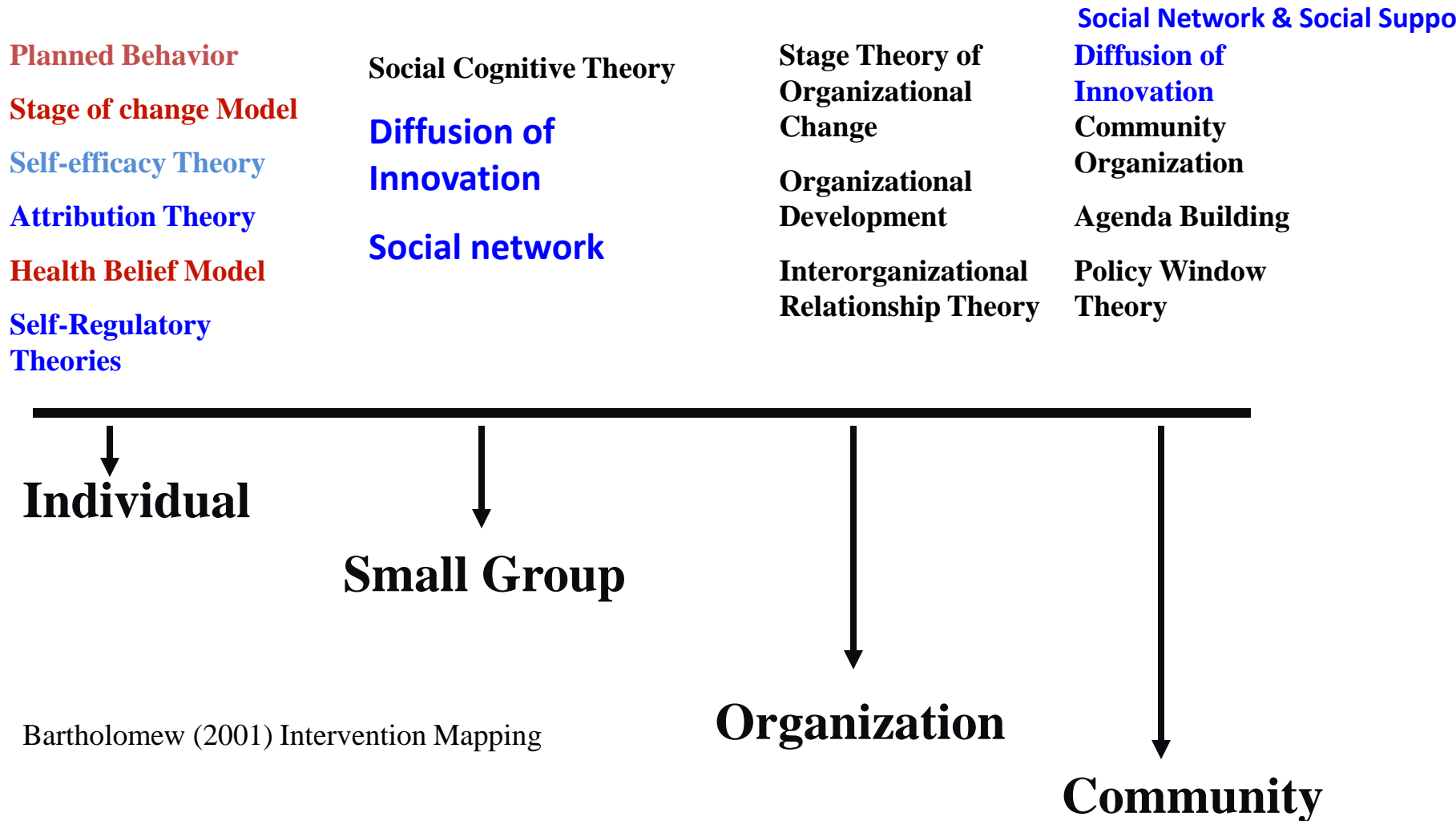




**Health Ecological Model**

# Health Promotion – Art and a Science

## Behavior / Psychological Theories by Intervention Level



Bartholomew (2001) Intervention Mapping

# Example

Smoker 1: Smoking is part of my life. I will never quit!

Smoker 2: Maybe I should consider quitting.....

Smoker 3: I will quit tomorrow!



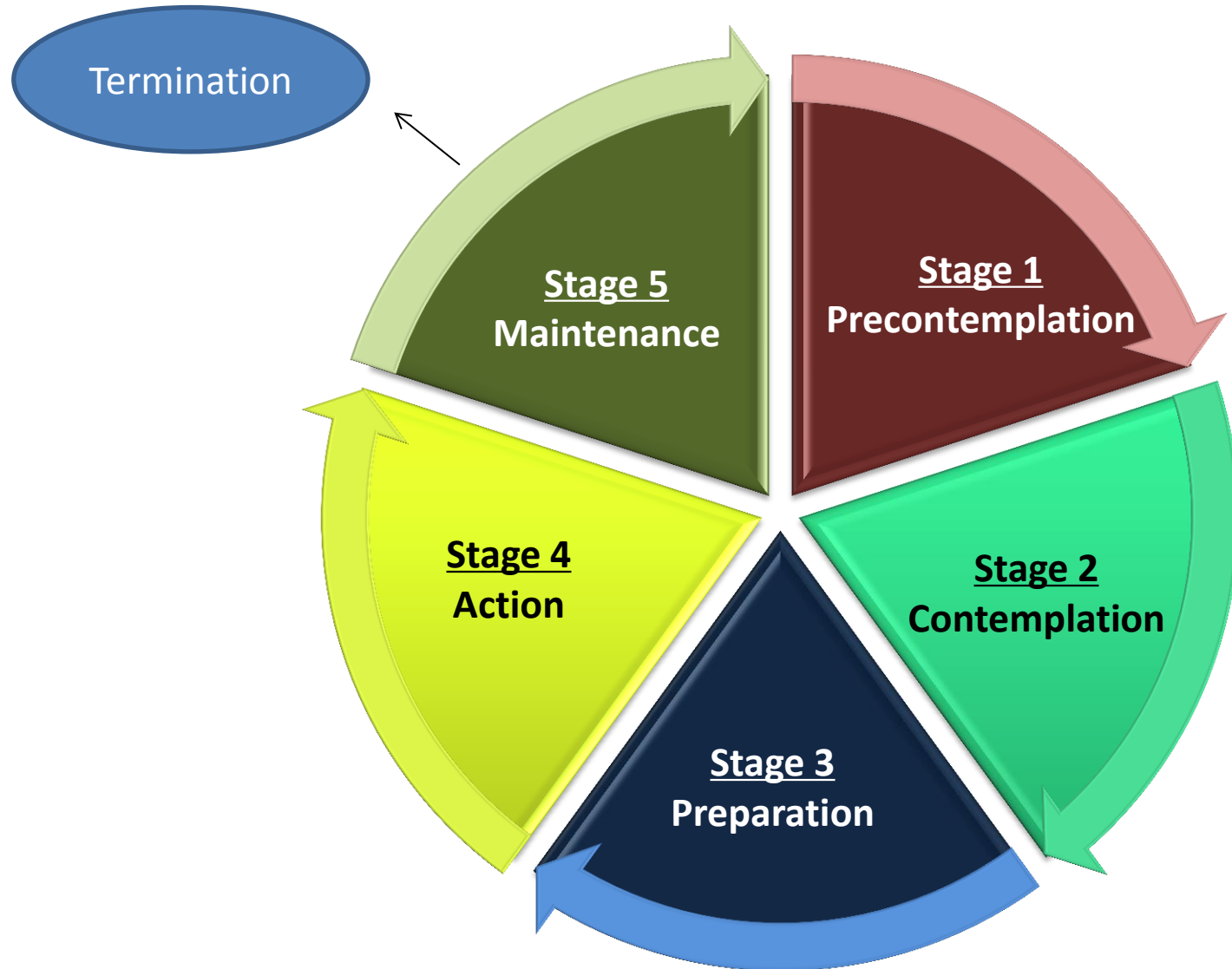
# Stages of Change Model

# Key Features of the Stages of Change Model

- Deals with intentional behaviour change
- Views change as a process rather than an event
- The change process is characterised by a series of stages of change
- In attempting to change a behaviour a person typically cycles through these stages of change

# How to change behaviour ???

## Five stages of behaviour change



# What are the Stages of Change?

The stages describe a person's motivational readiness or progress towards modifying the problem behaviour

**Precontemplation:** not considering behavior change in next 6 months

**Contemplation:** seriously considering behavior change in the next 6 months

# What are the Stages of Change?

## (Cont'd)

**Preparation:** planning to change in the next  
30 days

**Action:** the first 6 months of staying change

**Maintenance:** have changed for more than 6  
months

**Relapse:** transition to an earlier stage



# Stages of Behaviour change... **Diabetes**

## Stage 1 Precontemplation

I don't have  
disease .....



Why should  
I change ????

## Stage 2 Contemplation

I am no more  
Happy... I am  
worried... I am  
having  
Diabetes



- I want to LIVE...  
I will save myself
- Prevention is  
better then cure

## Stage 3 Preparation

I am ready to  
change



- Learn regarding  
healthy practices
- Filter facts from  
Myths
- Doctor calling

## Stage 4 Action

I am doing...



- Dietary changes
- Physical activity
- Regular  
medicines

## Stage 5 Maintenance

I will continue  
to do....



- Positive re-  
inforcement,  
Negative re-  
inforcement  
and awarding
- Opinion leader

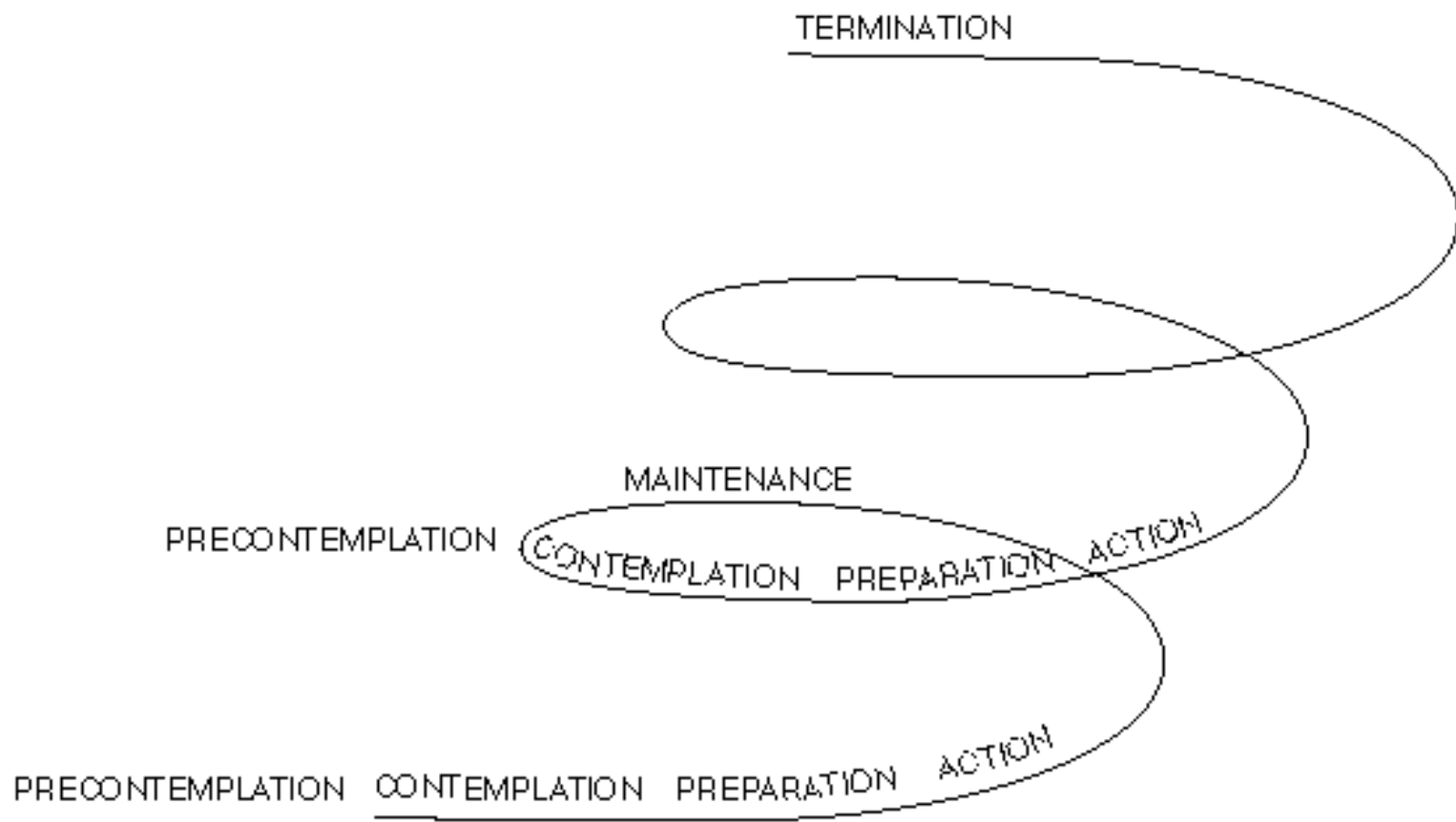


Figure 2. Spiral of change

From Prochaska, DiClemente & Norcross, 1992, p1104

# Transtheoretical Model

(Prochaska & DiClemente, 1982, 1983)

## Stages of Change in Which Particular Processes Are Emphasized

**Precontemplation → Contemplation → Preparation → Action → Maintenance**

**Consciousness Raising  
Dramatic Relief  
Environmental Reevaluation**

**Self-Reevaluation**

**Self-Liberation**

**Reinforcement Management  
Helping Relationships  
Counterconditioning  
Stimulus Control**

Adapted from Prochaska, DiClemente, & Norcross (1992).  
*American Psychologist*, 47, 1102-1114.

The first five are classified as Experiential Processes and are used primarily for the early stage transitions. The last five are labeled Behavioral Processes and are used primarily for later stage transitions.

# Processes of Change: Experiential

- **Consciousness Raising [Increasing awareness]**  
I recall information people had given me on how to stop smoking
- **Dramatic Relief [Emotional arousal]**  
I react emotionally to warnings about smoking cigarettes
- **Environmental Reevaluation [Social reappraisal]**  
I consider the view that smoking can be harmful to the environment
- **Social Liberation [Environmental opportunities]**  
I find society changing in ways that make it easier for the nonsmoker
- **Self Reevaluation [Self reappraisal]**  
My dependency on cigarettes makes me feel disappointed in myself



## II. Processes of Change: Behavioral

- **Stimulus Control [Re-engineering]**  
I remove things from my home that remind me of smoking
- **Helping Relationship [Supporting]**
- I have someone who listens when I need to talk about my smoking
- **Counter Conditioning [Substituting]**
- I find that doing other things with my hands is a good substitute for smoking
- **Reinforcement Management [Rewarding]**
- I reward myself when I don't smoke
- **Self Liberation [Committing]**
- I make commitments not to smoke

# Stages of change in smoking cessation

## – Precontemplation

Stage of Change	Characteristics	Techniques
Pre-contemplation	Not currently considering change: "Ignorance is bliss"	Validate lack of readiness.  Clarify: decision is theirs  Encourage re-evaluation of current behavior  Encourage self-exploration, not action  Explain and personalize the risk

## Stages of change – Contemplation

Contemplation	<p>Ambivalent about change: "Sitting on the fence"</p> <p>Not considering change within the next month</p>	<p>Validate lack of readiness</p> <p>Clarify: decision is theirs</p> <p>Encourage evaluation of pros and cons of behavior change</p> <p>Identify and promote new, positive outcome expectations</p>
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# Stages of change – Preparation

Preparation	<p>Some experience with change and are trying to change: "Testing the waters"</p> <p>Planning to act within 1month</p>	<p>Identify and assist in problem solving re: obstacles</p> <p>Help patient identify social support</p> <p>Verify that patient has underlying skills for behavior change</p> <p>Encourage small initial steps</p>
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## Stages of change— Action

Action	Practicing new behavior for 3-6 months	Focus on restructuring cues and social support  Bolster self-efficacy for dealing with obstacles  Combat feelings of loss and reiterate long-term benefits
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## Stages of change – Maintenance

Maintenance	Continued commitment to sustaining new behavior  Post-6 months to 5 years	Plan for follow-up support  Reinforce internal rewards  Discuss coping with relapse
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# Exercise

Reading and discussion:

**Male involvement in family planning program in Northern Ethiopia: An application of the Transtheoretical model**

Question:

1) How to measure the important concepts according to the theory?

2) How do the pros and cons, self-efficacy change through the different process?

# The Health Belief Model



# HBM

- Initial development based on probability-based studies of 1200 adults
  - People who believed they were susceptible AND believed in the benefits of early detection were much more likely to be screened for TB.
- HBM is a value-expectancy theory
- Based on these assumptions:
  - People desire to avoid illness or get well
  - People believe that a specific health action **that is available to him or her** will prevent illness

# Components of HBM

- Perceived Susceptibility: how likely do you think you are to have this health issue?
- Perceived Severity: how serious a problem do you believe this health issue is?
- Perceived Benefits: how well does the recommended behavior reduce the risk(s) associated with this health issue?
- Perceived Barriers: what are the potential negative aspects of doing this recommended behavior?

# Additional Components of HBM

- Cues to Action: factors which cause you to change, or want to change
- Self-Efficacy: one's "conviction that one can successfully execute the behavior required to produce the outcomes" (Bandura, 1977).
  - As the health concerns of the nation have shifted to lifestyle-related conditions, self-efficacy has taken on greater importance, both as an independent construct, and as a component of HBM

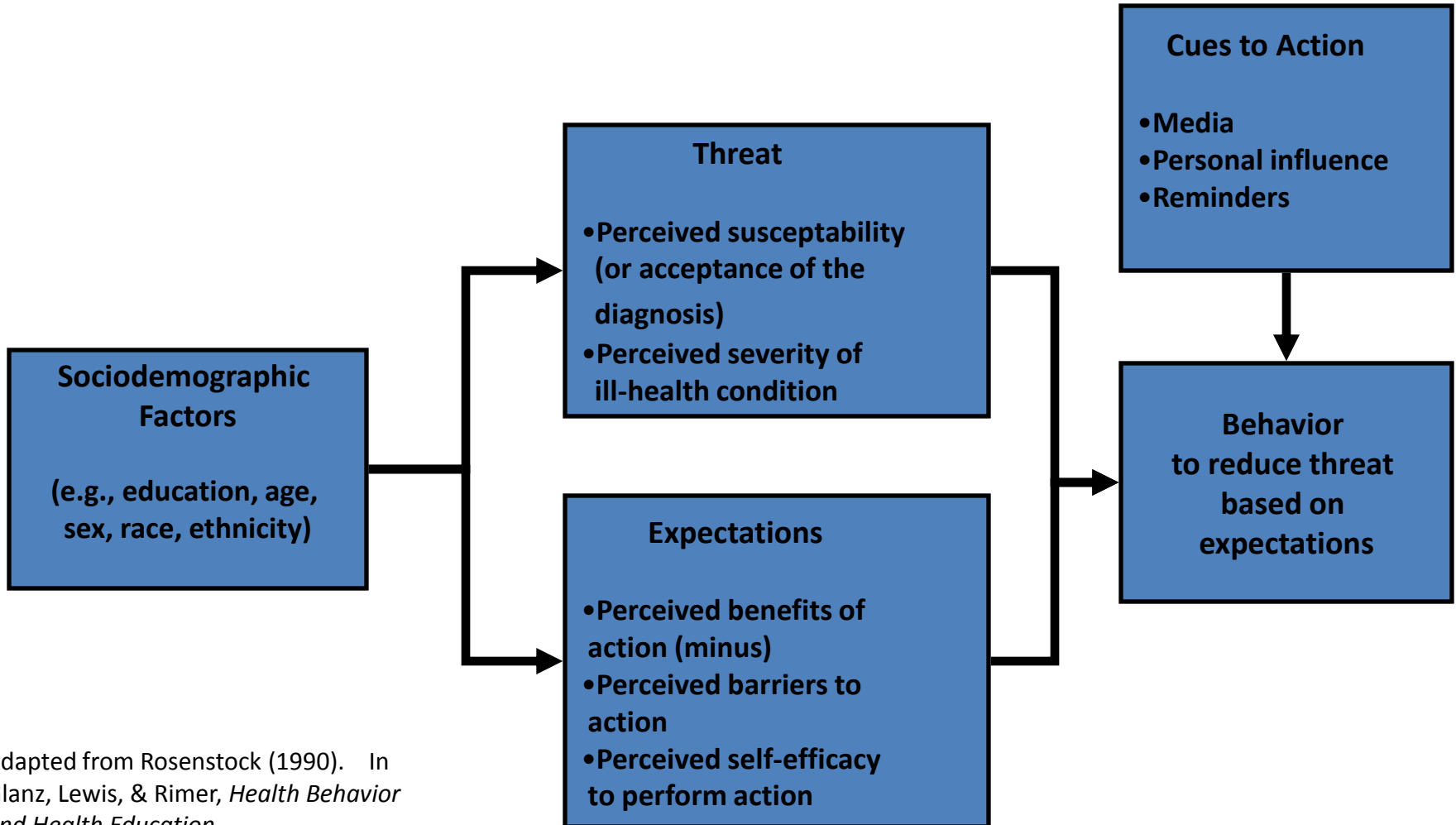
# Health Belief Model

(Rosenstock, Strecher, & Becker, 1988)

## BACKGROUND

## PERCEPTIONS

## ACTION



Adapted from Rosenstock (1990). In Glanz, Lewis, & Rimer, *Health Behavior and Health Education*.  
[Need to confirm source.]

# Content areas addressed in motivational interviewing

- **Relevance:** Talk about why quitting is personally relevant.
- **Risks:** Discuss side-effects and dangers of tobacco use.
- **Rewards:** Discuss the benefits of stopping.
- **Roadblocks:** Identify barriers to quitting.
- **Repetition:** Talk about tobacco cessation at every visit.

PHS Clinical Practice Guideline: *Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Update*

**5 R's enhance future quit attempts.**

# Application Exercise

- Please choose a health behavior and population
- Assume you are an advertising specialist contracted to develop a persuasive communication (poster, news advertisement etc.) to improve the health behavior for the population
- Create a message that includes severity, susceptibility, response efficacy, and self-efficacy for the target population

# Theory of Reasoned Action and Theory of Planned Behavior

# History of the model

- Originated in the field of social psychology.
- The concept of “attitude” as a trigger and predictor of human behavior.
- Value-Expectancy theory



# Assumptions of the Model

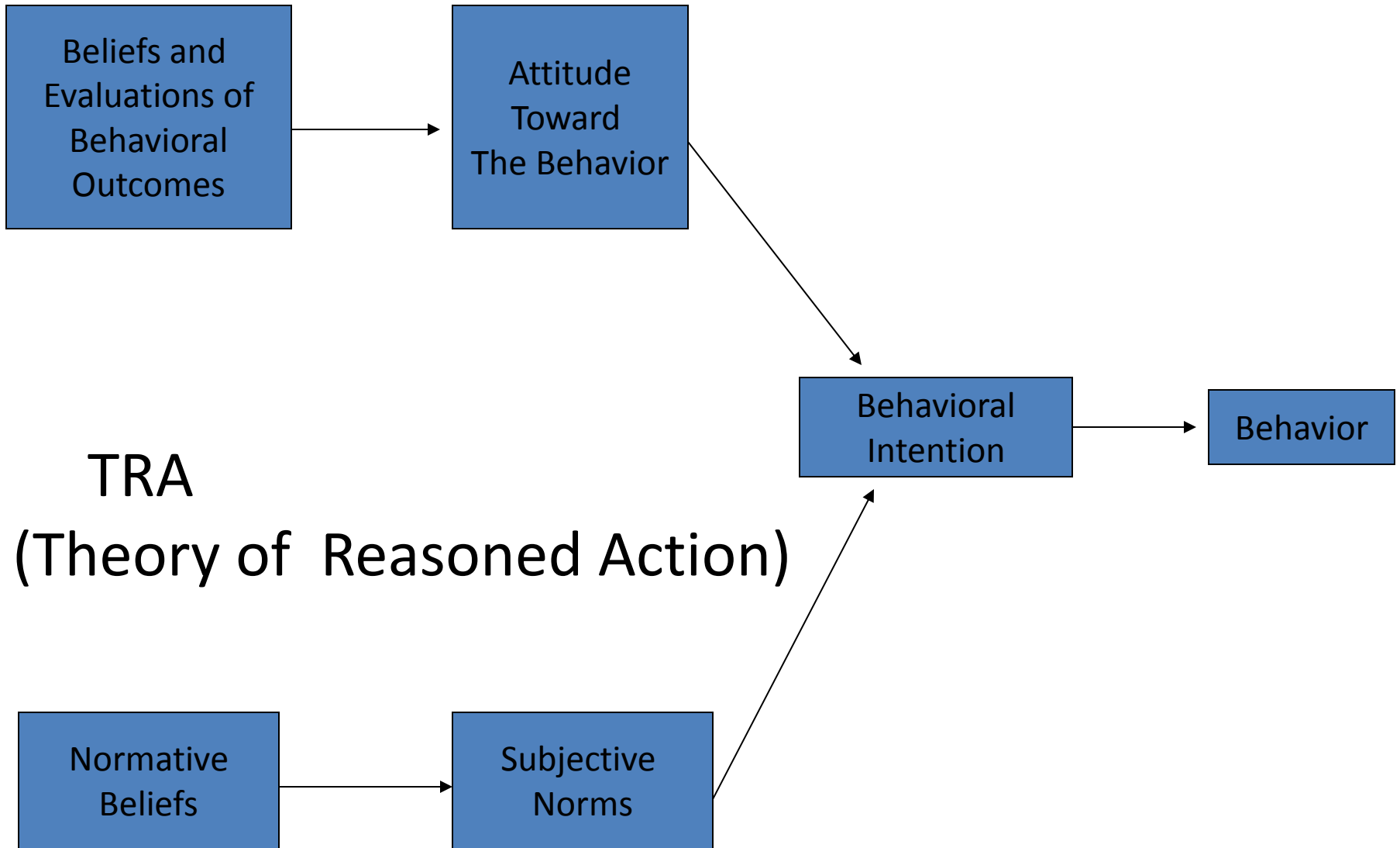
- Human behavior is under the voluntary control of the individual
- People think about the consequences and implications of their actions behavior the decide whether or not to do something.
- Therefore, intention must be highly correlated with behavior.
  - Whether or not a person intends to perform a health behavior should correlate with whether or not they actually DO the behavior

# Components of the Model

- Behavior is a function of 2 things:
- Attitudes toward a specific action
  - What will happen if I engage in this behavior?
  - Is this outcome desirable or undesirable
- Subjective norms regarding that action
  - Normative beliefs: others expectations
  - Motivation to comply: do I want to do what they tell me? How much? Why?

# What ISN'T in the Model

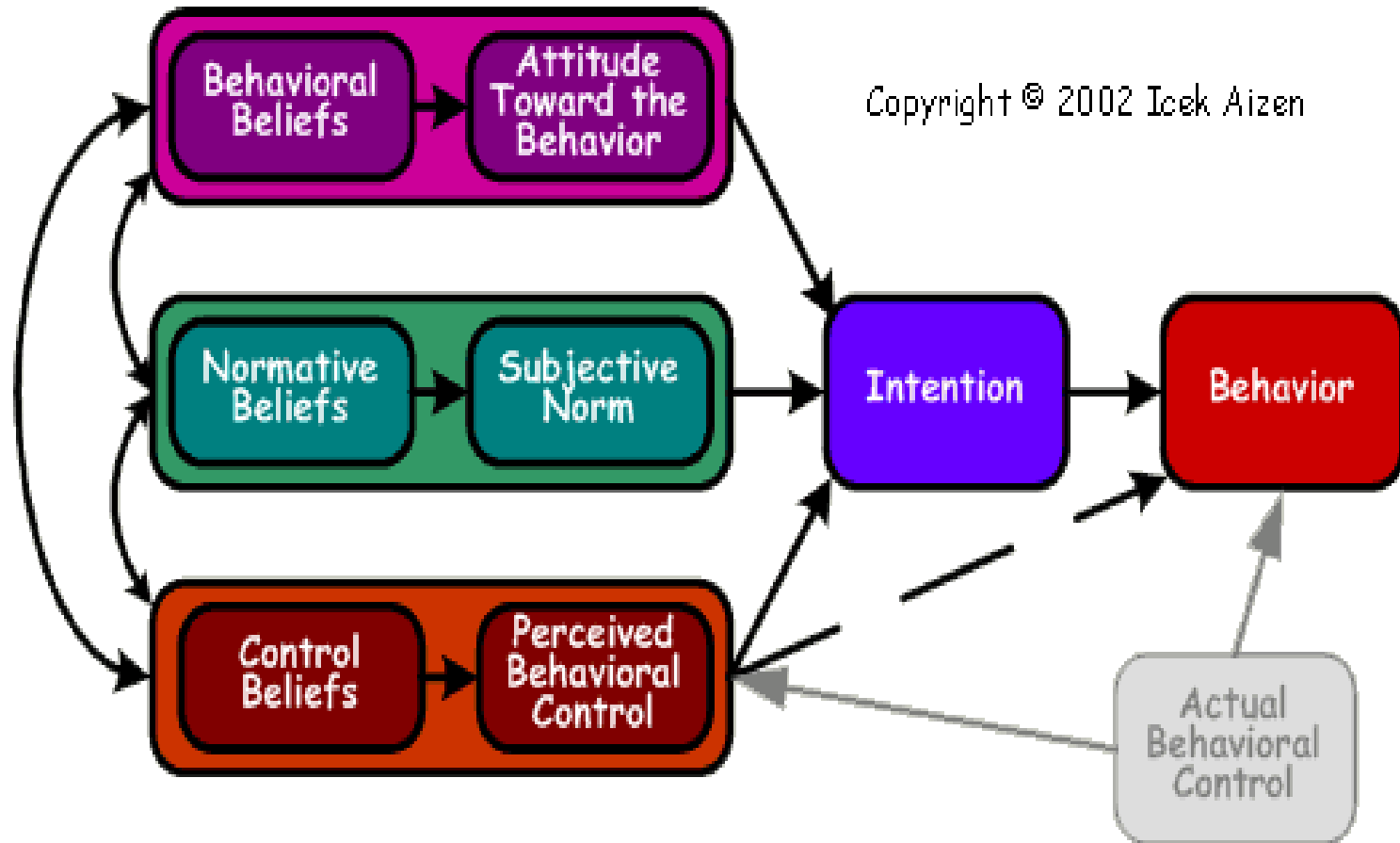
- Other factors such as the modifying factors in the HBM (demographics, etc.) are not directly addressed.
- They can have an indirect effect on the other components, but are not specifically incorporated into the model.



# Limitations of TRA

- People who have little power over their behaviors (or believe they have little power).
- As a result, Ajzen added a third element to the original theory:
- Perceived Behavioral Control

# Theory of Planned Behavior



# Uses for TRA/TPB

- TRA works best when applied to behaviors that are under the person's control (or they think they are)
- TPB works best when the behavior is NOT perceived to be under the person's control.

# Limitations

- Factors such as demographics and personality still not in model
- No clear definition of perceived behavioral control (hard to measure)
- Assumption that perceived behavioral control predicts actual behavioral control.
- The more time between behavioral intent and actually doing the behavior, the less likely the behavior will happen.
- Theory assumes people are rational and make systematic decisions based on available information. Ignores unconscious motives



# Measurement: Example of Glove Use

(Levin, 1999)

**Behavioral Intention:** How likely is it you will wear gloves each time?

**Attitude Toward Behavior:** How important do you think wearing gloves is?

- ***Behavioral Belief***: Is wearing gloves when there is contact with blood... awkward/inconvenient/keep you safe?
- ***Evaluation of Behavioral Outcome***: How likely is it that wearing gloves will be effective?

**Subjective Norm:** To what extent do the majority of people think it is a good idea to wear gloves?

- ***Normative beliefs*** – Do most people in healthcare think it is important to wear gloves?
- ***Motivation to comply*** – How much do you want to comply?

**Perceived Behavior Control:**

- ***Control beliefs***: Is it up to you whether or not you wear gloves?
- ***Perceived power***: Do you have the ability to put on gloves?

# Assumption of Interpersonal-level health behavior theory

- **Individuals exist within a social environment, and Individuals are influenced by the social environment.**
  - The social environment includes family members, coworkers, friends, health professionals, and others.
  - The opinions, thoughts, behavior, advice, and support of the people surrounding an individual influence his or her feelings and behavior

# Social Cognitive Theory (SCT)

- SCT is one of the most frequently used and robust health behavior theories at interpersonal level. It has been used successfully as the underlying theory for behavior change in areas ranging from dietary change to pain control.
- SCT evolved from research on *Social Learning Theory (SLT)*, which asserts that people learn not only from their own experiences, but by observing the actions of others and the benefits of those actions.
- Bandura updated SLT, adding the construct of self-efficacy and renaming it SCT.

# The Bobo Doll Study



(Albert Bandura: Biographical Sketch, n.d.)

# **Observational Learning**

**In a set of well-known experiments, called the "Bobo doll" studies, Bandura showed that children (ages 3 to 6) would change their behavior by simply watching others.**

# **Observational Learning**

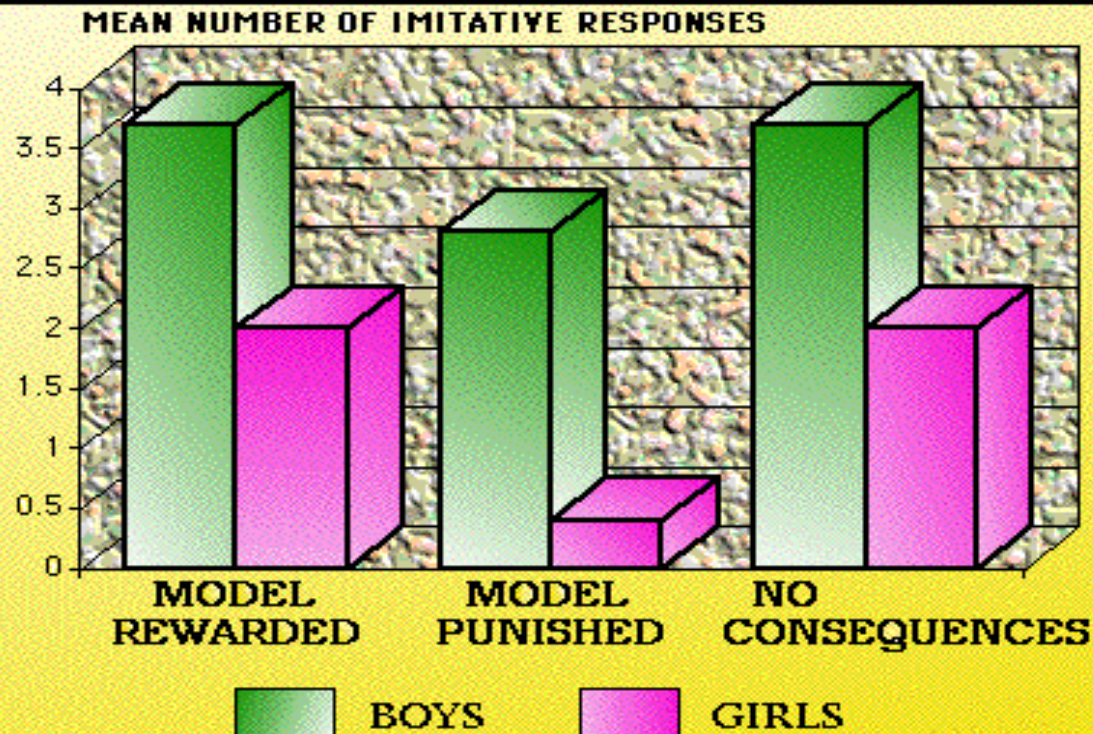
**Bandura's earlier work on observational learning set the stage for his work in social cognition.**

**Observational (or social) learning proposed two primary modes of learning:**

- Modeling**
- Imitation**

# Observational Learning

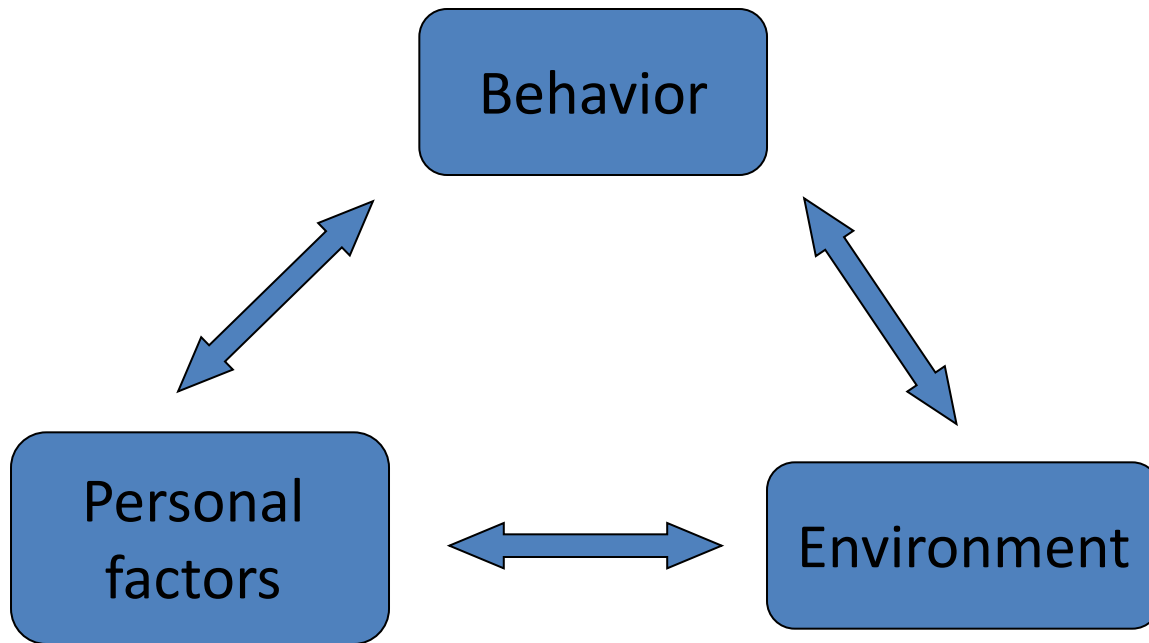
## EFFECT OF OBSERVED CONSEQUENCE ON IMITATIVE BEHAVIOR



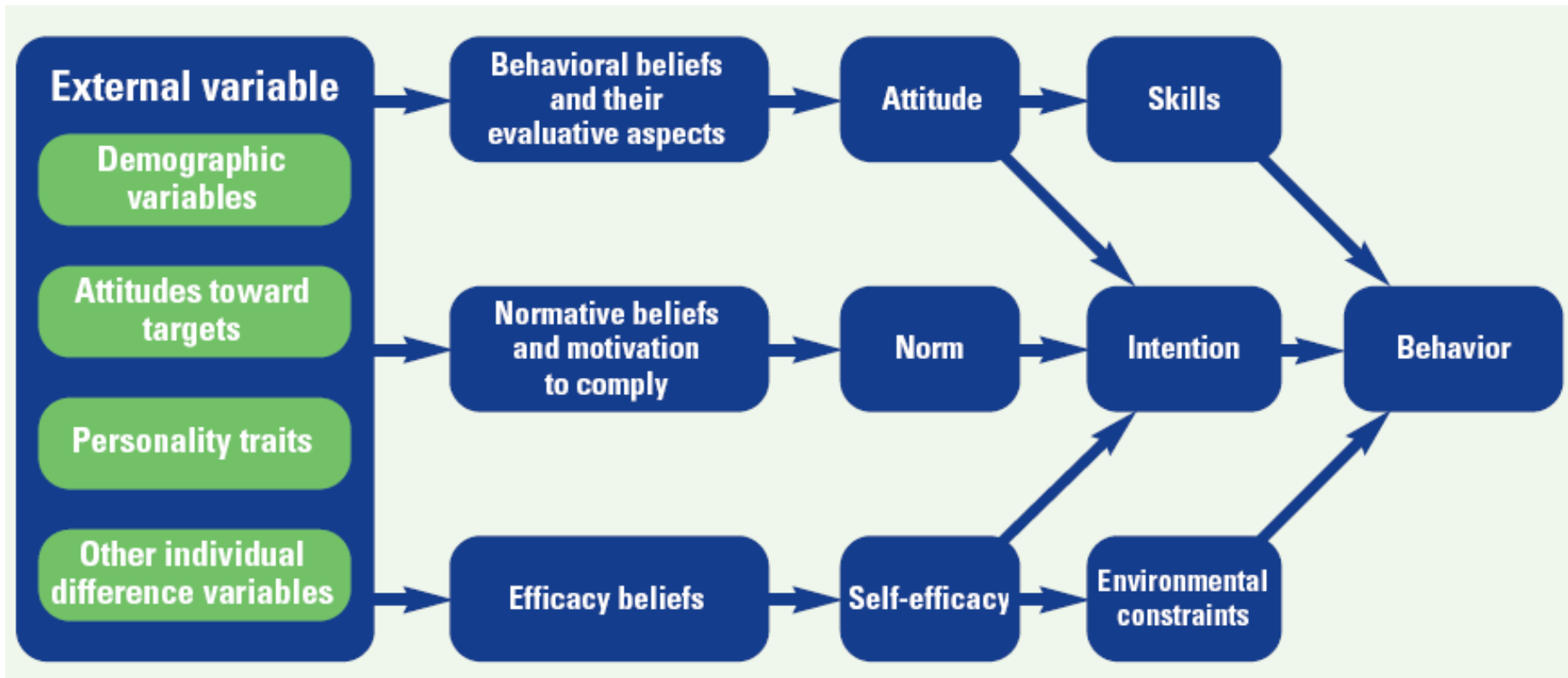
SOURCE: Bandura, A. (1965)

- An interpersonal theory that covers both determinants of the behavior and the process of behavior change





# how self-efficacy, environmental, and individual factors impact behavior



# Constructs of SCT

## 1. Reciprocal determinism

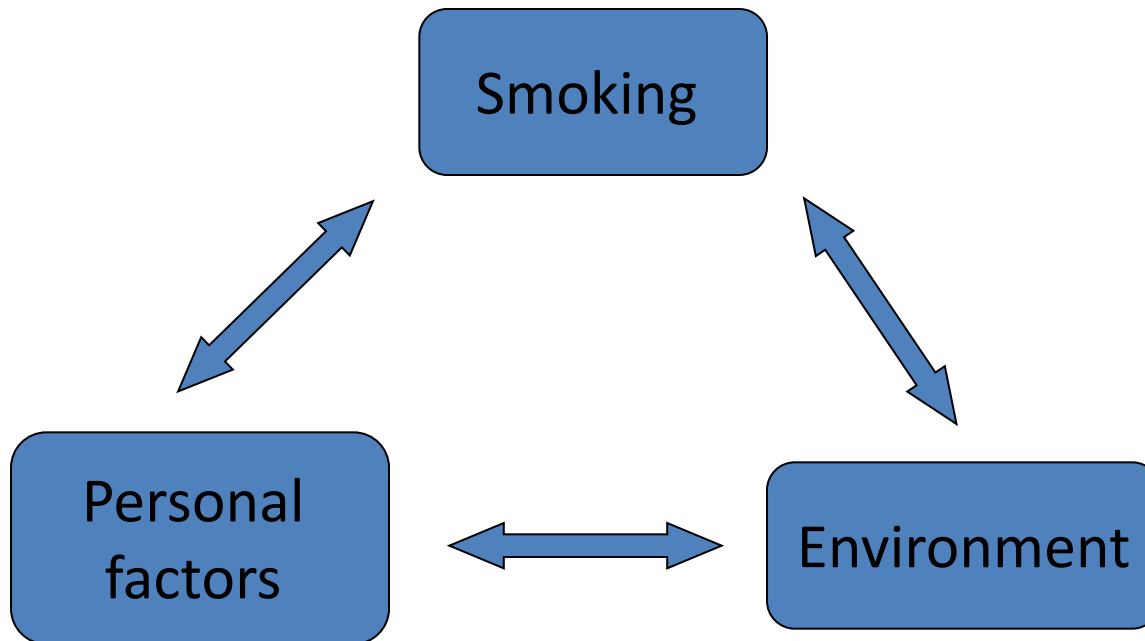
**Definition:** Interactions between behavior, personal factors, and environment, where each influences the others.

A simple example illustrating this potential three-way bidirectional influences of behavior (B), environment (E), and personal factors (P)

- John is learning to read (B) because his class has “reading time” every day at school (E) and he *believes* that he can learn to read (P)
- Encouragement from his teacher (E) and improved skill (B) increase John’s *confidence* in his ability (P)
- When John is reading poorly on a particular day (B) and his confidence begins to wane (P), he finds easier books to read (E) so that he can practice basic skills & restore his confidence (P)

- The social cognitive theory explains how people acquire and maintain certain behavioral patterns, while also providing the basis for intervention strategies (Bandura, 1997).
- Evaluating behavioral change depends on the factors environment, people and behavior. SCT provides a framework for designing, implementing and evaluating programs.

- Please give an example of health behavior



# Self-Efficacy

Self-reflection is a second human quality and is expressed in the concept of self-efficacy.

“Self-efficacy is the *belief* in one’s capabilities to organize and execute the sources of action required to manage prospective situations.” (Bandura, 1986)

# **Self-Efficacy**

**Self-efficacy impacts:**

- **The choices we make**
- **The effort we put forth**
- **How long we persist when we confront obstacles (especially in the face of failure)**
- **How we feel about ourselves, others, the task, etc.**



# **Self-Efficacy**

**Self-efficacy is influenced by:**

- **Mastery experiences**
- **Vicarious experiences**
- **Social persuasions**
- **Physiological states**

# Self-Regulation

Self-regulation is a third human capability and has several subfunctions:

- Goal-setting
- Self-observation and monitoring
- Performance judgment and evaluation
- Self-reaction (e.g., self-satisfaction, self-worth, distress)

# Social Cognition

Bandura's basic position is that

**“People's level of motivation, affective states, and actions are based more on what they *believe* than on what is objectively the case.”**

# Application of SCT

- 1. How SCT was applied and assessed
- 2 . Focus “theoretical fidelity”