Recognizing BrainStates™- Cues

Threat/Stress BrainState	Limbic BrainState	Higher BrainState
Physical Body Cues	Physical Body Cues	Physical Body Cues
Increased heart rate Rapid breathing Sweating Clenched jaw and teethe Tight gut Tense shoulders / neck Tense facial muscles	Similar to threat stress but less intensity Breathing is more shallow Talking more than listening Tight gut Tense shoulders / neck Inconsistent facial expression	Relaxed muscles Even breathing, lower diaphragm Calm demeanor Normal heart rate Relaxed facial expression
Emotional Cues Strong "negative" emotions such as anger, resentments Blame feelings on others Feel victimized	Emotional Cues Increasing negativity Uncertainty Low level anxiety, worry or fear Feel overwhelmed Lots of different feelings at once	Emotional Cues Happy Contentment Motivated Peaceful Sense of well being
Thinking Cues See things as others' fault See few if any options Either / or thinking Judgments and blaming Negative reactions to opposing views	Thinking Cues Unaware of negative thoughts and judgements Tendency to caught in thought/feeling loops Tendency to focus on the negative	Thinking Cues Open minded Look for new possibilities Positive, goal oriented Proactive Curious Encourage and appreciate multiple perspectives