Readiness to Change Exercise

This exercise will help you assess your readiness to change behavioral areas related to health and wellness. First, rate how important making behavioral change is to you in each of the relevant areas. In the second column, please rate your current level of confidence in making change in these same areas.

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Importance of change rating:  

* na = not applicable  
* 1 = not important at all  
* 5 = somewhat important  
* 10 = extremely important

Confidence in change rating:  

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* 10 = extremely confident

Readiness to Change Graph

For the behaviors that apply to you, plot the intersection of your rating of importance with your level of confidence; mark this intersection with the behavior letters.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Action or Maintenance

Action

Preparation

Contemplation

Precontemplation