Does Someone You Know Need Help?

Is something different?

Have there been any changes in: mood, behavior, thinking, or life events?

- <u>Mood:</u> Is the person more, or less, emotional than usual?
- <u>Behavior</u>: Have there been changes in how the person typically behaves?
- <u>Thinking:</u> Have there been changes in the ways the person thinks/communicates?
- <u>Life Events</u>: Has the person gone through any major life events lately?

React and Respond: Things you can do

- Don't be afraid to ask the person about changes
- Be patient, understanding, and listen
- Assure the person it's better not to be secretive
- Encourage the individual to seek help
- Escort the person to treatment if needed
- Avoid clichés like "It will be okay."

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References and Resources:

- http://www.iaffrecoverycenter.com/ (IAFF Recovery Center)
- http://www.afterdeployment.com (Online Self Assessments and Facts)

